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Future Drought Fund

Building drought resilience
with community leaders,
organisations and
networks across Australia



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

We're helping community leaders, mentors, organisations and networks in farming communities to drive change and build skills for tough times with a focus on leadership and networks.

We've partnered with experienced providers to deliver the Drought Resilience Leaders program and the Networks to Build Drought Resilience program to our rural and regional communities.

Drought Resilience Leaders program

- Delivery partner: the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation (ARLF)
 - ARLF is supporting the development of drought resilience leaders, and mentoring networks, across Australia.
- The Drought Resilience Leaders program gives farmers and young and emerging leaders in rural, regional and remote communities, an opportunity to gain knowledge and skills through leadership development and mentoring programs, and an opportunity to apply these skills and knowledge in their local community.
- The program includes three main initiatives:
 - **Leadership Development:** available across Australia in 12 regions, Leadership Development is about building the necessary skills and leadership to prepare participants and their farming communities ahead of future drought.

- **Community Engagement Grants:** grants available to applicants who have completed the Leadership Development program. Under the grants, Leadership Development graduates share their skills and knowledge through a project that builds drought resilience in agricultural dependent communities at risk of future drought. Community Engagement Grants projects connect rural communities in practical activities to support drought and climate resilience and adaptation allowing communities to engage, collaborate and learn from each other.
- **Mentoring:** connects experienced farmers and other professionals with people seeking support and advice to respond to the challenges of drought.

Networks to Build Drought Resilience program

- Delivery partner: the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR)
 - FRRR works with rural and regional communities on small-scale grants for community projects driven by community organisations, networks and infrastructure that support drought resilience.
- Two grant rounds have provided funding to drought resilience building projects across Australia.
- Building drought resilience on a local level benefits the entire Australian agriculture sector. The stronger individual communities are, the more robust our industry becomes.

Be informed

For more information, visit Future Drought Fund www.awe.gov.au/dfd.

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