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Future Drought Fund

Drought Resilience Innovation Grants



The Australian Government's \$5 billion Future Drought Fund (FDF) is about building drought resilience – helping farmers and regional communities become more prepared for, and resilient to, the impacts of drought.

- The Australian Government is investing in innovation as a central strategy to help Australian agriculture become more resilient to future drought.
- Over \$34 million is available to fund projects that help farmers, communities and businesses that depend on them - to thrive through future droughts.
- There are a variety of grants on offer to cater for projects at different stages of development.
- The program seeks to develop a pipeline of mature and innovative projects with the potential to deliver broad-scale change either regionally or nationally.

Innovation Grants

- Innovation Grants are available to many innovation organisations, the private sector, industry, not-for-profit organisations and community groups to develop drought resilience projects to assist farmers and communities to adapt and transform.
- Grants will support development, extension, adoption and/or early stage commercialisation activities.
- Projects need to address the grant's investment priorities covering the economic, social and environmental domains of drought resilience and deliver public good benefits.
- Grants will be awarded through a competitive grants process via the Community Grants Hub.

Grant opportunity

- Three grant types are on offer:
 - An **Ideas grant** which provides \$50,000 for 12 months to develop good ideas
 - A **Proof-of-Concept grant** that provides up to \$120,000 for 12 months
 - An **Innovation grant** offering from \$300,000 to \$1.1 million a year, for up to 3 years for mature proposals

- The first stage in the process is to submit an initial Expression of Interest (EOI), detailing your innovative idea and the plans to put it into action.
- Shortlisted EOI applications will be invited to participate in a targeted competitive round for proof-of-concept grants and innovation grants.
- Ideas grants will be awarded based on the EOI submitted.

How to apply

- Interested parties (individuals or consortiums) are encouraged to read the Grant Opportunity Guidelines that detail the important information you need to address in your application including eligibility.
- The Grant Opportunity Guidelines and application form are available from the Community Grants Hub website www.communitygrants.gov.au.
- Applicants have until 9pm (AEST) on 8 September 2021 to submit an EOI.

Questions?

- The Community Grants Hub can help should you have questions during the EOI process.
 - Questions should be sent no later than 5pm (AEST) on 2 September 2021.
- Contact Community Grants Hub by phone on 1800 020 283 (option 1) or email support@communitygrants.gov.au.

Be informed

For more information about Future Drought Fund programs visit www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought/future-drought-fund.

You can also register for updates at haveyoursay.awe.gov.au/future-drought-fund.

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