

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.

## ABC Future Fund

The ABC Future Fund is a registered public fund administered by ABC Foundation Ltd and its primary aim is to provide funding to support ABC Foundation's On-Country programs in line with its strategic plan. Funding for small one-off community events will also be made available.

As a Community Partner of ABC Foundation your organisation will have the ability to apply for funding, based on availability, to deliver ABC Foundation's On-Country programs with a focus on either On-Country Education, On-Country Care or On-Country Research and Development.

The ABC Future Fund seeks increase their National regional footprint through embedding our community-led On-Country programs within our partnering organisations, providing an independent funding source to achieve our collective social impact.

Eligible applicants, predominantly Aboriginal organisations with an ABN, can access funding for projects aligned with the Future Fund focus areas, such as On-Country Education, On-Country Care, and On-Country Research and Development. The fund also offers small one-off event grants, providing financial support of up to \$2,500 per applicant for community-centered activities.

For further information, including eligibility criteria visit: [Future Fund | ABC Foundation \(abcau.com.au\)](https://abcau.com.au).

*Applications close Friday, 18 October 2024.*

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## Foundation SA – 2024/25 Neighbourhood Grants

The Foundation SA Neighbourhood Grants offer non-profit organisations, up to \$5,000 to support acts of community connection that strengthen the bonds of neighbourhoods, led by people in their own communities.

For further information visit: [Communities across SA awarded Neighbourhood Grants to build community connection - Foundation South Australia \(foundationsa.org.au\)](https://foundationsa.org.au)

*Applications close 23 October 2024.*

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## Thriving Communities Program

The Thriving Communities Program consists of small grants for projects that built social capital through facilitating:

- community group participation
- a sense of belonging
- equity of access.

Projects that meet the aims of the program may include:

- physical infrastructure – new and expanded
- plant and equipment
- events to enhance community wellbeing and engagement, including promotional expenses capped at 10% of the grant
- training such as first aid, mental health first aid, child safe, cultural awareness and inclusion.

The grants support projects that can be completed within 12 months.

The Thriving Communities Program is non-competitive which means each application is assessed as it is submitted. Grants are amounts of \$20,000 up to \$50,000 and the total funding available for all grants in 2022–2023 was \$600,000.

For further information visit: [Thriving Communities Program - PIRSA](#)

*Applications close 5.00pm, 24 October 2024 or when the funding is fully allocated.*

## Australian Heritage Grants 2024-25

The Australian Heritage Grants 2024-25 is round 7 of the Australian Heritage Grants Program and will run over the 2024-25 to 2026-27 financial years. The grant was announced as part of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water's Portfolio Budget Statement Outcome 2, which aims to:

- conserve, protect and sustainably manage our natural resources including through a nature positive approach
- protect and conserve our natural and cultural heritage
- reduce and regulate the use of pollutants and hazardous substances, and
- take a leadership role on these issues internationally.
- The objectives of the grant opportunity are to:
  - support owners and managers of heritage places, along with community groups, and other non-government entities to protect places recognised for their outstanding historic and natural heritage values to the nation
  - provide funding to strengthen recognition, management, conservation and public engagement of/on places in Australia that are included in the National Heritage List.
- The intended outcomes of the grant opportunity are:
  - conserved and protected places of historic and natural heritage value
  - increased public engagement with National Heritage-listed places.

For further information, including eligibility criteria visit: [Australian Heritage Grants 2024-25 Grant Opportunity | business.gov.au](https://www.business.gov.au)

*Applications close 4.00pm AEST, Friday 25 October 2024.*

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## National Science Week Grants 2025

National Science Week is Australia's major national celebration of the sciences, occurring in August each year. National Science Week will be held from 9 to 17 August 2025 and provides the opportunity for community participation in high profile science engagement activities across the nation.

The objectives of the grant opportunity are to:

- inspire wide community participation in STEM
- provide an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of Australian scientists to the world of knowledge
- encourage an interest in science pursuits among the general public
- encourage younger people to become fascinated by the world we live in
- encourage new and innovative ways of engaging with audiences.

The grant amount will be up to 100 per cent of eligible project expenditure.

- The minimum grant amount is \$2,000.
- The maximum grant amount is \$20,000.

For further information visit: [National Science Week Grants 2025 | business.gov.au](https://www.business.gov.au)

*Applications Close 5.00pm ACST, Monday 28 October 2024.*

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## Long Tan Bursary

Applications are now open to eligible children and grandchildren of Vietnam veterans, who can apply for up to \$12,000 over 3 years to assist with the cost of their education.

Each year 37 bursaries are awarded to successful applicants across Australia. Each bursary is worth up to \$12,000 over 3 years of continuous full-time study.

The Long Tan Bursary scheme is named after the Battle of Long Tan, the best-known battle fought by Australians during the Vietnam War.

For further information visit: [Long Tan Bursary | Department of Veterans' Affairs \(dva.gov.au\)](https://www.dva.gov.au)

*Applications close Thursday, 31 October 2024.*



## Local Sporting Champion Round 2

The Local Sporting Champions program provides financial assistance for coaches, officials and competitors aged 12-18 participating in state, national or international championships.



If successful, applicants will receive \$500-\$750 towards the cost of attending their championships.

- Base Grant: \$500
- Applicants travelling 800km - 1999km to their nominated championships: + \$100
- Applicants travelling internationally or greater than 2000km to their nominated championships: + \$200
- Applicants residing in a rural electorate: + \$50

For further information visit: [Local Sporting Champions | Australian Sports Commission \(sportaus.gov.au\)](https://sportaus.gov.au)

*Applications close Thursday, 31 October 2024.*

## Ski For Life Grants – Mental Health Awareness

Ski for Life grant funding is available for projects/programs that use conversation and community engagement to raise awareness of strategies that support good mental health, wellbeing, and suicide prevention.

For further information visit: [Grants | Ski For Life](#)



*Grant round applications dates: Round 3 closes, 31st October 2024. Round 4 applications open 1 November 2024 and close 31 January 2025.*

## Connellan Airways Trust Grant

Connellan Airways grants can be used to fund a diverse range of activities. Specific projects, travel costs, education and skill building, technology (communications), community experiences, and an array of other possibilities that align with the vision of the 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.*

## South Australia Suicide Prevention Community Grants

The grant aims to prevent suicide in South Australia by building compassionate, safe and resilient communities through skill building, education and training.



A total pool of \$180,000 grant funding is available to support sporting clubs, community volunteer groups and Suicide Prevention Networks for suicide prevention training or mental health education programs. Grant applications may be for the recipient group to attend a training or program, or for the recipient to host a session for the local community.

Grants of up to \$6,000 are available for eligible organisations for programs listed in Suicide Prevention Australia's national [Suicide Prevention Accreditation Directory](#) or training endorsed by your sport's peak or governing body.

For further information visit: [South Australian Suicide Prevention Community Grants • Preventive Health SA](#)

*Applications close 5.00pm Friday 15 November 2024.*

## Native Vegetation Council – Restoration Grants 2024-2026

Restoration grants are for long term (5 - 10 year) projects that will provide a significant benefit to native vegetation by improving condition and increasing protection through a new Heritage Agreement. As such, these grants are not available for areas that are already protected e.g. by Heritage Agreement.

The first round (26 August to 15 November 2024) is available to landowners in (but not limited to) SA Arid Land Landscapes SA region.

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

*Applications close 15 November 2024.*

## Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program (CRSFP)

The Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program assists eligible organisations to develop infrastructure that directly addresses demonstrated need and supports participation through the rational development of good quality projects.

To be eligible for CRSFP funding and organisation must be:

- Be a not-for-profit sport club, association or sports facility manager incorporated under the *Associations Incorporations Act 1985 (SA)*, or hold a comparable legal status; or
  - Be a local council; or
  - Be a school council/board of management; and
  - Have been operating for 12 months or longer.
- \* If the applicant is a school council/board of management, the applicant must provide evidence of an executed license or user agreement (minimum of 5 years) with a club or association that provides access to the facility outside of school hours.

For further information visit: [Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program | Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing \(orsr.sa.gov.au\)](https://orsr.sa.gov.au)

**Applications close Midday, Wednesday 27 November 2024**

## The Power of Her – Infrastructure and Participation Program (IPP)

The IPP builds on and deepens the legacy of the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup by providing funding for dedicated facilities, improvements to facilities, equipment and programs for girls' and women's sport in South Australia.

Successful projects will foster and enhance the participation of female athletes in sport by addressing key challenges and barriers to female participation.

Eligible applicants may submit application for multiple streams:

- Infrastructure Stream
- Program and Equipment Stream

Eligible applicants may request a maximum of \$25,000. All program and equipment stream projects will be required to contribute a minimum of 50% in funding towards the project. This may be in the form of either confirmed cash or in-kind contribution (eg, volunteer labour, project administration, partner contribution, facility hire)

To be eligible for the infrastructure stream, organisations must:

- Be a not-for-profit sport club, sport organisation or sports facility manager incorporated under the *Associations Incorporations Act 1985 (SA)*, or hold a comparable legal status; or
- Be a local council; or
- Be a school council/board of management; (refer to the conditions) and
- Have been operating for 12 months or longer; and
- Have a minimum of two current female sports team/s or programs/s; and
- Have completed the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing's Club Culture Assessment Tool prior to the grant closing date

For further information visit: [The Power of Her - Infrastructure and Participation Program | Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing \(orsr.sa.gov.au\)](https://orsr.sa.gov.au)

**Applications close Midday, Wednesday 27 November 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](#)

*Applications close at 5.00pm (ACDT) on Friday 29 November 2024, or when funding is exhausted (whichever occurs sooner).*

### Economic Recovery Fund (ERF)

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 enhance your energy usage and cost. Grants will range from \$2,500 up to \$50,000 in matched contribution.

The Program supports eligible small businesses and not-for-profits to invest in energy efficient equipment or improvements to reduce and manage energy use and costs. The support may aid businesses to:

- adopt more energy efficient practices
- provide environmentally friendly products and services
- avoid and reduce waste
- adopt new technologies and processes.



The Program is administered by the Office for Small and Family Business (the 'OSFB') within the Department of State Development (the 'Department'), on behalf of the Treasurer.

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

*Applications close Friday, 29 November 2024.*

### 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](#)



*Applications close Thursday, 5 December 2024.*

### ANZAC Day Commemoration Fund

Under the ANZAC Day Commemoration Act 2005, funding may only be applied to specific purposes. Grants from the Fund in 2024-2025 can be used for:

- projects conducted by an organisation established for the purpose of helping or supporting, or having a membership consisting of or including veterans or the spouses, domestic partners, children or other dependants of veterans (such as an ex-service organisation),
- projects with the purpose of educating the community about the significance of Australia's military history,
- projects with the purpose of conducting services to commemorate Australia's military history.

For further information visit: [Anzac Day Commemoration Fund – Veterans SA](#)

*Applications close at 5.00pm ACDT, 31 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.**

## 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 with various closing dates:

1. Development
2. Projects
3. Major Projects

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.*

## 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.*

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### **Veterans SA Capacity Building Grant Fund**

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

Examples of eligible projects include:

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

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

*Applications close Saturday, 31 May 2025.*

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### **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.*

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### **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 5.00pm (ACST) 30 June 2025.*

### 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.*

### 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.*

## 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 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.*

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## 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.*

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## 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.

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

- teacher support
- educator support
- aboriginal pathways

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

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## \$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](#)

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## 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](#)

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## 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](http://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](#)

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### 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. Contact your local [Principal Regional Advisors - PIRSA](#)

For further information visit: [Thriving Regions Fund - PIRSA](#)

The Office of the Hon Clare Scriven MLC: E: [Minister.Scriven@sa.gov.au](mailto:Minister.Scriven@sa.gov.au)

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### 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](mailto:Minister.Scriven@sa.gov.au)

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### 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](https://energy.gov.au)

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## 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](https://business.gov.au)

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## 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](https://business.gov.au)

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*Applications are ongoing.*

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## 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](https://www.difis.gov.au)

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## Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) - Grants and Funding

DIT grants support individuals or organisation to deliver activities in infrastructure and transport services.

1. SA Car Club Program
2. Regional Aviation Funding

3. State Bike fund
4. Black Spot Fund

For further information, opening and closing dates visit: [Grants and Funding - Department for Infrastructure and Transport - South Australia \(dit.sa.gov.au\)](#)

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

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) can save a life.



Government of South Australia  
Preventive Health SA

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 \(legislation.sa.gov.au\)](#) 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.**

The next round of funding is planned for February 2025.

For further information visit: [Automated External Defibrillators \(AEDs\) | SA Health](#)



## 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**

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**Veterans SA**

[Grants Programs – Veterans SA](#)

**Department of Veterans' Affairs**

[Community Grants Hub](#)

## SUCCESSFUL GRANTS

### **FRRR – Tackling Tough Times Together**

- ❖ Beltana Progress Association Historic Hall refurbishment \$12,995

Photo: Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal



### **FRRR Community Impact Program**

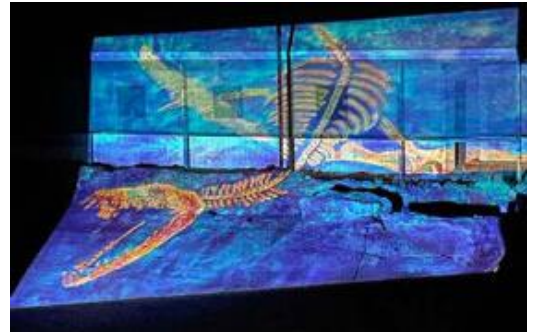
- ❖ ICPA Marla Oodnadatta Branch \$5,000



Photo: Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal

### **Foundation SA 2023/24 Neighbourhood Grants**

- ❖ Open Space Contemporary Arts — Opal Evolution  
Opal Evolution is a new community art and culture initiative in regional South Australia that aims to bring new vitality to the community of Andamooka through the creation of an annual multi-arts light, projection, street parade and music festival



### **Strengthening Our Culture Community Grants**

- ❖ Arabana Aboriginal Corporation (AAC) facilitate a Language Camp on Country each year, this project will complement the 2023 camp bringing Arabana families together at Finnis Springs station, on Arabana Country

### **PRISA Thriving Communities Program**

- ❖ South Australian Isolated Children's Parents Association (SAICPA) - \$30,209
  - Engage a facilitator to work with members on future direction, priorities and governance

### **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

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](mailto: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, which will provide positive changes in communities for a better living experience.

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