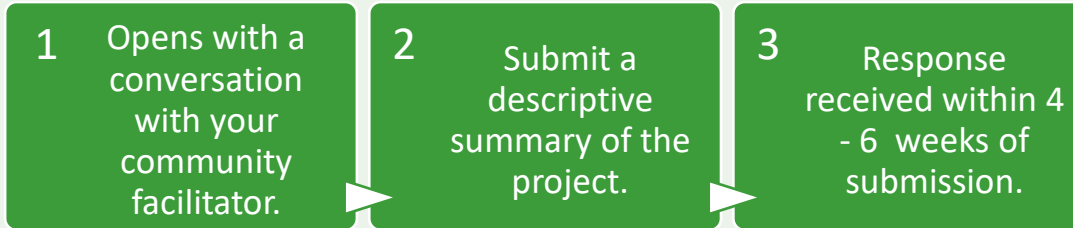




Key steps



About FRRR

The Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) is focused on increasing equity of opportunity in remote, rural and regional Australia. We focus on improving outcomes in the areas of **people, place, and disaster resilience and climate solutions**, in the belief that targeted philanthropic investment and collaboration will build more vibrant, sustainable, and adaptive remote, rural and regional communities - and a more equitable and prosperous Australia as a whole.

FRRR believes:

- in the power of people to drive prosperity.
- that local solutions are central to achieving equality of access to opportunities across remote, rural and regional Australia; and
- that remote, rural and regional communities have the knowledge to best respond to the impacts of climate change and natural disasters.

IRCF Program Information



The Investing in Rural Community Futures (IRCF) Program takes a partnership approach with NFPs. This project aims to build the confidence, ability, skills and longer term sustainability of NFPs in the Bega Valley to maximise the impact of their work as they actively support social recovery after the 2019/20 bushfires.

The IRCF program rolls out at different intervals, the table below outlines each community.

Community	Program Length	Final expenditure date and reporting
Junee	2019 -2024	March 2024
Leeton	2019 - 2024	March 2024
Nambucca	2019 - 2024	March 2024
Nowra	2019 - 2024	September 2024



Ulladulla	2019 – 2024	September 2024
Bay and Basin	2020 – 2024	September 2024
Batemans Bay	2019 – 2024	September 2024
Bega Valley	April 2022 – March 2024	February 2024
Shoalhaven Bushfire	April 2022 – March 2024	February 2024

As part of the IRCF program, FRRR, in consultation with communities, has listened and developed a rapid response toolbox process to support the Bega Valley community. **These projects are aimed at NFP organisations** that want to take a lead role in their community or work closely with Bega Valley Shire Council to support multiple NFPs to deliver collaborative and collective impact initiatives within the IRCF priority areas.

To check your eligibility and discuss your Toolbox project, please contact your [local community facilitator Listed on the IRCF Website](#).

Types of
Projects
Funded &
Supported

IRCF Toolbox funds projects are looking to support the following types of charitable projects and outcomes of a collaborative nature:

- Skilled support (including grant writing, strategic/business/succession planning/implementation; financial analysis and planning; resource sharing/collaborative models of delivery; social enterprise) to work across organisations in your community.
 - Training for various NFP committees/boards in your community. For example, governance, financial, digital literacy, marketing and social media.
 - Equipment materials, databases, and communication channels to support multiple organisations in your community.
 - Updating of policies and procedures in the organisation. Examples may include social media policies, COVID safety plans and evaluations.
 - Paid positions where needed. For example, to develop and embed policies/procedures, financial systems and processes, evaluation frameworks and processes across NFPs.
 - Costs to come together and share, network and build the profile of the NFP sector.
 - Development of local committee members, volunteers, and staff positions across multiple organisations in your community, including youth engagement in governance.
 - Refreshment of brand, website, and marketing aspects of multiple NFPs in your community
 - Feasibility and scoping engagement with underrepresented sectors of the community.
 - Increasing digital literacy of community members, such as older volunteers.
 - Mental health first aid within organisations.
 - Systems for future collaboration for community needs.
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Funds Available & Priorities

Generous support from our funder has allowed the following funds to be made available:

Donor	Funds Available across the life of the program	Upper limit per project/application
Commonwealth Government	\$150,000 p.a. (Bega Valley Communities)	\$30,000

[Toolbox funds remaining can be found on IRCF Digital Hub Roadmap page:](#)

What grant funds can't be used for

There are several areas that we **can't 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.
- Business case development and feasibility studies
- 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. **It is a requirement that sporting clubs contact their local facilitator to ensure eligibility.**
- Overseas travel and overseas projects.
- Prizes, gifts, trophies, or awards.
- Political lobbying.
- Projects that primarily benefit private business, a sole trader, or private interests.

FRRR IRCF Eligibility

To develop a project, you must meet the following criteria:

- Applicant organisations must be part of the IRCF Bega Valley project and be a locally governed not-for-profit organisation **with an ABN or Incorporation Certificate.**
- **Projects must support multiple local NFPs in your community.**
- Project must be for charitable purposes and offer clear local benefit.

How to Apply

Once you have discussed this project with your community facilitator you will be provided with a template to complete your project development idea.