



Growing Regions Program – Round 2

Co-funding requirements

The Growing Regions Program requires project proponents to contribute toward the cost of their projects. However, we recognise there are a number of project circumstances where applicants may have limited access to contribute a minimum of 50 per cent co-funding towards their projects. The program guidelines for Round 2 includes three co-funding groups to ensure eligible applicants delivering projects under these circumstances can access reduced co-funding requirements and deliver projects targeted towards the objectives and intended outcomes of each specific round.

Round 2 co-funding methodology

The table below summarises the information provided in section 3 of the guidelines for the three co-funding groups for Round 2, and outlines the methodology used to determine co-funding eligibility specific to the objectives and intended outcomes for Round 2:

Co-funding group	Project circumstance	Total Australian Government funding towards eligible project costs	Methodology used and evidence required to support the request for co-funding
Group 1	Projects run by First Nations Community Controlled Organisations .	Up to 90%	Meet organisational definition as defined in glossary within program guidelines.
	Projects located in 'very remote' locations per ABS Remoteness Structure.		Program mapping tool identifies project address as 'very remote' per ABS 2016 Remoteness Structure, which identified 72 LGAs classified as 'very remote'.
Group 2	Projects located in 'remote' locations per the ABS Remoteness Structure.	Up to 70%	Mapping tool identifies project address as 'remote' per the ABS 2016 Remoteness Structure, which identified 52 LGAs classified as 'remote'.
	Projects run by 47 identified 'low rate-based' councils , determined using the ratio of Financial		Council is one of 47 councils listed in Appendix E of the guidelines. Low rate-based councils, determined using the ratio of Financial Assistance

	Assistance Grant to Net Rate Income.		<p>Grant to Net Rate Income. The higher the ratio the more reliant a council is on a Financial Assistant Grant.</p> <p>The Financial Assistance Grant to Net Rate Income ratio used to identify eligible low rate-based councils (those outside GCCSAs) was the average ratio across remote and very remote LGAs of 75%. This threshold was then applied to each council eligible for the program which identified 47 additional councils – 37 outer regional and 10 inner regional LGAs.</p>
Group 3	All remaining projects.	Up to 50 per cent of eligible project costs	Application demonstrates eligibility for up to 50% Commonwealth co-funding.