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WEEKLY UPDATE ON WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR SHIRE

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REACH

Rural Early Childhood Program

An FRRR / Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation (VFFF) Grants Program to Assist Early Childhood Services in Small Rural Communities



PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The Rural Early Childhood Program is a source of funds up to \$20,000 for not for profit community groups in rural and remote Australia that offer early childhood services

All children in Australia deserve the opportunity to experience quality early childhood services. The ongoing drought, high fuel prices and loss of water allocations has had a significant impact on early childhood services in small communities in rural and remote Australia.

The REACH program has been established, with the support of the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation (VFFF) in response to the level of need for an independent and flexible source of funding of up to \$450,000 each year for community groups such as community based pre-schools or kindergartens, not for profit long day or occasional care centres, playgroups, neighbourhood houses and toy libraries.

Who can be funded?

Not-for-profit organisations can apply for projects and activities that offer clear public benefit for communities living in small rural and remote locations in Australia, contributing to their development in social and community welfare, economic, environmental, health, education or cultural areas.

- Applications from communities with a population of **10,000 or less** will receive preference.
- Grants will be made in amounts up from **\$1,000 to \$20,000**.
- To be eligible, projects must be for a charitable purpose (**benefit the whole community**).
- Organisations should also have an ABN or be incorporated.
- Organisations demonstrating Community Partnerships will be preferred to multiple applications from one community.

What can be funded?

- Interior and Exterior refurbishment
- Educational resources
- Training and Professional Development
- Heating / Cooling
- Water (tanks, irrigation, drinking supply)
- Indoor equipment
- Information technology
- Outdoor equipment
- Community gardens



What can't be funded?

- Fee Subsidies
- Operational and administration costs
- Social Activities



Application forms are available via: <http://www.frrr.org.au/PDFs/REACHProgramApplicationForm.doc> and can be made to FRRR by **post** only

Grant seeker enquiries can be made on freecall 1800 170 020 or e-mail: info@frrr.org.au

**Post Applications to: FRRR,
PO BOX 41
BENDIGO VIC 3552**

Applications need to be posted no later than 5pm on the 16th April 2009.

CEO'S THOUGHTS !?!



- Only positive consequences encourage good future performance.
- Take a moment – look at your goals and look at your performance and then see if your behaviour matches your goals.