



GUIDELINES

Aussie Cotton Farmers Grow Communities gives farmers the opportunity to support their communities by nominating a local not-for-profit organisation for one of thirty \$5,000 grants on offer.

The program, presented by the Bayer Fund in partnership with the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR), aims to support local communities in cotton growing regions by providing a total of \$150,000 in grants per year.

The nominations are independently assessed and administered by FRRR which manages a number of grant programs across rural and regional Australia.

Who can make a nomination?

- Cotton Farmers aged over 18 years and actively engaged in farming cotton in one of the 15 Cotton Grower Association areas in Qld, NSW, Vic and Northern Australia and have held a Technology User Agreement (TUA) with Bayer in any of the past 4 seasons may nominate a community project. An eligible not-for-profit organisation is one which:
 - Supports projects and activities that offer clear public benefit for communities in rural, regional and remote locations in Australia;
 - Contributes to rural and regional renewal, regeneration and development in Australia in social, economic, environmental, health, education, or cultural areas; and
 - Is located in one of the Cotton Grower Association areas listed below:

Queensland:

- Darling Downs
- Central Highlands
- St George
- Dawson Valley
- Dirranbandi
- Macintyre Valley

New South Wales and Victoria:

- Lower Namoi
- Gwydir Valley
- Macquarie
- Southern Valleys (Lachlan/Murrumbidgee)
- Upper Namoi
- Mungindi Water Users
- Walgett
- Darling River Food and Fibre (Bourke)

Northern Australia:

- Northern Australia, north of latitude 21.15 degrees south

- Community groups themselves are not eligible to apply - they must be nominated by a cotton farmer.

Eligibility

Nominated projects to be delivered by not-for-profit community groups must:

- Have a charitable purpose (i.e. address a need in the community and not benefit an individual);
- Demonstrate clear community support;
- Have a good prospect of longer-term viability and impact;
- Involve partnerships or leverage financial and/or in-kind contributions;
- Be differentiated from projects already in existence;
- Be supported by viable project management arrangements (and a financially sound organisation);
- Offer value for money;
- Demonstrate innovation;
- Grant funds must be spent down between December 2020 and November 2021.

What can't be funded?

- Projects that benefit an individual rather than a community;
- Scholarships or endowments;
- Projects outside of the 15 eligible Cotton Grower Association areas;
- Purely social, sporting or recreational activities. The encouragement or advancement of sport, recreation and social activities is not considered a charitable activity by the Australian Taxation Office. Applications from sporting organisations need to clearly demonstrate a benefit to the wider community;
- Underwriting deficits;
- Religious, politically partisan, or similar groups.

How to apply

Nominations will be accepted online or by mail between 9am AEST on Wednesday, 1 July 2020 up until 5pm AEST on Monday, 31 August 2020.

1. To nominate online, visit <https://www.frrr.org.au/grants/cotton-farmers-grow-communities> and click on the 'Nominate Now' button. All applicants are required to complete all required registration information (including your name, address and other contact information).
2. To nominate by mail, please go to <https://www.frrr.org.au/grants/cotton-farmers-grow-communities> to print out the nomination form. Once completed, mail to FRRR at **PO Box 41, Bendigo, Victoria 3552, Australia** postmarked no later than 5pm AEST, Monday 31 August 2020.

Outcomes will be announced by 20 November 2020.

Enquiries: You can contact FRRR on free call 1800 170 020 or email info@frrr.org.au.