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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.

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 3: 3:01pm (AEDT) Friday 19th April to 3pm (AEDT) Thursday 13th June 2024.

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

Veterans SA – 80th Anniversary of The End of World War II Grant Fund

2025 will mark the 80th Anniversary of the end of the World War II, and Veterans SA has opened a new grant fund supporting activities that commemorate this historical moment in time.

To honour the sacrifices and contributions made by South Australians during the war, a maximum of \$132,000 in grant funding is available for distribution in the 2024-2025 financial year to support projects or activities that recognise the end of World War II and educate the community about its impact on our local community.

Grants can be used for projects and activities that:

- honour and recognise WWII veterans,
- deliver WWII related commemorative services or community events,
- communicate WWII stories,
- identify WWII sites of historical significance or conserve WWII wartime heritage,
- educate the community about the significance of World War II to the South Australian community.

For further information visit: [80th anniversary of the end of World War II Grant Fund – Veterans SA](#)

Applications close: 5pm ACST Sunday, 30 June 2024.

On Farm Connectivity Program

The On Farm Connectivity Program provides funding to enable primary producers in agriculture, forestry and/or fisheries to take advantage of connected machinery and sensor technology.

The objectives of the program are to:

- extend digital connectivity and enable Primary Producers to take advantage of advanced farming technology
- enhance a Primary Producer's ability to implement digital agribusiness solutions through improved connectivity
- capitalize on the agricultural sector's productivity and growth
- support access to new communications equipment and services by offsetting some of the cost

For further information visit: [On Farm Connectivity Program | Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts](#)

Applications are awarded to eligible applicants on a first come, first served basis or until funding has been exhausted. \$15 million is available to 30 June 2024

QBE Foundation Local Grants in Australia

QBE Foundation local grants are a way QBE can provide meaningful support for community initiatives outside of their community partnerships.

To be eligible for a QBE Foundation local grant you must be:

- must be a registered 'not-for-profit' (or non-profit) with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission (ACNC)
- must have Australian Tax Office endorsement of DGR 1 or 2 status
- must not be affiliated with a political party or union, or take an overtly political stance in the focus of their work
- may have a religious basis, but any program or initiative supported by QBE must not incorporate religious teaching into the delivery of the program or initiative
- must be based in Australia, although initiatives working in Australia, New Zealand or the Pacific will be considered.

For further information visit: [The QBE Foundation | QBE AU](#)

Applications close Wednesday 3 July 2024 at 5pm AEST.

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](#).

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.

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:

20 May 2024 and close at 5.00pm, 1 July 2024

23 August 2024 and close at 5.00pm 7 October 2024.

18 December and close at 5.00pm 3 February 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 \(dit.sa.gov.au\)](https://dit.sa.gov.au)

Refer to the website for closing dates.

Strengthening Rural Communities – Small & Vital

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) 5 September 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 application 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 \(unisa.edu.au\)](#)

Livestock SA - Sheep Industry Projects 2024-25

The South Australian Sheep Industry Fund Board (SIFB) invites expressions of interest for project funding that will benefit the state's sheep meat & wool industries. Projects are to be delivered within the 2024-25 financial year with project funding to be drawn from the SA Sheep Industry Fund.

This funding is suitable for industry development and extension activities, research projects, and farmer groups. Projects demonstrating funding co-contributions and collaborations with other programs or initiatives are encouraged.

For further information visit: [SIF - Apply for Funding | Livestock SA](#)

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. As such Project Notifications must be submitted for notification by 31 March and 30 September.

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.

\$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 [PIRSA regional coordinator or the Office of the Hon Clare Scriven MLC, E: \[Minister.Scriven@sa.gov.au\]\(mailto:Minister.Scriven@sa.gov.au\)](#)

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

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****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

Experience Nature Tourism Fund Grants Round 2

- ❖ Gawler Ranges Wildness Safaris - \$14,400
- ❖ Camel Treks Australia - \$26,480

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.

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