

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.

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 one applications closes on 14 March 2025.

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

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 one applications close on 16 March 2025.

Round two applications close on 14 September 2025.

Social Impact Grants Round 2

Grants SA offers funding to eligible organisations for projects with outcomes of improved community participation, social and emotional wellbeing, and quality of life for people living and working in South Australia. Funding is prioritised for projects that support people and/or communities experiencing socioeconomic disadvantage and other vulnerabilities and who may face additional barriers to accessing services.

Eligible organisation can apply for two tiers of funding:

- Tier 1 up to \$10,000 for equipment and resources
- Tier 2 up to \$30,000 for projects or short-term programs, and minor infrastructure upgrades

For further information visit: [Social Impact Grants \(Round 2\) 2024/25 | DHS](#)

Applications close, 3pm Monday 17 March 2025.

South Australian Tourism Commission Regional Event Funding

The SA Tourism Commission aims to strengthen the regional events calendar by encouraging the development of new and innovative regional events, grow existing events and increased visitation and economic stimulus to the regional economy. The fund will support events held between 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025.

Established Event Funding: Up to three years' funding will be provided to events that can demonstrate a strong track record of growth and a strategy for event innovation. Successful applications can receive from \$20,000 up to \$50,000 per year in financial support.

Development Event Funding: Up to three years' funding will be provided to new and emerging events that can demonstrate potential for growth and development to become an annual addition to the event calendar. Successful applications can receive between \$5,000 up to \$20,000 per year in financial support.

For further information visit: [Event funding and support | Tourism SA](#)

Applications close: 5pm, Tuesday 18 March 2025.

Telstra's Connected Communities Grant Program

Telstra's Connected Communities Grant Program will boost support for communities across remote, rural and regional Australia to enhance livability with digital solutions that harness the power of connection. The program will support community-led efforts that embrace new technology and improve digital literacy or digital capability.

Grants up to \$10,000 are available for not-for-profit community organisations that are providing access to information, technology, education and facilities to support their communities to embrace new technologies.

The program seeks to foster:

- Livable communities that have digital capability, and help to equip individuals with the skills to live, learn and work in a digital society
- Sustainable communities that are diverse and inclusive, planning for the health, wellbeing, and prosperity of their people and the planet, and
- Resilient communities that are well prepared and socially connected when disaster strikes with the ability to renew and recover together

For further information visit: [Telstra's Connected Communities Grant Program | FRRR](#)

Applications close 20 March 2025.

Strengthening Rural Communities – Small & Vital (Round 23)

The Strengthening Rural Communities (SRC) Small & Vital stream gives small remote, rural and regional communities the opportunity to access funds for a broad range of initiatives that directly and clearly benefit local communities.

Grants up to \$10,000 are available for a wide-ranging range of grassroots, community-led initiatives that directly and clearly benefit local communities that will strengthen local people, places and climate solutions, with a preference for smaller communities (populations under 15,000).

FRRR's Small & Vital program supports thriving, resilient, and sustainable remote, rural and regional communities across Australia. In particular, priority will be given to projects that:

- Support communities to implement generational transition;
- Invest in outback, remote, and less resourced communities;
- Build capacity and resourcing for a just and equitable energy transition;
- Support First Nations-led initiatives that strengthen culture, country, economic participation, and reconciliation.

For further information visit: [Strengthening Rural Communities — Small & Vital | FRRR](#)



Round 24 closes 27 March 2025.

Strengthening Rural Communities – Prepare and Recover

The Strengthening Rural Communities (SRC) Prepare & Recover program supports communities in remote, rural and regional communities to implement initiatives that avert and prepare for future climate related impacts, or recover from existing disasters in the medium to long-term timeframe, generally one to ten years after the disaster.

Grants up to \$25,000 are available for a broad range of initiatives that focus on [community-led resilience building](#) in recovery or preparedness to strengthen the capacity and capability of local people and systems, especially to manage the impact of future disasters.

Projects relating to community preparedness, resilience or recovery from bushfires or other disasters, weather events, or climate impacts are eligible to apply.

For further information visit: <https://frrr.org.au/funding/place/src-prepare-recover/>

Applications close 27 March 2025.

ABC Future Fund

Grants are awarded to eligible organisations to implement projects under the On-Country Development and Care guidelines. Funding focus areas include (but not limited to) Empowering Future Generations, Closing the Gap through Community-Led Solutions. Small Event/Activity Grants are also available.

For Further Information visit: [Future Fund | ABC Foundation Ltd.](#)

Applications close 28 March 2025.

SA Volunteer Awards

The awards acknowledge the substantial benefit that individual volunteers, volunteer managers, community organisations and businesses make to our community.

Nominate yourself or someone you know in the following categories:

- The Joy Noble Medal - South Australia's highest distinction for an individual volunteer
- 'The Andamooka' Community Project Award - Recognising a community or group volunteer project of significant community benefit
- The Young Volunteer Award – Honouring an impressive young volunteer aged 12 to 25 years
- The Excellence in Volunteer Management Award - Honouring a volunteer manager for their outstanding contribution to the profession
- The Premier's Award for Corporate Social Responsibility – Recognising the community contribution of a South Australian for-profit business

For further information visit: [SA Volunteer Awards | DHS](#)



Nominations close: Sunday, 30 March 2025.

Connecting Communities Events Grant

The Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) is offering the Connecting Communities Events Grant as part of the Family and Business Support Program to support rural communities in South Australia affected by drought and other hardship. The objective of the program is to support gatherings that encourage communities to come together, share experiences, and reinforce the unity and strength of rural areas.

Grants of up to \$5,000 (GST exclusive) are available to industry, community, not-for-profit, local government and incorporated groups to host events that foster social connections and provide support during these times.

Eligible groups within South Australia include (but are not limited to):

- farmer groups, including Agricultural Bureau branches and farming systems groups
- industry organisations
- community groups such as agricultural show societies, progress associations, sports clubs, service clubs
- local government.

For further information visit: [Connecting Communities Events Grant - PIRSA](#)

Applications close 5pm, Monday 31 March 2025. (Events must be held by no later than 30 June 2025).

Remote Jobs and Economic Development (RJED) Program

The RJED program aims to fund 3,000 new jobs over three years to support job seekers currently participating in or are eligible for Remote Employment Services (RES), the New Jobs Program Trial (NJPT), or the CDP Trialing Pathways to Remote Employment (CDP Trials) to move into employment. To be eligible you must be an Australian and/or Torres Strait Islander Corporation registered under the Corporations (aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006.

There are two streams of funding available:

- Job Creation – to fund the cost of wages and related entitlements, and the
- Community Jobs and Business Fund (CJBF) – to provide funding for equipment, operational costs and infrastructure to directly support bringing jobs created under the Job Creation stream into existence.

For further information visit: [Employers | NIAA](#)

Round two applications close on 31 March 2025.

Heritage Grants

Heritage Conservation Grants are available to owners of State heritage listed places and are designed to help rejuvenate the state's built heritage.

- Grants provide up to \$20,000 for conservation work or documentation.
- In most cases, grants will be provided on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

For further information visit: [Department for Environment and Water - Heritage Grants](#)

2025-2026 Heritage Conservation Grants close 2pm Monday, 31 March 2025.

Missionary Sisters of Service – Highway and Byways Small Grants Program

Mary MacKillop Today continues the work of the Missionary Sisters of Service (MSS) connecting with people who are socially and geographically isolated to strengthen community relationships.

The theme for the 2025 Small Grants Program is 'Embracing and Valuing Diversity in Nature and Community', which recognises that there are challenging times for many, especially in rural and regional Australia.

Community organisations are invited to apply for Grants of up to \$5,000 for projects that support:

- Contribute to building strong and resilient communities, especially in areas affected by extreme weather events.
- Build unity and find common grounds of understanding and shared knowledge across an initiative.
- Encourage partnerships amongst individuals, groups and/or organisations.
- Foster engagement, diversity and cultural connections by sharing knowledge and skills in local community-based programs/events.
- Support intergenerational and Indigenous/Non-Indigenous exchanges of knowledge and skills for the sustainable and/or regenerative management of the land.
- Provide opportunities for program participants to develop leadership or other personal and community-building skills

For further information visit: [Grants | Highways & Byways \(hb.org.au\)](#)

Applications close: 5pm AEDT Tuesday 1 April 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

Information on initiatives for funding and grant criteria can be found [here](#).

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

Round 2: Monday 3rd February to 11:59pm (AEST) Thursday 3rd April 2025.

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.

SA Water Community Partnerships Program

SA Water Community Partnerships Program is focused on supporting grassroots community events and projects run by not-for-profit organisations, with a focus on sustainability, healthy communities and environmental leadership.

Applications must demonstrate delivery of the below key criteria:

- Alignment with our vision: Delivering trusted water services for a sustainable and healthy South Australia
- Demonstration of the use of water for a sustainable and healthy community
- The event or project should enhance a thriving community through cooler, greener environment or show climate change in action
- South Australian, not-for-profit organisation delivering valued services to the South Australian community
- The program/event benefits community members where the impact will be greatest
- The program/event provides opportunities for SA Water to engage with the community

- Opportunities for SA Water staff engagement
- The sponsored event or project falls within the period 1 July to 30 June 2025

For further information visit: [SAWater - Community partnerships](#)



Applications close 4 April 2025.

Mercy Foundation – Social Justice Grants

The Mercy Foundation's Social Justice Small Grants Program provides funding to support communities and organisations to build capacity that will help battle poverty and disadvantage, create structural change and bring about greater social justice in Australia.

Grant amounts range from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

For further information visit: [Social Justice Small Grants - Mercy Foundation](#)

Applications close midnight, Friday 4 April 2025.

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 open 4 March 2025 and close 7 April 2025.

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

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 open Wednesday, 3 March and close 30 April 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 for the project will open on 18 March 2025 and close, 5pm (ACST) 15 May 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 open Tuesday, 4 March 2025 (Closing date to be announced).

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.

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.

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.

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 5:00 pm.

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.

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

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

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.

Participants will finish the program with a Resilience Roadmap, which will help you build resilience and boost productivity, profitability and sustainability over the long-term. The training will be individually tailored to your business to ensure you get maximum value from the program.

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 FNTMP 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

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 \(grants.gov.au\)](#)

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

Nutrien Ag Solutions Community Grants Program

- ❖ Western United Tigers Incorporated (Penong) \$5,000 to enhance functionality of the kitchen by installing a dishwasher which will improve the kitchen hygiene and support community wellbeing.

2024/2025 SA Arid Lands Landscape Board Grassroots Grants (for a full list [24-25-successful-summary.pdf](#))

- ❖ Arabana Aboriginal Corporation \$2,702 – Training ranges for buffel grass eradication
- ❖ Friends of Mound Springs \$19,384 – Training of Aboriginal Ranges to monitor endangered mound springs flora
- ❖ Nature Foundation \$10,639.93 – Gawler Ranges buffel grass control
- ❖ Kondoolka Station \$5,000 – Bullock Bush enclosures
- ❖ Merna Mora Station \$12,218 – Noxious weed control
- ❖ Yunta Race Club \$7,180 – Community Garden and Revegetation Project
- ❖ Copley & District Progress Association \$9,647 – Community Education Workshops in Copley
- ❖ Oodnadatta Aboriginal School \$8,091 – Bon Bon Station camp
- ❖ Mutooroo Pastoral Company \$4,635 – Feral Pig Control

Regional Event Fund

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

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