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# Future Drought Fund: Helping Regional Communities Prepare for Future Droughts

We are investing $29.6 million over two years to expand and consolidate the Drought Resilience Leaders and Networks to Build Drought Resilience programs.

This draws from $21.6 million allocated in the 2022–23 Budget, plus $8 million previously allocated in the 2021–22 Budget.

## Expanding our reach

People are more resilient when they’re part of a strong community. This is why driving local action by community leaders, networks and organisations on drought resilience continues to be a focus of the Future Drought Fund.

We’ve invested $11.2 million so far supporting community leaders, mentors, networks and organisations.

Our new program consolidates our focus. We’ll invest in up to 35 regions, at a scale and with a focus that aims to shift the dial on community resilience to drought in those regions and nationally.

## Australia-wide network of strong community networks

The expanded program will provide support for local leaders and community networks in up to 35 regional areas. Based on local engagement, we’ll provide a tailored package of support, including:

* Supporting community members to develop their leadership skills and take on drought leadership roles in their community
* Working with locally relevant community organisations to develop and deliver a program of support to strengthen community networks, capabilities and facilities that support drought preparedness.
* Providing community organisations access to a pool of expertise that they need but is not available locally, in fields such as developing grant applications, financial management, project management, and law.
* A national mentoring program so farmers and community leaders can learn from each other about how to prepare and live through drought.

We’ll select the regions to be targeted by looking at considerations such as exposure to future droughts, readiness for support, and alignment with the investments of others in community resilience.

## Be informed

For more information about FDF programs, visit Future Drought Fund at [awe.gov.au/fdf](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CDavisz%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CINetCache%5CContent.Outlook%5CHARR6PWK%5Cwww.awe.go.au%5Cfdf).

Register to receive updates direct to your inbox at [haveyoursay.awe.gov.au/future-drought-fund](https://haveyoursay.awe.gov.au/future-drought-fund).

**Acknowledgement of Country**

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Australia and their continuing connection to land and sea, waters, environment and community. We pay our respects to the Traditional Custodians of the lands we live and work on, their culture, and their Elders past and present.

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