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FRRR ABC Heywire Youth Innovation Grant Step-Up Project awarded \$5,500 funding

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The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) recently announced that 20 communities will receive grants to pilot youth-developed ideas, thanks to the FRRR ABC Heywire Youth Innovation Grants program.

Greater Hume Council in partnership with Lockhart Shire’s FRRR ABC Heywire Youth Innovation Grant Step Up Project was one of the successful applications. The ideas originated at the 20th ABC Heywire Regional Youth Summit in February 2018 and address the tough topics facing rural and regional youth

The 2018 projects tackle issues ranging from mental health and drug prevention, to youth disengagement and learning about healthy relationships, celebrating Indigenous culture, connecting new Australians to agricultural careers and aligning medical professionals with their communities.

The grants are possible thanks to support from the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities; The Sally Foundation; Findex Community Fund; the Myer Foundation; and several private donors.

The Step Up project supported by an FRRR ABC Heywire Youth Innovation Grant will be a youth led and youth driven project and will increase youth awareness of local employment and engagement opportunities through workshops in Culcairn and Lockhart, and a ‘Festival of Possibilities’ showcasing youth achievements.

Grants such as FRRR Heywire Step Up will allow young people to address the issues that matter to them in a way that other young people believe will resonate well. Overall the grant is a fantastic opportunity to make a real difference in the Greater Hume Council and Lockhart Shire community.

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