



Legislative Council Environment and Planning Committee

Inquiry: Inquiry into Climate Resilience

Hearing Date: 3 December 2024

Question[s] taken on notice

Directed to: Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal

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1. Melina BATH, page 54

Question Asked:

I am interested in the profile. You mentioned sometimes it is at the start – the seed funding to get that business case up for something like the fabulous Rochester op shop – and sometimes it is at the end. Could you provide to the committee – if not now, in writing – the profile of where you sit in funding? If you are building a new toilet or a new hall, how much has come from community? How much has come from the feds? How much has come from the philanthropic partners that you have got? Would you mind doing that?

Natalie EGLETON: We can do that on notice, yes. We do collect leverage data – so for every dollar we grant, how much the communities have put up.

Melina BATH: Could you provide that too? I do not think you have it in your very excellent report.

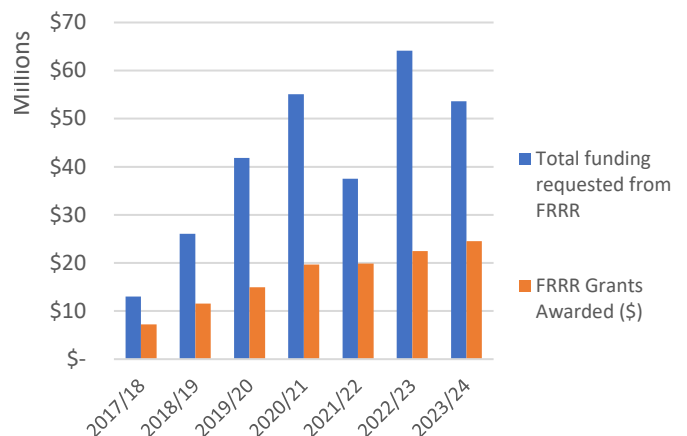
Response:

Each year, FRRR receives larger requests for funding than it can source the funds to meet.

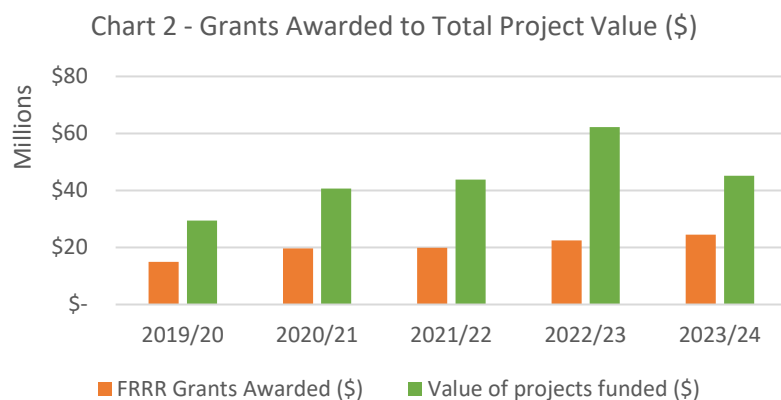
In the last seven years, this need has grown significantly – with FRRR receiving over four times the funds requested in FY23/24 compared to FY17/18 – refer Chart 1 (right).

These grants are often a portion of the total project. Each \$1 granted by FRRR often leveraged by local fundraising, philanthropic grants, government support and importantly, valuing local volunteering time. Typically, for every dollar granted by FRRR (which are funded via our

Chart 1 - Grant Funds - Requested vs Approved



partnerships and donations from trusts, foundations, businesses, individuals and at times government), a further dollar or two is leveraged – refer Chart 2 (below).



FRRR does not ask applicants to categorise the source of their project funding and consequently has not examined how the total project value is divided among different funding sources, such as government contributions, philanthropic donations, and volunteer time. We can do so on a case by case basis if there are particular examples that the Committee is interested to examine further.