

Position Description:

Funding and Investment Strategy Advisor

Assignment number:	PAU011408
Partner organisation name:	FLOAT Incorporated, Far East Flaneur
Key dates: (please note Volunteers are not expected to work over the December/January holiday period)	October 2026 – February 2027
Time commitment:	Approx. 8 hours per week
Assignment mode/location:	Online, with an initial site visit to be arranged and funded by ABV.

Purpose of the Role:

Help shape the long-term sustainability of the Far East Flaneur by developing a funding and investment strategy that supports community-led growth and regional impact.

The Resilient Regions Program, delivered by Australian Business Volunteers (ABV), is a place-based, community-driven initiative that strengthens disaster preparedness, economic resilience and social cohesion across small towns and communities in East and Central Gippsland.

ABV is partnering with FLOAT, seeking a volunteer **Funding and Investment Strategy Advisor** to help develop a sustainable funding and investment approach for the **Far East Flaneur**, an innovative regenerative tourism initiative in East Gippsland that connects visitors with local stories, culture and nature-based experiences. Following a successful pilot in 2026, the initiative is now planning for future growth and is seeking a funding and investment strategy that supports long-term sustainability while maintaining its community-led values and local impact.

In this role, you will review existing project documentation and pilot outcomes, assess current and future funding requirements, and identify suitable funding, revenue-generation and investment opportunities. You will work with key stakeholders to understand strategic priorities and develop practical recommendations for a sustainable funding model that supports growth, community benefit and long-term financial viability. You will also explore grants, sponsorship, philanthropy, partnerships, social enterprise opportunities and other potential investment pathways.

Selection Criteria:

Essential Experience

- Experience in funding strategy, investment planning, business development, social enterprise or organisational sustainability.
- Strong research, financial analysis and strategic planning skills.
- Experience identifying and assessing funding, revenue or investment opportunities.

- Ability to develop practical recommendations for community-based organisations.

Desirable Experience

- Experience with not-for-profit organisations, social enterprises or community-led initiatives.
- Experience working with regional or rural communities.
- Understanding of tourism, regenerative tourism, community development or economic resilience.
- Experience securing grants, sponsorships, investment or partnership funding.

Prerequisites for undertaking volunteering assignments:

- To register with ABV (if not already registered):
 - ✓ At least 5 years relevant professional experience
 - ✓ You must be an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident residing in Australia.
 - ✓ Willingness to complete Australian police check and Working With Children Check
 - ✓ Willingness to be interviewed and have references checked
- Once you have passed registration phase:
 - ✓ Willingness to interview for the role with ABV program staff
 - ✓ Acceptable Australian police check and Working with Children Check before commencement
 - ✓ Sign the ABV Letter of Agreement (Code of Conduct, etc)
 - ✓ Medical check (external and ABV), compliance with all travel, entry and in-country requirements (where required).
 - ✓ You are expected to abide by any COVID regulations of the destination country or the partner organisation with whom you may work. These regulations will be made known to you.

How to Apply:

Please refer to this page on the ABV website for role closing dates: [ABV Open Assignments](#)

Please submit your expression of Interest to volunteers@abv.org.au confirming the following:

- The Role name and Assignment Number
- Confirmation that you are a registered volunteer with ABV **or** are willing to go through ABV's screening process to become a registered volunteer.
- **If you are a Registered Volunteer** - send a short paragraph outlining your relevant experience against each selection criteria.
- **If you are not a Registered Volunteer** – send your CV with a short paragraph outlining your relevant experience against each selection criteria.
- If there are any special considerations, we would need to make for you.

What will happen next?

- ABV will review all applications as they are received.
- Shortlisted candidates will be sent a Terms of Reference (ToR) document (Assignment Description).
- Candidates will be advised whether they are shortlisted for interview.

ABV is an equal opportunity employer and Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples, people from culturally & linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds are encouraged to apply for this position.