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RDA Yorke and Mid North produces 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 bulletin 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.

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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

10 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 - NEW

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](#).

Future Drought Front (FDF) Communities – Regional Drought Resilience Plan (RDRP) Social Outcome Grant

Agency: Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal

Closing: 30 June 2026

Eligibility: Not-for-profit organisation

Projects must benefit communities in remote, rural, or regional Australia that are agriculture-dependent. The list of eligible regions can be found [here](#)

- Projects are considered eligible if they are either identified in an eligible RDRP as a project that will enable increased social resilience or align with a social resilience theme in the RDRP;
- If the RDRP identifies a Lead Agency to deliver a social resilience project, then the applicant must be that Lead Agency or provide a letter of endorsement from the Lead Agency;

- Organisations that participated in the development of the Regional Drought Resilience Plan will be prioritised

Organisations can submit one application per grant round, in either the RDRP Social Outcome Grants or Small Network Grants streams (organisations cannot apply to both streams within the same funding Round)

Projects may include:

- **Networks:** Initiatives to strengthen the capacity, capability and collaboration of professional, social or community networks and/or locally based not-for-profit organisations.
- **Community Events:** Field days, conferences, forums, summits and seminars that facilitate professional, social and community connection to build understanding of drought and climate change associated risks.
- **Training:** Initiatives to improve skills, knowledge and capacity in community risk management, planning and project delivery in relation to drought.
- **Small Scale Community Infrastructure:** Projects that improve local community meeting places, including purchase of minor equipment, to support increased usage, social connectedness and community wellbeing.
- **Development and Learning:** Initiatives to facilitate professional, personal and leadership related development and learning to support drought preparation.

RDRP Social Outcome Grants will be offered across three rounds. This is round 2 of 3. If funds remain unspent at the end of round 3, then a fourth round may be opened.

Organisations may apply for no more than one request per round.

The minimum request is \$1,000. The maximum request is up to \$100,000

Link for information [here](#)

Future Drought Fund Communities – Small Network Grants

Agency: Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal

Closing: 30 June 2026

Eligibility: Not-for-profit organisation.

Applications are sought from locally based, not-for profit organisations that seek to undertake simple, one-off, or seed-type activities or initiatives that contribute to the stated program outcomes. Local collaboration is encouraged. Projects must benefit communities in remote, rural or regional Australia that are agriculture-dependent.

Projects should deliver the following outcomes with clear linkages to how the project will help the local community in future droughts:

- New, expanded, or diversified community-based networks.
- Improved communication, social connection and collaboration.
- Increased skills, knowledge and understanding of drought.
- Improved access to and use of services, resources, infrastructure and facilities.
- Greater diversity of community members and organisational participation.

- Improved implementation and effectiveness of place-based practices.
- Strengthened individual leadership capacity and capability.

Organisations can submit one application per grant round. Organisations can submit one application per grant round, in either the RDRP Social Outcome Grants or Small Network Grants streams (organisations cannot apply to both streams within the same funding Round)

Small Network Grants will be offered across three rounds. This is round 2 of 3. An indicative funding pool of \$1 million is available in each round for grants up to \$50,000. There is no minimum request amount.

Please review the [list of regions and LGAs](#) that are supported by this program.

Round 3 opens in February 2027 and closes in March 2027 for funding awarded in July 2027.

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](#).

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

Rural Support Grant SA – Primary Production

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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](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL

Trees for Bees – Community Tree Grants - **NEW**

Agency: When 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](#)

Heritage Agreement Incentive Grants 2024-2026

Agency: Native Vegetation Council

Closing: 30 June 2026

Eligibility:

- own land fee simple, dedicated Crown Land or leased Crown Land
- have land that meets the requirements for a Heritage Agreement, refer Heritage Agreement Policy e.g.;

- contains native vegetation that warrants protection, and is
- greater than 3 hectares and supports common species or communities, or
- greater than 1 hectare and contains or provides habitat for rare, threatened or vulnerable species or communities
- propose activities to protect or improve biodiversity on the land
- enter into a Heritage Agreement within 6 weeks of receiving the documentation.
- seek approval under section 22(6)(c) of the Pastoral Act (will be required for any projects on pastoral land).

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.

Link for information [here](#).

COMMUNITY

SA Power Networks Community Grant

Agency: SA Power Networks

Closing: 15 June 2026

Eligibility:

- Not-for-profit organisation,
- Registered charity
- School or community group

Eligible community groups can apply for grants of up to \$5,000 to support initiatives that strengthen human connection and create meaningful social impact across South Australia.

Examples of fundable activities:

- **Improving community gathering spaces** – upgrades to playgrounds, community halls, sporting facilities or outdoor areas that encourage people to gather and spend time together
- **Delivering inclusive events** – workshops, festivals, community BBQs, or other forums which bring groups of people together for meaningful engagement
- **Strengthening volunteering** – projects that recruit and train new volunteers, establish support programs for older or isolated residents, transport or outreach services, and local mentoring network sessions
- **Running connection-focused programs** – vulnerable youth engagement initiatives, intergenerational learning, refugee community connection, mental health or wellbeing peer support groups

Link for information [here](#)

Future Drought Front (FDF) Communities – Regional Drought Resilience Plan (RDRP) Social Outcome Grant

Agency: Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal

Closing: 30 June 2026

Eligibility: Not-for-profit organisation

Projects must benefit communities in remote, rural, or regional Australia that are agriculture-dependent. The list of eligible regions can be found [here](#)

- Projects are considered eligible if they are either identified in an eligible RDRP as a project that will enable increased social resilience or align with a social resilience theme in the RDRP;
- If the RDRP identifies a Lead Agency to deliver a social resilience project, then the applicant must be that Lead Agency or provide a letter of endorsement from the Lead Agency;
- Organisations that participated in the development of the Regional Drought Resilience Plan will be prioritised

Organisations can submit one application per grant round, in either the RDRP Social Outcome Grants or Small Network Grants streams (organisations cannot apply to both streams within the same funding Round)

Projects may include:

- **Networks:** Initiatives to strengthen the capacity, capability and collaboration of professional, social or community networks and/or locally based not-for-profit organisations.
- **Community Events:** Field days, conferences, forums, summits and seminars that facilitate professional, social and community connection to build understanding of drought and climate change associated risks.
- **Training:** Initiatives to improve skills, knowledge and capacity in community risk management, planning and project delivery in relation to drought.
- **Small Scale Community Infrastructure:** Projects that improve local community meeting places, including purchase of minor equipment, to support increased usage, social connectedness and community wellbeing.
- **Development and Learning:** Initiatives to facilitate professional, personal and leadership related development and learning to support drought preparation.

RDRP Social Outcome Grants will be offered across three rounds. This is round 2 of 3. If funds remain unspent at the end of round 3, then a fourth round may be opened.

Organisations may apply for no more than one request per round.

The minimum request is \$1,000. The maximum request is up to \$100,000

Link for information [here](#)

Future Drought Fund Communities – Small Network Grants

Agency: Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal

Closing: 30 June 2026

Eligibility: Not-for-profit organisation.

Applications are sought from locally based, not-for profit organisations that seek to undertake simple, one-off, or seed-type activities or initiatives that contribute to the stated program outcomes. Local collaboration is encouraged. Projects must benefit communities in remote, rural or regional Australia that are agriculture-dependent.

Projects should deliver the following outcomes with clear linkages to how the project will help the local community in future droughts:

- New, expanded, or diversified community-based networks.
- Improved communication, social connection and collaboration.
- Increased skills, knowledge and understanding of drought.
- Improved access to and use of services, resources, infrastructure and facilities.
- Greater diversity of community members and organisational participation.
- Improved implementation and effectiveness of place-based practices.
- Strengthened individual leadership capacity and capability.

Organisations can submit one application per grant round. Organisations can submit one application per grant round, in either the RDRP Social Outcome Grants or Small Network Grants streams (organisations cannot apply to both streams within the same funding Round)

Small Network Grants will be offered across three rounds. This is round 2 of 3. An indicative funding pool of \$1 million is available in each round for grants up to \$50,000. There is no minimum request amount.

Please review the [list of regions and LGAs](#) that are supported by this program.

Round 3 opens in February 2027 and closes in March 2027 for funding awarded in July 2027.

Link for information [here](#)

Strengthening Rural Communities – Small & Vital

Agency: Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal

Closing: 24 June 2026

Eligibility: To apply you must meet the following criteria:

- Organisations must be a not-for-profit organisation with either an Incorporation Certificate and/or an ABN.
- There are three streams of funding available within the Strengthening Rural Communities (SRC) Program: [Small and Vital](#) (including Larger Leverage) and [Prepare and Recover](#). Organisations may submit their application in only one of these streams per SRC grant round, and any other applications in this round will be considered ineligible;
- Project must be for charitable purposes and offer clear public benefit;
- Not-for-profit organisations with or without DGR-1 endorsement are eligible; and
- Projects must benefit communities in remote, rural or regional Australia.

The Strengthening Rural Communities Small and 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.

There are two tiers of Small and Vital funding available: Small 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).

The timeframe to deliver these projects is up to 12 months.

Targeted larger leverage grants up to \$50,000 are available for projects that focus on strengthening the digital skills, confidence and safety of adults enabling them to get online, build social connections, and access services, information, education and employment through training, as well as acquiring the digital and connectivity infrastructure where needed. The timeframe to deliver these projects is up to 18 months.

Link for information [here](#)

Strengthening Rural Communities – Prepare & Recover

Agency: Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal

Closing: 24 June 2026

Eligibility: To apply you must meet the following criteria:

- Organisations must be a not-for-profit organisation with either an Incorporation Certificate and/or an ABN. If you are unsure if your organisation is a registered not-for-profit (e.g. if you are a Co-operative, Other Unincorporated Entity, Public Company or Trust), please contact FRRR;
- There are three streams of funding available within the Strengthening Rural Communities (SRC) Program: [Small and Vital](#) (including Larger Leverage) and [Prepare and Recover](#). Organisations may submit their application in only one of these streams per SRC grant round, and any other applications in this round will be considered ineligible;
- Project must be for charitable purposes and offer clear public benefit;
- Not-for-profit organisations with or without DGR-1 endorsement are eligible; and
- Projects must benefit communities in remote, rural or regional Australia.

The Strengthening Rural Communities Prepare and Recover program supports communities in remote, rural and regional communities across Australia to implement initiatives that prevent and prepare for future climate-related impacts or recover from existing disasters in the medium to long-term timeframe, generally one to ten years after a disaster.

Grants up to \$25,000 are available for a broad range of initiatives.

Link for information [here](#)

2026 Australia Post Community Grants - NEW

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](#)

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

Game On: Teaming up for Climate Action – NEW

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.

Supercheap Auto Club Development Fund

Agency: Supercheap Auto

Closing: Round 1: 22 June 2026, round 2 TBC.

Eligibility:

- Clubs must be affiliated with Motorsport Australia for the current year to be eligible for funding.
- Should a club seek funding for a project to be held in the following calendar year, the club must also be affiliated for that year
- For projects spanning two calendar years, the club must be affiliated for both years
- Applicant clubs must be affiliated on a Sporting Club Plan to apply under Funding Areas 1 and 3
- Clubs that have been successful in obtaining funding in previous rounds of the Supercheap Auto Club Development Fund are eligible to apply.
- Clubs may submit multiple applications per funding round; however, they will only be eligible to receive funding for one project per round.

Funds will be allocated to projects that fit within one of the following four funding areas:

- **Funding Area 1:** Safety and Operational Equipment
- **Funding Area 2:** Volunteer Upskilling and Club Capacity Building
- **Funding Area 3:** Participation and Pilot Programs.

Financial

- Clubs are required to make a financial contribution equal to or greater than the amount requested from the fund
- Funding allocation per project will be up to \$1500 inc GST
- Under funding area 3 permit fees will be waived for programs delivered as a stand-alone event.

Link for information [here](#)

Telstra Footy Grants - **NEW**

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](#)

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

Black Dog Ride – APPLICATIONS TEMPORARILY CLOSED

Agency: Black Dog Ride Australia

Closing: Ongoing.

Eligibility: Non-for-profit organisation or community group

Due to an exceptionally strong response to the opening of our 2026 Community Grants Program, Black Dog Ride has received a high volume of applications in a short period of time.

The Black Dog Ride Australia Community Grants program is focused on supporting initiatives that help people who suffer from mental illness, help prevent suicide, and raise awareness of both mental health and suicide prevention.

Community grants and Train the Trainer grants are available.

Amount between \$1,000 and \$10,000 (including GST)

Link for information [here](#)

Australian Lions Wellbeing Grants

Agency: Australian Lions

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.

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.