

JULY 2024

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.

Pirku-Itya (Reconciliation) Partnerships Program

To be eligible for funding your projects and events will need to support stronger communities through reconciliation-based activities and have a clear link to water use and our vision of delivering trusted water services for a sustainable and healthy South Australia.

Pirku-Itya is a Kurna word meaning 'for community' and the partnership program is focused on grassroots community events and projects run by not-for-profit organisations that contribute to reconciliation in South Australia.

For further information visit: [SAWater - Pirku-Itya](#)

Applications close Sunday, 21 July 2024.

Augusta Zadow Awards

Safework SA is inviting applications for the 2024 Augusta Zadow Awards. Health and safety proposals supporting young workers and women in the workplace can apply for up to \$25,000 in grant funding through SafeWork SA's 2024 Augusta Zadow Awards.

For further information visit: [Augusta Zadow Awards | SafeWork SA](#)

Applications close Wednesday, 31 July 2024.

FRRR Seeds for Renewal

ANZ Seeds of Renewal is a small grants program designed to help build vibrant and sustainable rural communities, to ensure the ongoing prosperity of regional Australia.

The program demonstrates ANZ's ongoing commitment to shape a world where people and communities thrive. It is built on two key tenets:

- Vibrant communities are diverse and inclusive with strong social capital, where everyone can participate and build a better life; and
- Sustainable communities innovate, expand, and create opportunities that will deliver demonstrable medium to long-term economic benefit to the community, contributing to economic sustainability.

For further information visit: [ANZ Seeds of Renewal | FRRR](#)

Applications close, 5pm AEST Thursday, 1 August 2024

Telstra Footy Country Grants

The Telstra Footy Country Grants are designed to financially assist initiatives that can support community clubs affiliated to the AFL to strengthen the base and secure the future.

There are three key strategic areas, including:

- 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 4: 3:01pm (AEDT) Thursday, 13 June to 5pm (AEDT) Wednesday, 7 August 2024.

History Trust of South Australia - South Australian History Fund (SAHF)

The grant provides support to projects, research or publications that contribute to the knowledge, understanding and sharing of South Australia's rich history. Each year the SAHF provides up to \$5,000 to communities, organisations and individuals from a total grant fund of at least \$75,000.

For further information visit: [Grants | History Trust of South Australia](#)

Applications close Wednesday, 7 August 2024.

Nutrien Ag Solutions Community Grants Program

Nutrien Ag Solutions Community Grants is a small grants program aiming to contribute to the success, vibrancy and wellbeing of rural and regional communities nationwide.

Nutrien Ag Solutions seeks to support local grassroots organisations with funding for projects that are meaningful for their communities. Organisations interested in applying for a grant need to first contact a Nutrien Ag Solutions branded store Branch Manager to be endorsed.

For further information visit: [Nutrien Ag Solutions Community Grants Program | FRRR](#)

Applications close 5pm SEST Thursday, 8 August 2024 (the program opens 10 July 2024).

Regional Capability Community Fund (RCCF)

The RCCF has been established to improve community safety and capability to respond to fire emergencies. The RCCF will reimburse between \$200 to \$3,000 (GST Inclusive) to farmers and farming businesses to purchase equipment to support the safe use of Farm Fire Units.

For further information and eligibility visit: [Farm Fire Units - CFS](#)

Applications close 5pm (ACST) Friday, 9 August 2024.

Experience Nature Tourism Fund (ENTF)

The Experience Nature Tourism Fund (ENTF) aims to spur investment in nature-based tourism experiences and make South Australia more competitive in luring domestic and international tourists. Grants range from \$10,000 to \$50,000 for new and improved nature-based tourism products and experiences in or near a national park, reserve, wilderness protection area or marine park.

The ENTF aims to showcase South Australia's natural landscapes while also encouraging visitors to enjoy and learn more about these important natural and cultural assets.

For further information visit: [Experience Nature Tourism Fund | Tourism SA](#)

Applications open Monday, 8 July 2024 and close Friday, 16 August 2024.

AIS Sporting Schools

Sporting Schools offer grant opportunities for primary schools, and targeted grant opportunities for secondary schools in relation to students in Years 7 and 8. 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 \(sportaus.gov.au\)](#).

Grant applications need to be submitted via the [new school portal](#).

Application opening and closing dates for Term 4, 2024: 8am AEST Monday, 12 August 2024 - 5pm AEST Friday, 23 August 2024.

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 May, August, and November each year.

Strengthening Rural Communities – Prepare & 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.

The program recognises that remote, rural and regional communities across Australia are vulnerable to climate change and disasters, experience capacity challenges in responding to and preparing for disasters where often existing disadvantage is exacerbated.

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.

For further information visit: [Strengthening Rural Communities – Prepare & Recover | FRRR](#)

Applications close 5pm AEST Thursday, 5 September 2024.

Strengthening Rural Communities – Small & Vital

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](#)

Applications close 5pm AEST Thursday, 5 September 2024.

Community Led Climate Solutions

The Community Led Climate Solutions Grant Program supports not-for-profit organisations across remote, rural and regional Australia to drive local climate solutions that reduce emissions through education, engagement and action on:

- Clean energy;
- Circular economies;
- Decarbonisation;
- Sustainable agriculture and food systems;

- Biodiverse ecosystems; or
- Just transitions.

The Program is collaboratively funded by donors committed to enabling communities to address the impacts of climate change locally for positive and sustainable environmental, social and economic outcomes, with round 1 of the program providing grants of up to \$20,000 for a range of initiatives that can help by achieving one of the following objectives:

1. Drive engagement, education, and leadership in remote, rural, and regional climate solutions;
2. Activate locally-led opportunities to advance: the clean energy transition, climate adaptation, decarbonisation, or circular economies;
3. Support just transitions* to clean energy economies to help communities thrive.

For further information visit: [Community Led Climate Solutions | FRRR](#)

Round 2 opens Wednesday, 17 July 2024 and closes 5pm AEST Thursday, 12 September 2024.

History Trust of South Australia – Museums and Collections (MaC) Grant

The MaC grants are available only to community history organisations that are members of the MaC Program. A wide range of projects that help your organisation care for, document, present and share collections and local history can be funded.

For further information visit: [Grants | History Trust of South Australia](#)

Applications open Monday, 26 August 2024 and close Wednesday, 2 October 2024.

Government of South Australia – Arts and Culture Grants Program

Arts SA connects the arts and culture sector in South Australia with financial support for a range of activities.

The Arts and Culture Grants Program consists of the following categories:

- [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Grants](#)
- [Grants for Individuals, Groups, Organisations](#)
- [Funded Organisations](#)
- [Richard Llewellyn Dear and Disability Grants](#)
- [Awards](#)

Rounds open Friday, 23 August 2024 and close at 5.00pm Monday, 7 October 2024.

SA Boating Facilities Fund

Boat owners who would like improvements made to the facilities they regularly use should approach their local council, which has the expertise to prepare a detailed funding assistance application. An applicant applying for funding to assist with the construction of new boating facilities must commit to the on-going ownership and maintenance of the facility. Eligible boating projects are either the establishment of new or the upgrade of existing facilities and may include a boat ramp, a wharf or pontoons.

Who can apply?

- local Government
- state government departments
- community groups
- statutory authorities responsible for recreational boating facilities

For further information visit: [How to Apply - Department for Infrastructure and Transport - South Australia \(dit.sa.gov.au\)](#)

Refer to the website for closing dates.

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

Applications close 5pm (AEST) Thursday, 5 September 2024.

Economic Recovery Fund

If you're a small business or not-for-profit organisation, you could soon apply for grants to help you invest in more energy efficient equipment or make improvements that optimise your energy usage and cost. Grants will range from \$2,500 up to \$50,000 in matched contribution.

For further information visit: [Small Business Energy Grants | Small and Family Business](#)

The program will officially open for applications in August 2024.

Wettenhall Environment Trust

Wettenhall Environmental Grants support projects about flora and fauna conservation around Australia. The project should involve any of the following:

- monitoring, recording and sharing data
- delivering community education
- providing community capacity building (e.g. training)
- research and training

For further information visit: [Small Environmental Grant Scheme – Wettenhall Environment Trust](#)

Refer to the website for opening and closing dates for each funding round.

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.

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

Round two applications close Sunday, 15 September 2024.

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.

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 \(unisa.edu.au\)](#)

Mazda Foundation

The Mazda Foundation was established in 1990 as a public charitable trust to provide assistance to a broad cross-section of worthy charitable entities and causes throughout Australia which qualify for income tax deductibility for gifts.

Foundation Priorities:

- **Primary Producers facing Hardship**
Community based organisations with project supporting primary producers facing hardship
- **Literacy and Numeracy**
Programs addressing literacy and numeracy issues amongst primary school aged children, especially remedial programs for children from disadvantaged areas.

For further information visit: [Australian Community Charity Projects | Mazda Foundation](#)

Project Notification received by the Foundation will be considered at the Foundation's Board meetings held in April and October.

ONGOING GRANTS

Office for Early Childhood Development

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.

The QualifySA in Early Childhood Financial Support Program explained on this page is available to school leavers, career changers, existing students studying eligible early childhood qualifications, and educators looking to upskill.

You are eligible for financial support if you are:

- a South Australian resident
- studying or planning to study an eligible early childhood qualification
- an Australian or New Zealand citizen.

If eligible, the program provides you with milestone payments throughout your study and into the initial years of your employment.

There are three Streams to the QualifySA in Early Childhood Program:

- teacher support
- educator support
- Aboriginal pathways

For further information visit: [Financial support | Office for Early Childhood Development](#)

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.

\$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](#)

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](#)

Thriving Regions Fund

The Thriving Regions Fund is a \$15 million commitment per annum, to support projects that enable regional industries to grow jobs and strengthen regional communities.

The long-term outcomes from investment through the Thriving Regions Fund are identified as:

- improved quality of life for regional communities
- thriving, resilient and sustainable regional communities that attract and retain people to live and work
- pipeline of regional leaders providing a voice for their regions
- regions creating job opportunities and improved career options by capitalising on regional growth potential
- stronger regional economies

The Thriving Regions Fund will have multiple programs with different opening dates and information will be added here.

For further information, contact your local [Principal Regional Advisors - PIRSA](#)

The Office of the Hon Clare Scriven MLC: E: Minister.Scriven@sa.gov.au

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.

Through this program, the Government recognises the importance of industries that support our regions to thrive.

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
- 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](#)

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

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

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 \(grants.gov.au\)](https://grants.gov.au)

Australian Community Grants Hub

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

Green Industries SA

[Funding from Green Industries SA](#)

Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal

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Veterans SA

[Grants Programs – Veterans SA](#)

Department of Veterans' Affairs

[Community Grants Hub](#)

SUCCESSFUL GRANTS

2023/2024 SA Arid Lands Landscape Board Grassroots Grants

- ❖ Nipapanha Aboriginal Corp: \$3,187
- ❖ North East Pastoral properties: \$14,065
- ❖ Blinman Progress Assoc: \$5,000
- ❖ Mt Ive Trust: \$3,400
- ❖ Coward Springs Campground: \$8,756
- ❖ Copley & District Progress Assoc: \$6,447
- ❖ FAUNA Research Alliance: \$10,000
- ❖ Gawler Ranges Native Bush food Garden: \$3,400

FRRR Community Impact Program

- ❖ ICPA Marla Oodnadatta Branch \$5,000



Photo: Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal

FRRR Strengthening Rural Communities - Small & Vital

- ❖ Blinman Progress Association: \$9,450
 - Create a functional and welcoming space for the community by installing a new rainwater tank system at the Blinman Hall

FRRR Rebuilding Regional Communities – Micro

- ❖ William Creek Gymkhana Committee: \$9,963
 - Improve safety & reduce the workload of showground volunteers post pandemic by purchasing a reliable, robust and compact audio system.

If your organisation has been the recipient of a grant, we invite you to share your success with us 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 to apply for grants, to provide positive changes in communities for a better living experience.

Disclaimer: The Outback Communities Authority does not endorse any business/organisation listed in the newsletter and the information provided is of general nature only.