

The E-grants newsletter aims to provide individuals and community groups within the region of the Outback Communities Authority with an update on grants that are open.

## **RAA Grassroots Giving Program**

The Grassroots Giving Program is designed to support members and their communities to assist with funding towards projects that they are passionate about in South Australia.

Funding of up to \$5,000 for projects that:

- help disadvantaged and/or vulnerable South Australians
- support youth development
- support and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and reconciliation activities
- reducing inequality in the community
- community safety
- innovation
- environmental sustainability.

Further information can be found at: [Grassroots Giving – Grants for community groups | RAA](#)

*Applications close 7 April 2025.*

## **Aurizon Community Fund**

Charity and community groups can apply for funding for projects in the areas of health and wellbeing, community safety, environment and education.

Aurizon Community Giving Fund applications are now open, offering grants of up to \$20,000 to eligible charities in communities we work and live in.

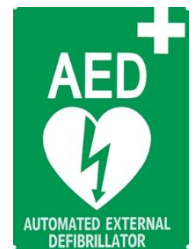
For further information visit: [Previous Community Giving Fund recipients](#)

*Applications will close on Thursday 24 April 2024, 5pm AEST.*

## **Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)**

The Automated External Defibrillators (Public Access) Act 2022 mandates AEDs in certain buildings, facilities and vehicles across South Australia.

Non-Crown buildings, facilities and vehicles (for which compliance requirements apply) must comply from 1 January 2026. (for the meaning of designated building facility visit: [Automated External Defibrillators \(Public Access\) Act 2022 \(legislation.sa.gov.au\)](#) Part 1 – 4 and installation Part 2 - 7)



Preventive Health SA is providing grants of \$1,000 to assist eligible not-for-profit community and sporting organisations meet the requirements of the Automated External Defibrillators (Public Access) Act 2022 (the Act).

All not-for-profit community or sporting organisations that own buildings or facilities are encouraged to apply.

For further information visit: [South Australian Automated External Defibrillator \(AED\) Grants Program • Preventive Health SA](#)

For general enquires E: [PreventiveHealthSA.Strategy@sa.gov.au](mailto:PreventiveHealthSA.Strategy@sa.gov.au)

*The public community organisations and sporting clubs grant round will close at 5.00pm. Wednesday 30 April 2025.*

### FRRR ABC Heywire Youth Innovation Grants

FRRR and their donor partners collaborate with ABC Heywire to help communities take action on the ideas generated by young Australians who attend the annual Heywire Regional Youth Summit.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are offered for communities across Australia to adopt, adapt and act on the ideas generated at the Heywire Summit.

For further information visit: [FRRR ABC Heywire Youth Innovation grants | FRRR](#)



*Applications close 30 April 2025.*

### Community Heritage Grants (CHG)

Community Heritage Grants (CHG) supports community organisations to look after Australian cultural heritage collections. Grants are open to non-profit, incorporated organisation with a strong focus on supporting local groups who would benefit from access to professional cultural heritage proficiency. Applications from Indigenous and multicultural organisations are encouraged.

For further information visit: [Community Heritage Grants | National Library of Australia \(nla.gov.au\)](#)

*Applications close 8 May 2025 (new applicants) and 3 June 2025 (repeat recipients & training projects).*

### South Australia Arid Lands Landscape Board – Grassroots Grants

Applications must address one or more of the board's priority areas of climate resilience, water management, sustainable land management, protecting and enhancing biodiversity and people and partnerships.

Grants of up to \$20,000 are available for projects to sustainably manage landscapes through on-ground works and projects.



For further information visit: [Landscape South Australia - SA Arid Lands | Grassroots Grants](#)

*Application close at 4pm on Monday 12 May 2025.*

### Elders Community Giving Project

The Project supports initiatives that provide sustainable, tangible and long-term benefits with positive outcomes for Australian rural, regional and remote communities

Based on six distinct priorities, the project offers 12 grants, with two levels of funding at \$10,000 and \$20,000 per grant. Each application must align to at least one of the following:

- people and regions
- environmental awareness
- innovation into the future
- healthy bodies and minds
- encouraging diversity & safety first.

In addition, there will be two People's Choice grants, for a maximum of \$10,000 each. This open criteria grant will be voted for by Elders. To register your interest visit: [Community Giving Project \(elders.com.au\)](#)

*Applications close, 5pm (ACST) 15 May 2025.*

### Telstra Footy Country Grants

The Telstra Footy Country Grants are designed to financially aid programs and proposals that can support community clubs affiliated to the AFL to strengthen the base and secure the future in three key strategic areas:

- grow and assist volunteer capacity
- grow and diversify participation
- improve club environments and experiences.

For further information visit: [Telstra Footy Country Grants - Play AFL](#)

*Round 3: Friday 4th April to 11:59pm (AEST) Sunday 25th May 2025.*

*Round 4: Monday 26th May 2025 to 5pm (AEST) Thursday 24th July 2025.*

### Connellan Airways Trust Grant

Connellan Airways grants can be used to fund a diverse range of activities. Specific projects, travel costs, education and skill building, technology (communications), community experiences, and an array of other possibilities that align with the vision of the Connelan Airways trust. Grants are open to people who live and work in outback Australia and organisations supporting people who live in outback Australia.

For further information visit: [Online Grants for outback Australians - Connelan Airways Trust](#)

*Applications close by the 15 February, May, August, and November each year.*

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### Anzac Day Schools' Award

The Anzac Day Schools' Award recognises the work of students, teachers and schools who engage with veterans and commemorate Australia's wartime history. This national competition recognises the work of students and teachers in schools that engage with veterans and honour Australia's wartime history.

The theme for 2025 is: **Remembering Gallipoli: 110 years.** Your entry must demonstrate learning about the experiences, service and stories of those who served at Gallipoli.

For more information visit: [Anzac Day Schools' Awards - Anzac Portal](#)

*Entries close: 5.00pm, AEST Friday, 29 May 2025.*

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### AIS Sporting Schools

Sporting Schools offers grant opportunities for primary schools, and targeted grant opportunities for secondary schools in relation to Years 7 and 8 students. Grants support the delivery of sport-based programs to help students build the confidence and capability to be active for life.

The objectives of Sporting Schools are to:

- engage primary school students in free, high-quality sport programs at school
- engage secondary school students (Years 7-8) in free, high-quality sport programs at school, particularly inactive students, girls, and students attending schools in disadvantaged areas
- establish partnerships between sporting organisations and schools to promote involvement in sport outside of school
- develop the capability of schools and teachers to provide students with positive sport experiences
- build the capability of coaches and the sport workforce
- support life-long involvement in sport and physical activity to enhance health and wellbeing

For further information visit: [Funding | Australian Sports Commission](#)

*Grant applications need to be submitted via the new school portal.*

*Term 3, 2025 – 8am AEST Monday 12 May, 2025 - 5pm AEST Friday 30 May, 2025.*

*Term 4, 2025- 8am AEST Monday 4 August 2025 - 5pm AEST Friday 22 August, 2025.*

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### Veterans SA Capacity Building Grant Fund

Applicants can seek grants of up to \$5,000 (ex GST) for projects that help strengthen the governance of ex-service organisations to lead, develop, support and advocate for their communities. A maximum of \$25,000 in grant funding is available for distribution in the 2024-2025 financial year.

Examples of eligible projects include:

- leadership and governance training for board or committee members
- temporary project staff salaries or consultant costs to assist in developing a plan or strategy (e.g. strategic plan, communication/social media strategy)
- training and skills development (e.g. grant writing skills, volunteer management training, financial management training)
- development of a website or app to make services more accessible to the community.

For further information visit: [Veterans SA Capacity Building Grant Fund – Veterans SA](#)

*Applications close Saturday, 31 May 2025.*

## Veterans SA Commemorative Services Grant Fund

Applicants can seek grants of up to \$1,000 (ex GST) for expenses that directly relate to the coordination, management and delivery of commemorative services within South Australia. A maximum of \$15,000 in grant funding is available for distribution in the 2024-2025 financial year.

Examples of eligible expenses include:

- venue (hire fees)
- equipment and furniture hire (AV, lighting, marquees, chairs)
- catering
- security
- advertising and marketing such as flyers, booklets and posters.



For further information visit: [Veterans SA Commemorative Services Grant Fund – Veterans SA](#)

**Applications close Saturday, 31 May 2025.**

## Australian Grain Technologies Community Donations

Funding up to \$10,000 is available for projects that benefit your local community. Donations are available to anyone who has grown an AGT variety under the Variety Licence Agreement, and completed harvest declarations for the years 2020-2023 inclusive and paid end point royalties on their harvest.

The donation can be used for repairs, maintenance of community facilities, educational opportunities for local youth (but not limited to).

For further information visit: [AGT Community Donations | Australian Grain Technologies](#)

**Applications close Saturday, 31 May 2025.**

## Sheep and Goat eID Implementation Essential Equipment Rebate (producers)

To assist with the implementation of electronic identification (eID) for sheep and goats, South Australian producers can apply for a rebate on the costs of equipment needed to conduct and report property to property (P2P) movements under the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS).

Eligible producers can apply for up to 75% of the cost of essential equipment. The maximum amount you can apply for is determined by the average head movement to your property from another property (P2P) during the past 3 years (2021 to 2023):

- up to \$500 for 100 or less animals annually
- up to \$2,000 for 101 to 5,000 animals annually
- up to \$20,000 for more than 5,000 animals annually.

The rebate is open to South Australian sheep and farmed goat producers who:

- have an active [property identification code \(PIC\)](#)
- have an active NLIS database account linked to their PIC.

You must be able to provide evidence of purchases and recent livestock movement. The rebate excludes:

- equipment purchased prior to 8 June 2023
- equipment listed as ineligible in section 3 of the guidelines.

For further information visit: [SA.GOV.AU - Sheep and goat eID implementation essential equipment rebate \(producers\) \(www.sa.gov.au\)](#)

**Applications close 5pm (ACST) 30 June 2025.**

## Expanded eID Device Rebate

The rebate for sheep and farmed goat electronic identification (eID) has been extended to include all 8 colours in the National livestock Identification System (NLIS) year-of-birth (YOB) colour system for accredited eID tags.

Applications are open to SA sheep and goat producers who purchase eligible NLIS-accredited tags not designated for the current year. You can apply for a rebate on the purchase price of eligible eID devices of 50% up to a cap of \$0.95 (GST exclusive) per tag. Eligible eID tags must be purchased between 1 January 2023 and 30 June 2025.

For further information visit: <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/business-and-trade/primary-industries/expanded-eid-device-rebate>

**Applications close on 30 June 2025 at 5:00pm.**

## NVC Heritage Agreement Incentive Grants 2024-2026

The Native Vegetation Council (NVC) are offering Incentive Grants to landowners wanting to establish a new Heritage Agreement or expand an existing Heritage Agreement.

These grants will fund short term (1 - 5 years) projects that help to protect native vegetation and enhance its condition. The program is available to all landowners across South Australia. Applications can be submitted any time before 30 June 2026. However, landowners are encouraged to apply early for the best chance of securing funding. The opportunity to apply maybe withdrawn once funding is fully committed or at the discretion of the NVC.

For further information visit: [Department for Environment and Water - Significant Environmental...](#)

**Applications close 30 June 2026.**

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## Celebrate Together Grants

Celebrate Together Grants provide one-off funding to eligible multicultural organisations for festivals and events that celebrate multiculturalism and diversity and support an inclusive and cohesive society.

There are two categories under the Celebrate Together Grant:

- small grants (up to \$5,000)
- large grants (between \$5001 and \$30,000).

There are matched funding requirements for applicants requesting more than \$5,000

Further information can be found at: [Celebrate Together Grants | Department of the Premier and Cabinet \(dpc.sa.gov.au\)](#)

**Round two applications open 14 July 2025 and close on 14 September 2025.**

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## Dame Roma Mitchell Grants

Dame Roma Mitchell Grants provide opportunities for eligible children and young people who are, or have been, under the guardianship of the Chief Executive or Minister for Child Protection in South Australia for at least one full year to:

- achieve personal goals
- contribute to health and wellbeing
- provide developmental opportunities.



Dame Roma Mitchell Trust Fund  
For Children & Young People

The Dame Roma Mitchell Grants provide a range of social, recreational and self-development opportunities. Previous grants have been awarded for (but not limited to) musical instruments, workshop attendance, driving lesson, essential basic furniture, text books and pre-vocational courses.

For further information visit: [Apply for a grant | Department for Child Protection](#)

**Round 2 opens on Monday 18 August 2025 and closes on 26 September 2025.**

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## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Grants – Professional Development

The grant supports professional development opportunities for individual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artist and arts workers to undertake skill development and training that is relevant to their arts practice or professional practice as an arts or cultural worker.

Who can apply?

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists (individuals)
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists workers (individuals)
- arts and cultural organisations and Aboriginal arts centres may submit and/or auspice grants on behalf of individual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and arts and cultural worker

For further information and guidelines visit: [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Grants - Professional Development | Department of the Premier and Cabinet](#)

**Applications close on 1 July 2025, 7 October 2025 and 2 February 2026.**



## Arts and Culture Grants Program

Arts South Australia connects the arts and culture sector in South Australia with financial support for a range of activities. Grants are available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, individuals, groups and organisations. Spanning art forms and areas of practice, funding supports professional artists and arts organisations to develop, make work and engage with audiences. Investment in the sector also assists in building partnerships and creative collaborations which enhance South Australia's longstanding reputation as a place for arts and culture.

There are grants available in 3 program streams:

1. Development
2. Projects
3. Major Projects

All 3 streams have various closing dates.

For further information visit: [Arts and Culture Grants Program | Department of the Premier and Cabinet \(dpc.sa.gov.au\)](#)



## Rural And Regional Enterprise Scholarships Program

The Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarship Program improves access to and completion of tertiary education courses. The scholarships are open to students from regional and remote areas in Australia.

For further information visit: [Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships Program - Scholarships - Intranet - University of South Australia \(unisa.edu.au\)](#)



## ONGOING GRANTS

### Clubs SA – Sponsorship Assistance Program

The Sponsorship Assistance Program provides assistance to those sectors in the community that may be 'disadvantaged', for community-based projects by not-for-profit organisations, and sporting and community clubs.

For further information visit: [Funding - Clubs SA - Licensed Clubs' Association of South Australia](#)

*Applications for this funding program are accepted each month and are vetted by Clubs SA's Board before recommendations are passed on to the IGC Board.*

### AgBiz Drought Loans

AgBiz Drought Loans provide loans for small businesses located in a drought affected regions that directly supply goods or services relating to primary production to farm businesses to help them manage through a recovery from drought. Loans of up to \$500,000 over a period of 10 years are available. The first 5 years will be interest only, followed by 5 years principal and interest.



To be eligible, you must be:

- a small business directly providing primary production related goods and services to farm businesses in a drought-affected community.
- running a viable business and able to make the repayments after the 5 years interest free period.

For further information visit: [AgBiz Drought Loan - Regional Investment Corporation \(ric.gov.au\)](#)

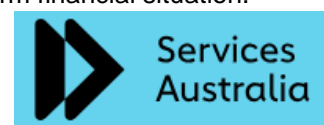
*Applications are ongoing.*

### Farm Household Allowance Program

Farm household allowance (FHA) provides assistance to farming families experiencing financial hardship. This program focuses on helping farmers make important decisions to improve their long-term financial situation.

The support available includes:

- a fortnightly payment for up to 4 years in each specific 10-year period
- individual case support with a farm household case officer
- up to \$10,000 in [activity supplements](#) that gives farmers an opportunity to develop skills, access training and pay for professional advice to better manage their business into the future.



For further information, including eligibility criteria visit: [Farm Household Allowance - Services Australia](#)

*Applications are ongoing.*

## PIRSA – Drought Funding

PIRSA supports funding opportunities for primary producers, regional businesses, and initiatives that benefit them. You can apply for the below grants, rebates, subsidies, and assistance programs that:

- boost industry growth
- help with regulatory compliance
- address community and business challenges, including emergency events.

1. On-Farm Drought Infrastructure Grants 2024 [On-farm Drought Infrastructure Rebate Scheme - PIRSA](#)
2. Future Drought Fund Programs [Future Drought Fund Programs - PIRSA](#)

*Applications are ongoing.*

## Office for Early Childhood Development Funding

South Australian residents studying Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) eligible **early childhood qualifications** can now access financial support to offset costs related to their study.



Government of South Australia  
Office for Early Childhood  
Development

There are three Streams to the Qualify SA in Early Childhood Program:

- teacher support
- educator support
- aboriginal pathways
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For further information and eligibility criteria visit: [Financial support | Office for Early Childhood Development](#)

## \$100 Sport Vouchers Program

The Sports Voucher Program provides each child with a 2 X \$100 per calendar year to use on sport, dance or learn to swim fees for children living in South Australia.

The voucher has been expanded to include music lessons.

For further information visit: [Home - Sports Vouchers](#)



## Roger Rasheed Sport Foundation

The Roger Rasheed Sport Foundation welcomes ideas and interaction from coaches, teachers, parents or anyone who believes sport can be a life changing experience for children.

For further information visit: [What We Do - Roger Rasheed Sports Foundation](#)

## Strengthening Industries Program

The Strengthening Industries Program supports primary or regional industries impacted by significant supply chain disruptions, market access constraints or changes to the operating environment.

Where it can be demonstrated, funds will support projects that have broad sectoral or regional benefit. They may assist with protection of products, services and employment. PIRSA will assess applications to the Strengthening Industries Program individually and make recommendations to the Minister accordingly.

For further information, contact your local [PIRSA regional coordinator](#) or the Office of the Hon Clare Scriven MLC, E: [Minister.Scriven@sa.gov.au](mailto:Minister.Scriven@sa.gov.au)

## AgRi-Silience Program

Get subsidised access to leading advisers who will deliver both on-farm support and group workshop learning to prepare you and your business to bounce back in the face of adverse climate and other challenges through the AgRi-Silience program, a Livestock SA project. This project is part of the Farm Business Resilience Program and is jointly funded through the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund and the Government of South Australia.

For further information visit: [AgRi-Silience Program | Livestock SA](#)

## Retailer Energy Productivity Scheme

The Retailer Energy Productivity Scheme (REPS) is an energy productivity scheme by the SA Government. The REPS provides incentives for households and businesses to save energy. There is a focus on low-income households. There is a range of REPS activities that may be offered to customers by obliged energy retailers.

Activities include the installation of:

- energy-efficient lighting
- water-saving showerheads and hot water upgrades
- air conditioner upgrades
- energy-efficient appliances such as a fridge, freezer, or clothes dryer.



Households and businesses can access REPS activities by contacting any of the obliged retailers regardless of who they have an energy contract with, or by contacting any of the third-party providers.

For further information visit: [ESCOSA - REPS FAQs for households and businesses](#)

## Travel Allowance for Rural and Regional SA Businesses hiring and training apprentices

Allowances are available to cover the costs incurred by employers when apprentices and trainees are required to travel long distances to a Nominated Training Organisation (NTO) that delivers their qualification.

Travel and accommodation allowances include:

- intrastate travel – 30c per kilometre for the shortest practical route
- interstate travel – calculated at a set rate based on an economy airfare
- intrastate accommodation – \$60 a day
- interstate accommodation – \$110 per day for pre-approved training delivered in other states.

For further information visit: [Travel and Accommodation Allowance SA | business.gov.au](#)

## Free Mentoring Support for First Nations Tourism Businesses (FNTMP)

The FTMP provide First Nations tourism businesses with access to free, tailored and one-on-one mentoring services from experienced tourism industry professionals.

There are a range of supports, including:

- a business diagnostic to help identify your needs
- one-on-one mentoring tailored to your specific needs and goals
- a suite of learning supports and resources developed for and tailored to First Nations tourism sector
- specialist supports and advice from Intrepid Travel advisors
- exit supports when you complete the program.
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For further information visit: [First Nations Tourism Mentoring Program \(FNTMP\) | business.gov.au](#)

*Applications are ongoing.*

## Department for State Development – Seed-Start

The Seed-Start Program provides financial support for early-stage and high-growth potential businesses in South Australia. Eligible start-ups can apply for funding to assist with the cost of commercialising a product or service that is unique and has a sustainable competitive advantage in national and international markets.

Two different funding types are available, depending on each business's stage of development:

- seed Grants: Minimum \$50,000, maximum \$100,000
- start Grants: Minimum \$100,001, maximum \$500,000.



For further information visit: [Seed-Start | Department of State Development](#)



## OTHER GRANT LINKS

### Australian Government Grants Connect

[GrantConnect Help and Information \(grants.gov.au\)](https://grants.gov.au)

### Australian Community Grants Hub

[Homepage | Community Grants Hub](#)

### Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal

[Home | Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal | FRRR](#)

### Green Industries SA

[Funding from Green Industries SA](#)

### Veterans SA

[Grants Programs – Veterans SA](#)

### Department of Veterans' Affairs

[Community Grants Hub](#)

## SUCCESSFUL GRANTS

### Regional Event Fund

- ❖ Flinders Ranges – A brush with Art
- ❖ Coober Pedy Opal Festival

### Grants SA Social Impact Round 1 – 2024-2025

- ❖ Arabana Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC – Returning to Country: Revitalising Arababa Culture and Economy in Marree. \$30,000
- ❖ Aroona Aboriginal incorporation – Playground Revitalising Project – A brighter future for Copley Families \$29,183
- ❖ Dunjiba Community Council Incorporated – Dunjiba Food Security Project Phase Two: Low Cost Meals for vulnerable people \$29,928

### Grants SA Community Centres 2024-2025

- ❖ Dunjiba Community Council – Oodnadatta Community Food hub & Garden Education Project \$29,950

### Thriving Communities Program

- ❖ Dunjiba Community Council – Dunjiba Community Food Hub Infrastructure Upgrade \$50,000

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