

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.

Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program (RAU) – Round 11

Owners of remote airport and airstrip are now able to apply for funding for essential upgrades as part of the RAU Program. Works may include (but not limited to) sealing and resealing runway, lighting, drainage works and fencing. The program also funds safety related training for key operational personnel.

Grants of between \$5,000 and \$4 million covering 50 per cent of eligible costs, or up to 100 per cent for Indigenous owned and or operated aerodromes that meet certain requirements.

For further information visit: [Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program Round 11 | business.gov.au](https://business.gov.au)

Applications close 13 December 2024.

NewAccess for Small Business Owners

Beyond Blue's NewAccess for Small Business Owners (NASBO) is a guided self-help mental health coaching program. It is free, confidential and convenient. Available nationally by phone or video call, no GP referral is required.

All mental health coaches are specially trained and have small business background.

For further information and to submit an enquiry visit: [NewAccess for Small Business Owners \(NASBO\) - Beyond Blue - Beyond Blue](#)



Closing date: Tuesday, 31 December 2024.

School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI)

The Australian Government aims to narrow the digital divide by providing up to 30,000 eligible families with no internet at home a free National Broadband Network (NBN) service.

Originally a 12-month commitment, the initiative has been extended, to allow:

- the period in which a family can nominate to receive a free service is up to 31 December 2024
- the duration of free services will continue until 31 December 2025 for all existing and new families

To check your eligibility, contact the National Referral Centre on 1800 954 610 (Mon-Fri, 10am – 6pm AEDT) www.anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet

For further information visit: [School Student Broadband Initiative \(SSBI\) | Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts](#)

Families and carers can apply until 31 December 2024, and eligible households will receive free home internet until 31 December 2025.

Expand Together Grants

The Expand Together Grants provide one-off funding to eligible multicultural organisations to purchase equipment, extend or build community facilities for use by South Australia's culturally and linguistically diverse communities. Expand Together Grants of up to \$100,000 are available to multicultural organisations for projects to be delivered over 12 months.

Funding can be applied for under the follow four categories:

1. Equipment Grants up to \$50,000
2. Infrastructure Grants up to \$50,000
3. Equipment Grant between \$50,000-\$100,000
4. Infrastructure Grant between \$50,000-\$100,000

There are matched funding requirements for applications above \$50,000.

For further information visit: [Expand Together Grants | Department of the Premier and Cabinet](#)

Round 1 closes: 19 January 2025.

Round 2 opens 1 May 2025 and closes 30 July 2025.

Saluting Their Service (STS) Commemorative Grants Program

The Saluting Their Service (STS) Commemorative Grants Program is designed to commemorate the service and sacrifice of Australia's service personnel in wars, conflicts and peace operations, and their families. Up to \$3.5 million is available each financial year for distribution, split across three batches throughout the year.

The intended outcome of the grant opportunity is to provide funding for projects and activities that:

- promote appreciation and understanding of the experiences of service and the roles that those who serve have played
- preserve, add to the sum of knowledge on, or provide access to information about Australia's wartime heritage.

Community Grants (CG)

Grants to a maximum of \$10,000 are available for community-based commemorative projects and activities. These small grants are for projects and activities that are focused on the local community, commemorate the service and sacrifice of local community members, and are primarily accessed by the local community.

Examples of CG projects and activities include:

- development of an Honour Roll
- restoration of an existing local War Memorial
- supply and installation of a cabinet to display military memorabilia
- installation of flagpoles

Major Grants (MG): Grants between \$10,001 and \$150,000 are available for major commemorative projects and activities that are significant from a national, state, territory and/or regional perspective. MG grants will have a much wider focus than CG category applications and must be commemorative of the service and sacrifice of service personnel beyond the local community, and/or consist of elements that are available to the whole nation, or residents of a state, territory, or regional area. If your project has a high monetary value, it does not necessarily mean that it is considered an MG.

For further information visit: [Saluting Their Service \(STS\) Commemorative Grants Program | Department of Veterans' Affairs \(dva.gov.au\)](#)

Applications close 9.00pm Tuesday, 5 February 2025 AEDT.

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 Connellan 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 - Connellan Airways Trust](#)

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

Strengthening Rural Communities – Small & Vital (Round 23)

The Strengthening Rural Communities (SRC) Small & Vital stream gives small remote, rural and regional communities across Australia 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 broad range of grassroots, community-led initiatives that directly and clearly benefit local communities that 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 Opens Friday, 6 December 2024 and 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 across Australia to implement initiatives that prevent 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.

Heritage Grants

Heritage Conservation Grants are available to owners of State heritage listed places.

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

Heritage Conservation Grants are aimed at helping rejuvenate the state's built heritage, ensuring it is protected and preserved for future generations

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

2025-2026 Heritage Conservation Grants Program will OPEN Wednesday 11 December 2024 and close 2pm Monday, 31 March 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 expanded to include all 8 colours in the National livestock Identification System (NLIS) your-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.

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 \(dpc.sa.gov.au\)](https://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 \(unisa.edu.au\)](https://unisa.edu.au)

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)

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

Buildings, facilities and vehicles owned by the Crown must comply from 1 January 2025.

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 \(legislation.sa.gov.au\)](https://legislation.sa.gov.au) Part 1 – 4 and installation Part 2 - 7)

The Automated External Defibrillators (Public Access) (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill 2024 was introduced to the House of Assembly on 28 August 2024 to amend the Automated External Defibrillators (Public Access) Act 2022.



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.

Applications for targeted community and Aboriginal Organisations opened 1 November and will close Friday 28 February 2025.

The next **public community organisations and sporting clubs grant** round will open early 2025.

For further information visit: [South Australian Automated External Defibrillator \(AED\) Grants Program • Preventive Health SA](https://preventivehealthsa.gov.au)

For further information or questions email: PreventiveHealthSA.Strategy@sa.gov.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](https://clubs.sa.gov.au)

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 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 \(ric.gov.au\)](https://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 [South Australian Government - On-farm Drought Infrastructure Grants 2024](#)
2. Future Drought Fund [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 QualifySA in Early Childhood Program:

- teacher support
- educator support
- aboriginal pathways

For further information and eligibility criteria visit: <https://www.earlychildhood.sa.gov.au/working-in-early-childhood/financial-support>

\$100 Sport Vouchers Program

The Sports Voucher Program provides a discount of up to \$100 on sport, dance or learn to swim fees for children living in South Australia.

Sports vouchers will double to two \$100 vouchers per child, per year from 1 January 2025. The voucher will also be 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.

The program will help you and your staff:

- improve your financial literacy and, in the process, learn new ways to build the financial viability of your business
- become more confident in decision-making by conducting risk assessments
- learn new skills and techniques to build your own personal resilience, helping you to concentrate on the business at hand rather than dwell on negatives
- become high-performing contributors regarding decision making and operations

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: [Retailer Energy Productivity Scheme | energy.gov.au](#)

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 Industry, Innovation and Science – 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 for Industry, Innovation and Science water](#)

OTHER GRANT LINKS

Australian Government Grants Connect

[GrantConnect Help and Information \(grants.gov.au\)](#)

Australian Community Grants Hub

[Homepage](#) | [Community Grants Hub](#)

Green Industries SA

[Funding from Green Industries SA](#)

Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal

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

Veterans SA

[Grants Programs – Veterans SA](#)

Department of Veterans' Affairs

[Community Grants Hub](#)



SUCCESSFUL GRANTS

FRRR Prepare & Recover: General Disaster Preparedness & Recovery

- ❖ Fowlers Bay Progress Association \$16,540 funding to enhance the community resources to support disaster preparedness by purchasing a firefighting tank trailer.

FRRR Small & Vital

- ❖ Blinman Men's Shed Incorporated \$9,306 funding for support of older men and the broader community to socially engage and build resilience by establish a food garden in a remote region.

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.

Commonwealth Bank Community Grants

- ❖ Operation Flinders Inc \$20,000 to expand the 'Step Out' Program

2024/2025 SA Arid Lands Landscape Board Grassroots Grants

- ❖ 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

For the full list visit: [24-25-successful-summary.pdf](#)

If your organisation has been the recipient of a grant,
we invite you to share your success to feature in our newsletter.

Please send an email to oca@sa.gov.au including a photo and brief description of the completed project.

By highlighting your success, we aim to inspire other groups and individuals within the OCA area to apply for grants, this will show positive changes in communities for a better living experience.



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