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GRANTS SET TO FLOW TO COMMUNITY GROUPS IN DROUGHT-AFFECTED REGIONS

Regional community groups in drought-affected areas of Maranoa can apply for a share in \$15 million in Federal Government grants, Maranoa MP David Littleproud said today.

“The Coalition Government is investing \$15 million in the Regional Drought Communities Small Grants Program and I urge all eligible community organisations to apply,” Mr Littleproud said.

“If there’s one thing we’ve learned from this drought – it’s that our bush communities are tough and resilient. This funding should help them soldier through these difficult times.

“For vast regions of Maranoa, there will be no harvest, and where there is a harvest, it will be below average. That’s why we’re supporting community-based activities to relieve the stress.”

Mr Littleproud said small grants will be available to not-for-profit community groups to deliver projects in drought affected regions focusing on reducing social isolation, leadership development and skills training and other group-based activities.

“We’ve been on the ground listening and now we’re taking action by introducing funding measures to help drought-stricken communities,” he said.

“This funding builds on more than \$1.8 billion in Federal Government funding for drought assistance since 2013.”

The first round of applications for community grants will be opened on October 26, 2018.

The distribution of the \$15 million grant will be managed by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal.

The Foundation will roadshow the Regional Drought Communities Small Grants Program through grant seeker workshops, regional meetings and discussions with community groups.

For more information, check out:

- www.frrr.org.au/grants/tackling_tough_times_together
- www.infrastructure.gov.au.

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