

Jubullum / Tabulam Co-design Round

Guidelines for Applicants

Granting eligibility and decision making criteria

Background

Fire to Flourish is seeking to develop a model of Participatory Granting to support disaster-affected communities experiencing entrenched disadvantage. We are looking to demonstrate how different ways of giving can create the right conditions for communities- especially those who are underrepresented or marginalised, to build more resilient futures.

Fire to Flourish is engaging with Participatory Granting in a context of disaster resilience planning, and supporting community-led action. In practice, this means we engage with community members in a supported way, moving through the following steps:

1. Develop a shared understanding of resilience building priorities.
2. Develop a range of project proposals that move towards the shared vision and address resilience priorities.
3. Support the community through a process of collective decision-making to determine which projects to fund and how available funds are distributed between these projects.
4. Program team and network provides ongoing support for project implementation.
5. Grant acquittal, focused on shared learnings and collective impact.

This round of funding is tied to the Tenterfield Fire to Flourish Co-design program being delivered for the Jubullum / Tabulam region.

Available Funding

Over the life of the Fire to Flourish program, each focus Local Government Area has access to \$2.5 million to be distributed. For the current round there is a total of \$600,000 available for the Jubullum / Tabulam region.

Timing

Applications are open **12th September 2024** and will close **18th October 2024**

The projects in the applications must be ready to start by March 2025, and be completed by November 2025.

Who is eligible to apply?

Fire to Flourish welcomes applications from all community groups, incorporated bodies, registered charities, not-for-profits and community focused organisations.

Individuals and private businesses must demonstrate clear community benefit, wide community support, and if there is some private benefit, it is only incidental. These

applicants are advised to discuss their eligibility with our grant delivery partner, Northern Rivers Community Foundation (NRCF) or Fire to Flourish team prior to applying for funding. Individuals and unincorporated organisations / community collectives must partner with an organisation who can provide auspice.

Who isn't eligible to apply?

We cannot fund schools, Government agencies or private businesses and individuals who are primarily seeking revenue, income or profit.

Decision Making Criteria

Ensuring projects align with NRCF's Charitable Purpose & Fire to Flourish Program Principles, Vision and Themes

Fire to Flourish and Northern Rivers Community Foundation (NRCF) have formed a partnership to deliver the community outcomes of the Fire to Flourish program. This involves NRCF assisting and distributing community grants. NRCF is a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) and the purpose of everything they do, including grant distribution, must be charitable according to Australian law.

NRCF has a general objective of carrying out "charitable purposes and activities for the benefit of the Northern Rivers region of NSW". The *Charities Act 2013* lists twelve charitable purposes. Please see: [Charitable purpose | ACNC](https://www.acnc.gov.au/for-charities/start-charity/you-start-charity/charitable-purpose)
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This means funding supplied by NRCF can include any of the above twelve charitable purposes, but it cannot supply funding to anything outside that.

When receiving applications through the Fire to Flourish Program from private entities or individuals, NRCF must always ask and be sure that a project's purpose is consistent with ACNC's definition of and NRCF's Charitable Purpose.

Businesses, organisations and individuals are often heavily involved in charitable causes. An organisation or individual may incidentally make money whilst supporting a charity. However, increased revenue, income or profit cannot be an aim or intended outcome of a grant application. The aim or intended outcomes must be public benefit.

Applications received that do not have a clear charitable purpose and/or primarily aim to produce financial benefit will be discussed with Fire to Flourish staff and may not be able to be funded by NRCF. Contact the NRCF team if you have any questions about this.

In addition to meeting NRCF's Charitable Purpose, all applicants in this round of Fire to Flourish participatory granting must meet the following program criteria:

- [Fire to Flourish's Program Principles](https://firetoflourish.monash/) <https://firetoflourish.monash/>
- The community recommendations made in the Tenterfield Bushfire Learnings report [The 2023 Bushfires in Tenterfield: A post-event review of community and agency capabilities](#)

Fire to Flourish Program Criteria

To ensure the projects meet the overarching Fire to Flourish program ambition, the following entry criteria need to be met:

All Eligible project proposals will:

- Be for collective community and Country benefit (rather than only benefiting individuals or the organisation applying for funding).
- Be community-led (ideas have come directly from community members and implementation is led / co-led by local organisations or community leaders).
- Contribute to strengthening holistic disaster resilience, contributing to multiple resilience domains (social, natural environment, built environment, economic well being, health & wellbeing) or connecting to other work to access these domains.
- Strengthen community's capability to lead resilience work.
- Build and strengthen inclusive community networks, particularly drawing in lesser heard voices.

Funding Conditions (in addition to the granting criteria):

- Insurance - Appropriate insurance must be in place for the life of all projects.
- OHS Planning must be clearly outlined.
- Projects must abide by all relevant Local, State and Federal requirements.

Tabulam / Jubullum Co-design grant round criteria

The specific criteria to determine which projects are eligible for funding in our community have been defined by our co-design round, which is made up of a diverse group of local community representatives who have developed a vision, themes and criteria for the Tabulam, Jubullum, Mallanganee and Drake area.

All Projects should support & grow all community members and support advocacy.

Priority 1: Connection to Country

Healthy Country for our Jarjums

- Projects that support training, education and mentorship of on-Country programs.
- Projects that encourage the sharing of knowledge of fire

Priority 2: Safe Community

Disaster Preparedness

- Infrastructure that supports the community in emergencies.

- Early Warning Systems, communication plans and education
- Home emergency planning and education
- Appropriate and accessible mental health support, in general and particularly in the aftermath of disaster

Priority 3: Community Cohesion

One Mob

- Events that rejuvenate and utilise local spaces.
- Growing Interagency support and networks.
- Projects that foster cultural wellbeing
- Projects that support interpersonal relationships

In addition to these priorities, all community projects should have elements that address their sustainability, to ensure they have a legacy going into the future. For instance:

- Build the local capacities and capabilities of residents and community organisations to implement these changes
- Be socially inclusive, and engage diverse people from across the local community
- Encourage local skills building and use local suppliers where possible.

Grant Funding available: \$600,000

We are expecting small to large project ideas. Typically not exceeding \$50,000 and no lower than \$5,000. Larger project funding will be considered by the decision-making board **ONLY** if the project involves two (2) or more organisations. Example with 2 groups your total pool of grant funds would be \$100,000 together.

How do I apply?

Online at NRCF the link is below, if you need support or need a hardcopy please contact a team member from fire to flourish.

Link <https://www.grantinterface.com.au/Process/Apply?urlkey=nrcf>

Applications open: 12th September 2024

Applications close: 18th October 2024

Successful applicants notified: 25th October 2024

Funded projects must begin by/after: 1st March 2025

Projects must be complete by: 31st October 2025

Project acquittal due: within 2 weeks of project completion