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Gardiner Foundation/FRRR Small Grants include support for flood impacted dairying communities

The Gardiner Foundation Small Grants Program '*Working in Dairy Communities*', administered by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) is now open and calling for applications.

The Gardiner Foundation has made available to FRRR up to a total of \$100,000 to fund \$5,000 grants for innovative, community-driven projects. The aim of these grants is to strengthen small Victorian dairy communities, help build their capacity to deal with local issues, and enhance existing community infrastructure.

In 2011, in recognition of the impacts on dairying caused by recent flooding in Victoria, 50% of this year's \$100,000 small grants funding pool has been prioritised for community driven projects which support recovery and rebuilding projects in the Victorian dairy communities directly affected by the January/February 2011 floods.

Paul Ford, Gardiner Foundation CEO, said "This support through the Gardiner/FRRR Small Grants Program is in addition to a contribution by Gardiner to a pool of funding generated from manufacturers in support of dairy farmers and dairy communities adversely affected by the recent flooding".

Applications for funding must be posted by 5pm Friday 25 March 2011.

Enquiries and applications should be directed to FRRR – **for full details visit www.frrr.org.au or freecall 1800 170 020.**

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