



Visy Tumut Region Recovery Fund Grant Program Guidelines

Round 3: closes 5pm AEDT 30 June 2020

Aim of the Program

The Pratt Foundation has partnered with FRRR to support the delivery of the Visy Tumut Region Recovery Fund.

This support is for local not-for-profit organisations and community groups that are delivering locally led projects and activities that endeavour to support people in the Snowy Valleys Council region with their recovery as a result of the 2019/2020 bushfires.

Through the provision of grants, the aim of this program is to address a range of needs including but not limited to:

- Mental health and wellbeing;
- Environmental and wildlife recovery and rehabilitation;
- Strengthening social connectedness and reducing social isolation;
- Culturally appropriate activities and resources for impacted communities;
- Community infrastructure and equipment that strengthens volunteer community groups and their activities;
- Community-based therapeutic programs and activities such as arts, theatre, gardening, community dinners, or informal mentoring and peer support groups, which engage vulnerable and at-risk members of the community.

Projects that foster local partnerships that help to strengthen grassroots support are encouraged.

Funding Available

The Fund has a budget of \$1 million and will provide grants to support the recovery of communities in the Snowy Valleys Council region affected by the 2019/20 bushfires. So far, one round of funding has been awarded, and the second is currently being assessed.

Round 3 applications received by 30 June 2020 will be assessed and announced by the end of July 2020.

Details of any further rounds will be available by the end of July. Frequency of grant rounds will be reviewed then to ensure that the grants are responsive to the changing recovery needs of the communities. Grants may also be made by the Fund to support the recovery of communities in the Tumut region affected by the 2019/20 bushfires at its discretion.

Applicant Eligibility

Who can apply?

- Not-for-profit community-based organisations in the Snowy Valleys Council region that were impacted by the 2019/2020 bushfires;
- Organisations with an ABN or Incorporation Certificate;
- Organisations with *and without* DGR endorsement;
- An organisation is eligible to submit one application per grant round.

All eligible applications are considered on their merit. Applications are assessed based on the documentation received at the time of application.

PLEASE NOTE: FRRR is unable to follow up missing documentation after applications have been submitted.

Projects funded should be undertaken within a period of 12 months from receipt of funds.

Who can't apply?

- Individuals, private or commercial businesses are ineligible;
- Projects that support core business and areas of responsibility of Federal, State and Local Governments are ineligible.

If you have any questions about your organisation's eligibility, please call FRRR on 1800 170 020.

What can be funded?

Applications that are clearly focussed on supporting the recovery from the 2019/2020 bushfires will be considered. As a general guide, projects should deliver wide community benefit and can contribute to activities including:

1. Building Community Resilience
2. Developing Organisational Resilience and Capacity
3. Enhancing Environmental Sustainability
4. Fostering Cultural Vibrancy
5. Lifelong Education and Training
6. Economic Strength
7. Improving Community Health and Social Wellbeing

Examples of items that grant funds can be used for include:

- Equipment and materials;
- Overhead costs directly required for project delivery such as wages, contractor expenses, travel expenses;
- Catering;
- Venue hire.

Applicants are encouraged to ensure project applications suit their local community's needs, priorities and interests, and are welcome to discuss their application with FRRR staff on the contact details below.

What can't be funded?

- *Ongoing* core organisational operational costs (e.g. rent, utilities, regular wages, loan repayments);
- The encouragement or advancement of sport, recreation and social activities 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;
- Projects that have already occurred or will occur before the grant is confirmed;
- Political lobbying;
- Religious or faith-based activities;
- Projects that are for private benefit or which are the core responsibility of Government.

It is important to note that applications will be considered ineligible if the:

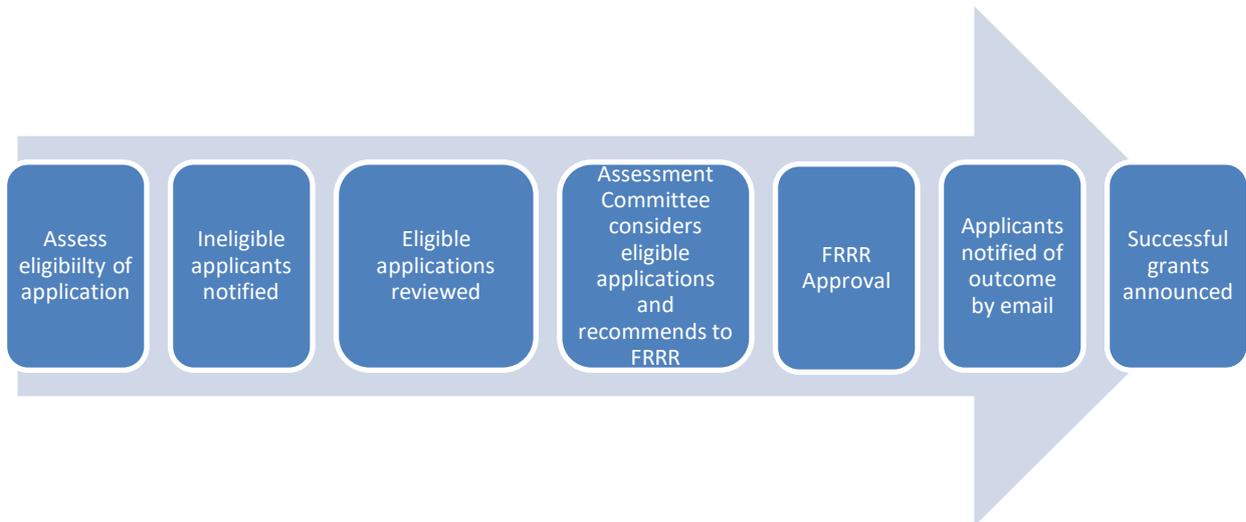
- Application is submitted without required financial documentation;
- Application is submitted by an organisation that is not a legal entity, without the written consent of the governing / partnering body who holds the ABN / Incorporation number (e.g. local branches, committees of management, non-legal partners);
- Final report/s from any FRRR grant program from the previous seven years has not been acquitted (partnered organisations should check with your head organisation to see if there are any outstanding final reports owed to FRRR);
- Application is not for charitable purposes, i.e. is for private benefit or is the core responsibility of Government);
- Application is for a project or activity that has already occurred / is occurring;
- Application is incomplete.

How to Apply

Go to: https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_5684?SA=SNA&FID=35138

How are Applications assessed?

The Visy Tumut Region Recovery Fund is administered by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal. An Assessment Committee comprising representatives from the Pratt Foundation, Visy, and the local Snowy Valleys Council region will consider eligible applications and make recommendations to FRRR for grants to be funded.



Acquittal

Successful grant recipients will be required to acquit to FRRR at the earlier of the completion of their grant activity, or 12 months after receiving a grant.

Contact

For information about this program please contact Danielle Griffin, FRRR Philanthropic Services - Corporate Manager on 1800 170 020 or info@frrr.org.au

Visit https://www.frrr.org.au/cb_pages/pratt_foundation_bushfire_recovery_fund.php