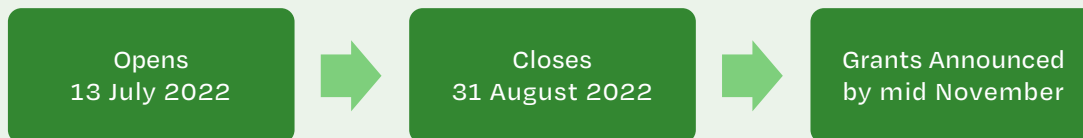




#### Key Dates



**Note: Projects funded in this round must be undertaken between November 2022 and March 2024.**

**All applications close 5pm Victorian time (AEST).**

#### About FRRR

FRRR is the only national foundation specifically focused on ensuring the social and economic strength of remote, rural and regional communities.

Our unique model connects common purposes and funding with locally prioritised needs. We believe targeted, well-informed investment in local organisations will stimulate ideas that create vibrant communities.

That is why our programs focus on building resilience and strengthening communities.

#### Program Information

##### Program Purpose

FRRR and the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation (VFFF) have a shared belief in the critical role of not-for-profit (NFP) organisations in building and supporting vibrant communities, both socially and economically. So, it is essential that these critical organisations are resilient and able to support and respond to community needs.

The Investing in Rural Community Futures (IRCF) approach supports the abilities of NFP's to retain and invest in their organisation through their people, processes, and systems. To date IRCF has invested in long-term viability of individual organisations', and collaboration between NFPs who have identified common goals and needs in Junee, Leeton, and the Nambucca Valley.

Currently, FRRR is inviting applications for IRCF Partnership Grants to assist the community of **Leeton**.

**All applicants must discuss their application with their local community facilitator:**

➤ Leeton – Kate Brabin Ph: 0418296805 E: [ircfleeton@gmail.com](mailto:ircfleeton@gmail.com)



Funds  
Available  
&  
Priorities

Thanks to the generous support of VFFF, \$950,000 has been allocated to each community in IRCF Partnership Grants funding from 2019 to 2024.

### Funds Available in this Final Round

Leeton: \$187,576

IRCF has taken a long-term approach to strengthening local NFP organisations, providing support over a five-year period, through community facilitators, grants, participatory planning processes, skills development, and evaluation.

With the conclusion of the program in June 2024, the program is now offering its final grants.

For this grant round, applications must **consider the needs of their local community and organisations beyond the IRCF program** and endeavour to embed skills, processes and networks that **collectively strengthen** these organisations.

Building on current momentum, this round of IRCF funding will prioritise **collaborative initiatives**. FRRR will be supporting Partnership grants that best align to the priority areas (see Appendix) and the community roadmaps.

**Successful projects need to be acquitted by March 2024.**

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Types of  
Projects  
Supported

In this final phase of IRCF Partnership grants, the program will prioritise the following types of activities:

### Revenue Diversification

- ▶ Training and the development of resources to support fundraising efforts, including ideas such as the development and maintenance of a community fund.
- ▶ Grant Assistance and Training.
- ▶ Activities that match purpose and strategy into ways of generating revenue for future sustainability.

### Volunteer Engagement and Management

- ▶ SWOT analysis for multiple organisations regarding volunteer engagement and management, towards developing a strategy that recognises current knowledge resources and required training to fill gaps.

### Strategy & Planning

- ▶ Development of strategic and business plans through workshops with expert consultation for an extended period to build individual capacity and opportunities for collaboration with other organisations.



#### Facilitation Support

- Engagement of personnel to support the brokerage of opportunities and ongoing skills development for the Local NFP sector.
- Facilitation support and training to aide collaborative planning processes.

#### Marketing & Communications

- Communication strategies and the development of processes, templates, and content to market, promote and advocate for the local NFP sector.

#### Leadership

- Leadership development, including methods of strengthening both informal and formal networks through mentoring or training opportunities.

#### Succession Planning

- Development of succession plans to develop practical ways of bringing others into organisations and minimising the practice of one person managing everything.

What  
grant  
funds  
can't be  
used for

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**There are several areas that we cannot fund through this program.** If in doubt, please contact us.

- Projects that support core business and areas of responsibility of Federal, State and Local Governments.
- The encouragement or advancement of sport, recreation and social activities that are not considered charitable activities under Australian law. Applications from sporting organisations need to clearly demonstrate charitable outcomes and benefit to the wider community that are above and beyond the sporting activities of the club.
- Overseas travel and overseas projects;
- Prizes, gifts, trophies or awards;
- Political lobbying;
- Projects that primarily benefit private business, a sole trader, or private interests;
- Projects solely focused on animal welfare.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Organisations that receive funding through the IRCF program are not eligible to apply for other FRRR grants for the duration of the program, except for recovery funds for natural disasters.

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Eligibility

To apply, you must meet the following criteria:

- Applicant organisations must be a **locally governed not-for-profit** organisation in the **Leeton LGA** with an **ABN or Incorporation Certificate**;
- The project must be for charitable purposes and offer clear local benefit;
- Organisations with or without DGR endorsement are eligible;
- Projects must benefit communities in remote, rural, or regional Australia.  
*Please note, you will be considered ineligible if the:*
- Application is submitted by individuals, sole traders, private or commercial businesses (as per the submitted ABN);
- Application is submitted by an organisation that is not a legal entity (i.e. a registered not-for-profit), without the written consent of the governing / partnering body who holds the ABN / Incorporation Certificate;
- Applicant organisation does not have a bank account in the organisations name.
- Application is submitted without required financial documentation;
- Application is for a project or activity that has already occurred / is occurring prior to the announcement of funding.

How to  
Apply

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**Before beginning your application, please contact your IRCF Local Facilitator.**

For help and information on applying for FRRR grants, visit our [resources page](#).

If your project is eligible, a link to FRRR's online application portal Grants Gateway, will then be sent to you to begin your application by the Local Facilitator.

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## Appendix



Priority  
Areas



### People

Developing leadership capabilities, a renewed sense of community spirit and fostering skill development to create strong organisations that bring together various leaders, groups and residents.

Activities:

- Volunteer recruitment and training
- Encouraging inclusivity
- Time management
- Leadership development
- Digital inclusion
- Mentoring



### Efficiencies

Fostering relationships and practices that support efficient and effective collaboration with other not-for-profits to enhance community impact.

Activities:

- Partnership development and management
- Collective impact training
- Peer to peer mentoring
- Lead agency support
- Networking and sharing platforms
- Forming the NFP working group



### Systems

Supporting community leaders to gain new insights and energy by sharing knowledge, systems and structures that demonstrate best practice.

Activities:

- Legal structures, compliance and governance
- Financial management
- Communications and measurement
- Board skills development and financial literacy
- IT and security
- HR and performance management



### Strategy

Providing tools and measures that support and enable the sustainability of organisations, well into the future.

Activities:

- User-centred design
- Grassroots innovation and creativity
- Developing and embedding a framework for change
- Purpose and vision development
- Strategic planning and monitoring
- Revenue strategy