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RDA Yorke and Mid North produce a regular update on grant opportunities available to business, community and sporting groups, and local government through the Yorke and Mid North region to help connect stakeholders with opportunities for funding their projects.

This newsletter is updated at least monthly to provide stakeholders with a current view of grant opportunities available. The information contained herein is accurate at the time of publication and provides a relevant rather than exhaustive list of grants available at the time.

Grant Writing Workshops

Grant Writing workshops are held for community groups to provide skills to find, apply and write a successful grant as well as tips and tricks on what to do (and not do).

The following workshops are planned for July and August. Please refer to our website for future upcoming workshops - [Grant Writing Workshops - Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North](#).

Date / Time	Location	Bookings
20 th July - 1pm-3pm	Peterborough Steamtown theatrette	https://www.trybooking.com/DNQBK
23 rd July - 10am to 12pm	Wallaroo Town Hall Supper Room	https://www.trybooking.com/DNLJA
12 th August - 5:30-7:30pm	Crystal Brook RSL	https://www.trybooking.com/DNQBL

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ECONOMIC

Algal Bloom Small Business Support Grant

See also *Algal Bloom Fisheries and Aquaculture Assistance Grant*

Agency: Government of South Australia – Office of Small and Family Business

Closing: 31 July 2026

Eligibility: Following business types affected by Algal Bloom:

- marine or coastal tourism operator* (excluding general accommodation, hospitality and food services);
- charter boat and fishing charter operator;
- marine-based sport and/or school (e.g. surf school);
- marine and fishing supply chain manufacturer or retailer (e.g. tackle shops, marine equipment suppliers); or
- marine or coastal caravan parks, camping grounds and other accommodation providers (excluding short-term private/holiday rental providers e.g. private properties rented through real estate agents or booking sites such as Airbnb or Stayz)*; or
- beachfront kiosk/cafés*.

() Must be listed on the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse as at the date of application. A business or not-for-profit with an ATDW listing created after lodging an application will not be eligible.*

Grants are available to support Small Businesses and Not-for-Profit Organisations that can demonstrate, as a direct result of the Algal Bloom event, a decline in business turnover of thirty percent or more in any consecutive three month period from 1 April 2025 to 28 February 2026 (the 'impact period'), compared to the corresponding three month period in the year prior (the 'comparative period')

Eligible small businesses can apply for an initial payment of \$10,000 if they have experienced a 30 per cent or greater decline in business turnover over a three-month period between 1 April 2025 and 30 June 2026.

A second and third \$20,000 payment may also be available if you can demonstrate a decline in turnover over additional separate three-month periods.

In total, eligible businesses may receive up to \$50,000 in assistance

Link for information [here](#)

Please note that RDA Yorke and Mid North can assist individual businesses with filling in the application if needed.

Global Sisters – My Big Idea Scholarship

Agency: Global Sisters

Closing: November 2026

Eligibility: Women run business

Ten Big Idea Scholarships — one awarded each month from February to November.

These Scholarships are designed for women who have a BIG IDEA and need seed funding to develop, test, or validate it.

Each Big Idea Scholarship includes:

- An untied \$10,000 grant to use in any way that helps bring your idea to life
- A financial strategy session with a Financial Pathways team to help you make the most of your seed funding
- Tailored, hands-on support to help you move toward growth, investment, or finance readiness
- Connections to partners, networks, and opportunities across the Global Sisters ecosystem

At the end of 2026, all Scholars will have the opportunity to showcase their BIG IDEAS to the funders and corporate partners — opening doors to further support, investment, and visibility.

Link for information [here](#)

CSIRO Kick Start – Research and Development

Agency: Australian Government - CSIRO

Closing: Ongoing

Eligibility:

- Be an operating business with an Australian Company Number (ACN) or Indigenous Corporation Number (ICN).
- Be a non-tax-exempt company that is registered for GST.
- Less than \$10M in turnover or operating expenditure or less than 3 years trading

Projects will be developed between the company and the relevant CSIRO researcher(s).

Eligible projects must include one of the following activities:

- Research into a new idea or discovery with commercial potential
- Development of a novel or improved product or process
- Testing of a novel product, developed by the company, to inform research and development activities.
- Be delivered by CSIRO business units and/or facilities.
- Be less than 1 year in length

Matched funding to access two CSIRO vouchers between \$10K- \$50K each

Link for information [here](#)

Industry Growth Program - **PAUSED**

Agency: Australian Government- Business

Closing: Ongoing

Eligibility: Innovative small and medium enterprises undertaking commercialisation and/or growth projects within the National Reconstruction Fund (NRF) priority areas:

- value-add in resources
- value-add in agriculture, forestry and fisheries
- transport
- medical science
- renewables and low emissions technologies
- defence capability
- enabling capabilities.

The program supports innovative small and medium enterprises undertaking commercialisation and/or growth projects within the National Reconstruction Fund priority areas through advisory services and opportunities for matched grant funding. Minor changes or improvements to existing products or services are not considered innovative.

The successful applicants will be connected to an Industry Growth Program Adviser who will provide tailored advice to support commercialisation and/or growth project.

Link for information [here](#)

Rural Support Grant SA – Small Business

Agency: Government of South Australia - Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA)

Closing: Ongoing

Eligibility: SA primary producers and rural small businesses experiencing significant financial hardship.

Funding of up to \$1500 available in conjunction with financial counselling through Rural Business Support (RBS). The grant helps cover essential costs such as utilities, council rates, groceries, medical bills, or other items identified by the financial counsellor and the individual as part of their recovery planning.

Priority is given to those impacted by drought, algal bloom, market disruptions (such as in the wine grape industry), biosecurity incursions, and family-run rural small businesses concerned about their financial future.

Link for information [here](#)

PRIMARY PRODUCTION

Farm Business Transition – Round 2

Agency: Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Closing: 15 July 2026

Eligibility: To be eligible you must be one of the following entity types:

- Company
- Cooperative
- Incorporated Association
- Indigenous Corporation
- Partnership. Individuals who are not GST registered may apply on behalf of a GST registered partnership. The Partnership agreement must be provided.
- Person
- Sole Trader

If you are applying as a Trustee on behalf of a Trust, the Trustee must be one of the eligible entity type as listed above.

The Australian Government is inviting sheep producers to apply for Round 2 of the open competitive Farm Business Transition Program (the program).

Grant funding may be used for a range of activities, including planning, professional and technical advice, application of research and development innovations extension activities, and investment in on-farm infrastructure and improvements. These activities are intended to support the adoption of alternative farming systems and practices.

Grant funding of up to \$75,000 (GST exclusive) over both rounds, per eligible applicant is available.

Link for information [here](#).

Algal Bloom Fisheries and Aquaculture Assistance Grant

See also Algal Bloom Small Business Support Grant in Economic section of this Bulletin

Agency: Government of South Australia – Office of Small and Family Business

Closing: 31 July 2026

Eligibility: Commercial fisheries and aquaculture enterprises

The Algal Bloom Fisheries and Aquaculture Assistance Grant offers payments of up to \$100,000 to support commercial fisheries and aquaculture licence holders significantly impacted by the algal bloom.

This funding may be used to meet fixed costs and overheads - including utilities, rent, finance and interest payments.

Additional grants are now available

From 15 October 2025, if your business previously received this grant under the initial \$28 million support package, you can now apply for a second grant of up to \$100,000 if you can demonstrate a further three months decline in turnover or catch.

Eligible businesses can also receive up to \$25,000 in additional funding to support employee wages, meaning the hardest hit businesses may now be entitled to up to \$225,000 in total grants.

There are three ways you can demonstrate business impact for the purposes of this grant:

- having fishing licence fees waived by the Department of Primary Industries and Regions; or
- a 30 per cent or more decline in catch or harvest; or
- being subject to government harvesting area restrictions or closures (due to elevated levels of brevetoxin).

Link for information [here](#).

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ENVIRONMENTAL

Healthy Cities Landcare Grant - NEW

Agency: Landcare Australia

Closing: 13 July 2026

Eligibility:

- Landcare groups and networks and other community-led environmental groups
- Local government.
- NRM organisations or not for profits – including those operating nationally.
- Traditional Owners and First Nations organisations.
- State and Territory Landcare Organisations.

Projects must plant native species that will improve the extent, condition and connectivity of native vegetation in urban and peri-urban areas.

Grant recipients should engage local community volunteers, which can include Scouts/Guides, schools, and other community groups, to help deliver the on-ground revegetation activities.

Grant applications should be for a minimum of \$5,000 to a maximum of \$25,000

Link for information [here](#)

Trees for Bees – Community Tree Grants

Agency: Wheen Bee Foundation

Closing: 20 July 2026

Eligibility:

- community groups and organisations
- schools and other educational facilities
- sporting clubs, gardening clubs, Landcare groups and not-for-profits.

Grants of up to \$500 are available to eligible groups to support the cost of planting native trees and shrubs for bees.

Grants will be assessed on their merits based on the following criteria:

- Pollinator Impact: How the planting will benefit bees and other pollinators
- Area covered: The size of the planting and the details of the area (was it previously an unused site, does it extend existing pollinator-friendly garden)
- Community reach: How many people are involved in the planting, how many people will learn more about the importance of planting for pollinators as a result of the grant.

Link for information [here](#)

WIRES' National Grants Program (NGP) - NEW

Agency: Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Services (WIRES)

Closing: 3 August 2026

Eligibility:

- Tier 1: Individually Licensed Wildlife Rescuers and Carers (maximum \$1,000)
- Tier 2: Licensed Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Organisations (maximum \$5,000)
- Tier 3: Environmental NGOs and Community Groups (maximum \$10,000)
- Tier 4: Consortia/Multi-partner Collaborations (maximum \$20,000)

WIRES' National Grants Program is designed to support best practice wildlife rescue and rehabilitation, an increase in emergency preparedness for wildlife, and native species recovery projects, to improve long-term outcomes in Australia.

Program Objectives

- Building capacity and capability for the Australian wildlife rescue and rehabilitation sector,
- Improving emergency preparedness and response capabilities to assist wildlife,
- Preserving species and their habitat through projects leading to long term positive outcomes for native wildlife,
- Raising community awareness and inspiring broader community involvement in supporting Australian wildlife rescue, rehabilitation and preservation.

Link for information [here](#)

COMMUNITY

ANZ Seeds of Renewal - NEW

Agency: Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal (FRRR)

Closing: 30 July 2026

Eligibility: To apply you must meet the following criteria:

- Not-for-profit organisations with or without DGR-1 endorsement are eligible;
- Project must be for charitable purposes and offer clear public benefit;
- Organisations can submit one application per grant round;
- Projects must benefit communities in remote, rural or regional Australia.

The program focuses specifically on helping to build vibrant and sustainable rural communities (preference for small communities less than 15,000) and ensure the ongoing prosperity of regional Australia.

ANZ commits \$250,000 which is distributed through grants of up to \$15,000 to community organisations for projects that will help their community thrive.

Grantseeker Workshop – 6 July 2026, 11: 30am to 12:30pmACST

This workshop will present details of the ANZ Seeds of Renewal grant program, including discussions on the type of projects that meet the grant criteria and any priority areas. – Register [here](#).

Link for information [here](#)

Nutrien Community Grants Program - NEW

Agency: Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal (FRRR)

Closing: 6 August 2026

Eligibility:

- Applicant organisations must not have received a grant through Round 4 of the Nutrien Ag Solutions Community Grants program in 2024;
- Applicant organisations must be a **not-for-profit organisation** with either an **Incorporation Certificate and/or an ABN**.
- Project must be for charitable purposes and offer clear public benefit;
- Organisations can submit one application per grant round;
- Projects must benefit communities in remote, rural or regional Australia and applications should reflect the local community's connection to agriculture, and its people and place.

Nutrien Ag Solutions is partnering with FRRR to invest across Australia in charitable projects that will contribute to the success, vibrancy and wellbeing of remote, rural and regional communities.

Total funding pool of \$250,000 is available to support grants up to \$5,000 for not-for-profit or incorporated organisations in rural and regional Australia.

Grantseeker Workshop –14 July 2026, 12-1pm ACST

This workshop will present details of the Nutrien Community Grant program, including discussions on the type of projects that meet the grant criteria and any priority areas. You will receive practical grant writing tips and an opportunity to ask questions. – Register [here](#).

Link for information [here](#)

Modernised Multicultural Grants Program: Infrastructure for Multicultural Communities

Agency: Department of Home Affairs

Closing: Batch 2: 12 November 2026

Eligibility: To be eligible you must be:

- a not-for-profit organisation
- a legal entity with the capacity to enter into a legally binding grant agreement with the Commonwealth; and
- one of the following entity types:
 - Company
 - Cooperative
 - Incorporated Association
 - Indigenous Corporation
 - Statutory Entity.

The grant opportunity is comprised of 2 funding opportunities, called batches. You can apply for funding in one batch.

- Batch 2 opens on 18 May 2026 and closes on 12 November 2026.

The following groups and projects will be prioritised for funding:

- new and emerging multicultural communities.
- projects focussed on achieving positive outcomes for multicultural women, multicultural LGBTIQ+ community members, and multicultural people with a disability.

Co-contributions are required towards the value of your project and the minimum amount of co funding is determined by whether you are applying as a priority group/project or other.

The objectives of the grant opportunity are to:

- deliver physical infrastructure to support multicultural communities connect and commune in a designated physical environment
- provide co-funding to deliver community-focussed infrastructure and amenities
- provide infrastructure and amenities that benefit the wider multicultural community by improving equity and social inclusion.

Link for information [here](#)

Petstock Foundation Grant Program

Agency: Petstock

Closing: Ongoing

Eligibility: Direct Gift Recipient (Charity)

- Assist abused, abandoned and neglected pets through rescue, rehabilitation and/or rehoming initiatives.
- Support those who require assistance within our communities through companion animal projects and disaster assistance.
- Raise awareness about rescue pets, animal health and the impact of animals on human happiness and health.

Link for information [here](#)

Community Sponsorship Fund - Whyte Yarcowie Wind Farm

Agency: Wind Prospect

Closing: Ongoing

Eligibility:

- Community-serving, incorporated not-for-profit organisation
- Geographic proximity to the project

While most of the benefit sharing programs will not commence until the wind farm has been approved, the annual Community Sponsorship Fund is in operation and applications are welcome. The fund provides an annual fund of \$10,000 per year to assist community groups and organisations that operate in the vicinity of the proposed wind farm to improve their services, programs, initiatives and/or facilities.

- Fund of \$10,000 per calendar year
- Initially, funding totalling \$2,500 will be granted each quarter (to a total of \$10,000 per calendar year)
- Grants greater than \$2,500 may be awarded, at the discretion of Wind Prospect.

Link for information [here](#)

ABC Future Fund

Agency: ABC Foundation Ltd

Closing: Ongoing

Eligibility: Aboriginal organisations with an ABN from remote and regional areas.

Funding is available for projects aligned with the Future Fund focus areas, such as On-Country Education, On-Country Care, and On-Country Research & Development.

The fund also offers small one-off event grants of up to \$2,500 per applicant for community-centred activities.

Link for information [here](#)

Inclusive Neighbourhoods

Agency: Julia Farr McLeod Benevolent Fund

Closing: Ongoing

Eligibility: Social purpose organisations (including not-for-profits, social enterprises, universities and governments) who demonstrate an existing commitment to inclusion through engagement of people with disability in recognised roles in governance and/or workforce.

This grant funds initiatives by organisations that develop policy or practice relating to the inclusion of people living with disability.

Grants can be used for

- Salaries and on costs
- Costs of setting up your project, such as recruitment and training
- General operating costs directly related to the project
- Organisation overheads related to the project
- Honoraria/gifts for people participating in the program, for example in governance, codesign, or advisory groups
- Event costs
- Marketing costs
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Capital costs to support project delivery (e.g. laptops etc, rather than fixed assets)

Amount: Grants range in size between \$8,000 and \$230,000. Multi-year grants can be made available, up to a maximum of three years.

Link for information [here](#)

SPORTS AND LEISURE

Telstra Footy Grants

Agency: Telstra

Closing: Round 4: 23 July 2026

Eligibility: All Community Football Clubs affiliated to the AFL can apply.

Eligible projects up to \$20,000 are available and are listed in the guidelines for:

Grow and assist volunteer capacity

- Training courses
- Items to ease the workload on volunteers:
- Items required to modify ovals for junior football or NINES competitions
- Other initiatives recommended by State AFL body to grow and assist volunteer capacity

Grow and Diversify Participation

- Start-up costs associated with the establishment of new or amalgamated clubs
- New girls teams in age groups up to under 12's

- Grants of up to \$500 per participant are available to promote increased participation among diverse communities
- Indigenous or Pride themed items
- Other initiatives recommended by State AFL body to grow and diversify participation

Improve Environments and Experiences

- Short-term financial support to distressed clubs ie where a natural disaster may have impacted on the club's ability to operate
- Safety Lighting and/or surveillance/security cameras to monitor matchday environment on and off field
- Other initiatives recommended by State AFL body that improve environments and experiences

Link for information [here](#)

Game On: Teaming up for Climate Action

Agency: Australian Government - Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

Opening: 1 July 2026

Closing: 28 July 2026

Eligibility: individual community sports club or a lead organisation of a small or large consortium arrangement

Each individual community sports club can apply for grant funding for a minimum \$25,000.00 to a maximum \$100,000.00 of eligible expenditure.

Each lead organisation of a consortium arrangement can apply for grant funding for a minimum \$25,000.00 to a maximum \$100,000.00 of eligible expenditure per consortium member.

The program will provide support for up to 500 community sports clubs, helping them upgrade their facilities to be more climate resilient and energy efficient.

Clubs may be eligible to access funding for projects that:

- upgrade facilities with energy efficient technologies like battery storage
- improve their shade and drainage systems
- enhance their resilience to extreme weather events

By making these upgrades, clubs can reduce their operating costs and reinvest savings into equipment and programs for grassroots sports.

Final Grant Opportunity Guidelines and other supporting documents will be published on [GrantConnect](#) when the grant opportunity is open for applications.

AFL Breaking New Ground

Agency: AFL

Opening: Ongoing

Eligibility:

- Schools
- Local governments,
- Developers,
- Community
- Australian football clubs

The objectives of the program are to:

- Develop increased supply through the construction of new ovals, especially in growing communities.
- Increase the AFL facility network in areas of need, by maximising the carrying capacity and accessibility of new places to play and the quality/functionality of supporting infrastructure.
- Provide inclusive and accessible facilities that cater for the diversity of participants, particularly females, who wish to participate in the game.
- Enable planning and project partnerships to form with a range of government and non-government bodies to result in an improved quantity, quality and welcoming venue network for Australian football.

Funding Available: Up to \$50,000 for planning and up to \$200,000 for project delivery.

Link for information [here](#)

Roger Rasheed Sports Foundation

Agency: Roger Rasheed Foundation

Closing: Ongoing

Eligibility: Disadvantaged communities

The Roger Rasheed Sports Foundation is a not-for-profit charity that provides sports facilities and opportunities for extreme disadvantaged communities across Australia. The Foundation wants to ensure that children, regardless of background or circumstance, have the opportunity to enjoy all that sport has to offer.

Link for information [here](#)

HEALTH AND WELL BEING

2026 Australia Post Community Grants

Agency: Australia Post

Closing: 6 July 2026

Eligibility: Incorporated not-for-profit organisation

Grants up to \$10,000 to support disaster-impacted communities across Australia.

The funding will support projects that enhance mental wellbeing by fostering connection and building resilience within communities recovering from a natural disaster or major storm event.

Link for information [here](#)

Ski for Life

Agency: Ski for Life

Closing: 31 July 2026

Eligibility: Project programs much impact directly on communities throughout regional, rural and/or remote Australia.

- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN) or a recognised relationship with a legal entity (i.e., organisation or company with an ABN), to ensure the project will be appropriately managed.
- Be able to complete the project within 12 months from the receipt of funding.
- Not have started the project, funding will not be provided retrospectively.

Helps communities, groups and individuals undertake projects which raise awareness and promote mental health, wellbeing and suicide prevention.

Grants are accessed in multiple rounds each year:

Grant Round	Open	Closes	Distribution
Round 1	1 st Feb	30 th April	31 st May
Round 2	1 st May	31 st July	31 st August
Round 3	1 st August	31 st October	30 th November
Round 4	1 st November	31 st January	28 th February

Link for information [here](#)

Australian Lions Wellbeing Grants

Agency: Australian Lions Wellbeing Foundation

Closing: Ongoing.

Eligibility:

- Schools,
- Lions Clubs
- Community groups

Projects which help to increase the wellbeing of your community in your local area and are conducted in an alcohol and drug-free space will be considered. These projects can target any age group.

Some project suggestions are:

- Youth-friendly social events
- Environmentally conscious activities (recycling, re-use)
- Community gardens, art activities or workshops
- Sponsorship of charitable / awareness raising events (e.g., “a-thons”)
- An event / activity that supports Lions International Mental Health and Wellbeing service initiative

Maximum grant of \$1,000.

Link for information [here](#)

VETERANS

Saluting their Service Commemorative Grants Program

Agency: Department of Veterans’ Affairs

Closing: 21 January 2027

Eligibility: Must be one of the following entity types:

- Company
- Cooperative
- Corporate State or Territory Entity
- Incorporated Association
- Indigenous Corporation
- Local Government
- Non-corporate State or Territory Entity
- Non-corporate State or Territory Statutory Authority
- Partnerships
- Person
- Sole Trader
- Statutory Entity
- Unincorporated Association – only for Community Grants (up to \$10,000).

Community Grants

Grants up to \$10,000 are available for projects and activities that:

- are focused on the local community
- commemorate the service and sacrifice of local community members
- are primarily accessed by the local community.

Major Grants

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 broader regional perspective. These projects may include the construction of new war or peace memorials where none currently exist, as well as additions to existing memorials.

Link for information [here](#)

COUNCILS

Port Pirie Regional Council - Community Assistance Fund

Agency: Port Pirie Regional Council

Opening: July 2026

Eligibility:

- Not-for-profit community group or organisation
- Un-incorporated applicants may apply under the auspice of another incorporated organisation
- Operate within the Council area or be auspicing an activity that will take place within the Council area.

The purpose of the fund is to encourage and support community initiatives that respond to local needs, enhance community well-being and quality of life and are of benefit to our residents.

It is aimed at providing non-for-profit organisations, community and sporting groups based in the Council area with the opportunity to obtain funds for projects or events which cannot easily be obtained from other sources.

Grant funding of up to a maximum of \$4,000 is available for financial and/or in-kind assistance per application, per organisation, per year.

Funding is offered 4 times a year. Applicants may submit one application per funding round.

Link for information [here](#)

Wakefield Regional Council - Event Sponsorship Grants Program

Agency: Wakefield Regional Council

Closing: Ongoing until budget is expended

Eligibility: Wakefield-based not-for-profit organisations that provide benefit to the Wakefield community.

Wakefield Regional Council's Community Grants Program aims to provide financial support connect people in the region and support delivery of the Wakefield 2030 Community Plan and vision:

Examples:

- Major street activation events
- Town hall productions
- Festivals (non-exclusive) Events that celebrate the region's culture, history and arts
- Events to promote community pride
- Art exhibitions and Museum events
- Come and try events
- Community markets

Up to \$500 for minor events. Up to \$2,000 for major events.

Link for information [here](#)

DISCLAIMER

This list is not exhaustive. It contains a number of currently open programs that our regional businesses, organisations and stakeholder groups tend to apply for. If you are seeking funding, please get in touch if we can be of any assistance and remember to always refer to the funding program guidelines.