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## YORKE AND MID NORTH

# Grants Newsletter

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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 September / October. Please refer to our website for future upcoming workshops - [Grant Writing Workshops - Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North](#).

| Date / Time        | Location   | Bookings                                                                        |
|--------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 20 October | Port Pirie | <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/DQDZY">https://www.trybooking.com/DQDZY</a> |

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## ECONOMIC

### Innovate with NBN - NEW

**Agency:** NBN

**Closing:** 12 October 2026

**Eligibility:** Digital businesses or organisations connected to the NBN network located in regional Australia

Awards are available for one standout business or organisation in each category who can demonstrate:

- making the most of the nbn® network to help enable regional Australians to live, learn and work in a digital society
- challenging the traditional markets in regional Australia
- lifting digital participation and stimulating regional economies
- championing digital adoption for regional and remote communities

\$15,000 available to one standout business or organisation in each category:

- AgTech and Environment
- Arts, Culture & Tourism
- Education
- First Nations Business
- Health and Wellbeing
- Innovation for Productivity
- Women in Regional Business

An award of \$20,000 to the 2026 Innovate with nbn® Champion is also available.

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 (CAN) 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](#)

### 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 \$1,500 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

### Seafood Community Resilience Grants - **NEW**

**Agency:** Stay Afloat Australia

**Closing:** Ongoing

**Eligibility:** be a member of the commercial seafood community or can demonstrate current links to the local community through activities such as supply, community support, healthcare provider

This grant supports events that encourage commercial seafood communities to come together in a supportive setting to raise awareness of mental health and the benefits of overall wellbeing.

Amount: Up to \$2,000.

Link for information [here](#)

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## ENVIRONMENTAL

### 2027 Bob Hawke Landcare Award

**Agency:** Landcare Australia

**Closing:** 31 January 2027

**Eligibility:** To be eligible, nominees must meet the following criteria:

- **Individual nominee:** Australian citizen actively engaged in landcare and sustainable agriculture.
- **Group nominee:** An Australian community-led group including landcare groups, landcare networks, farming system groups.
- **Organisation nominee:** Australian-owned, not-for-profit, non-government entity, demonstrating leadership in natural resource management and sustainable agriculture.
- **Involvement:** Actively participating in landcare activities and sustainable agriculture initiatives.
- **Commitment:** Demonstrated dedication to environmental stewardship and promoting sustainable practices.
- No self-nomination. Nominations can only be made by a third party

The Bob Hawke Landcare Award is a prestigious national award that publicly recognises an individual, group or organisation that has been involved in championing landcare and inspiring others to take action on their property or in their community.

The Bob Hawke Landcare Award recipient will be awarded a grant package to the value of \$30,000 (ex GST) for further development of their knowledge and skills in sustainable land management to enable an even stronger contribution to landcare.

Link for information [here](#)

### Bite-sized Grants

**Agency:** Landscape South Australia Northern and Yorke

**Closing:** Until end April 2027 unless funding is exceeded earlier

**Eligibility:** Incorporated not-for-profit groups including, but not limited to Land, Coast, and Bushcare groups, Friends of groups, farming groups and schools.

Eligible projects will contribute to one or more of the priorities of the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:

- Pest Plant and Animal Control
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Water Management
- Biodiversity

- Communities

A diverse range of activities can be funded which contribute to increasing awareness and positive action by communities in landscape management. This may include purchasing tools, equipment or consumables, hiring contractors, design or printing costs, presenter fees, purchasing native plants, and purchasing safety gear etc

Grants range between \$200 and \$2000

Link for information [here](#)

## PERFORMING ARTS

### Festivals Australia – Round 23 - **NEW**

**Agency:** Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sports and the Arts

**Closing:** 13 October 2026

**Eligibility:**

- Local Government
- Community organisations

The program will fund **one** event out of a festival or a significant one-off community celebration such as a major anniversary, milestone or the opening of a significant new community asset. For example, this may include celebrating a town's history and culture, commemorating a significant local event, or marking an opening of a major community resource.

There is no limit to the amount of funding that may be requested. However, the average funding request is around \$40,000.

Festivals Australia grant funds may be used toward the cost of producing the project including:

- Artist fees and wages, including superannuation
- Travel costs (within Australia only)
- Materials
- Photography/documentation/videography
- Venue hire
- Equipment hire (costs cannot be associated with the festival as a whole)
- Project administrative costs (costs cannot be associated with the festival as a whole)
- Temporary engagement of a project coordinator

Link for information [here](#)

## COMMUNITY

### SA Youth Week Grant 2027 - **NEW**

**Agency:** Government of South Australia – Human Services

**Closing:** 28 October 2026

**Eligibility:**

- Non for profit organisations
- Local Government

Grants to host events and activities during South Australian Youth Week 2027. SAYW 2027 will be held from Friday 16 April to Sunday 25 April 2027. The events should promote, acknowledge, recognise and celebrate the contributions of young people in our communities.

Grants of up to \$2,500 with matching cash or in kind funding

Link for information [here](#)

### Modernised Multicultural Grants Program: Infrastructure for Multicultural Communities

**Agency:** Department of Home Affairs

**Closing: Batch 2:** 12 November 2026

**Eligibility:** Not-for-profit organisation

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.

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.

For Stream 1 – Amenity projects:

- The minimum grant is \$20,000 GST exclusive.
- The maximum grant is \$100,000 GST exclusive.

For Stream 2 – Small to medium infrastructure projects:

- The minimum grant amount is \$100,001 GST exclusive.
- The maximum grant amount is \$500,000 GST exclusive.

For Stream 3 – Larger infrastructure projects:

- The minimum grant amount is \$500,001 GST exclusive.
- The maximum grant amount is \$1.5 million GST exclusive.

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.

Link for information [here](#)

**Expression of Interest: Stronger Communities Programme Round 10 - NEW**

**Agency:** Australian Government - Department of Industry Science and Resources

**Closing:** 31 October 2026

**Eligibility:**

- an incorporated not-for-profit entity
- a non-distributing co-operative
- a company limited by guarantee
- an Australian Indigenous corporation
- a religious organisation incorporated under legislation
- a local governing body
- a Commonwealth, state or territory government agency or entity that is a fire service, rural fire service, country fire authority, state emergency service or similar.
- an incorporated trustee on behalf of a trust with responsibility for a community asset or property.

The programme provides grants for projects that strengthen local communities, improve community infrastructure and encourage greater community participation.

Tom Venning MP, Member for Grey invites eligible organisations to lodge an Expression of Interest to put forward suitable projects for consideration.

Projects identified through that process are then nominated to the Department of Industry, Science and Resources, which assesses eligibility and invites eligible organisations to submit a formal grant application. Final funding decisions are made through the Australian Government grant process. A maximum of 20 organisations will be selected per electorate.

Grants are available from \$2,500 up to \$20,000, for projects with a total cost of no more than \$50,000.

Grant funding will be up to 100% of eligible project costs for all eligible applicants, except for local governing bodies. Grant funding for local governing bodies will be up to 50% of eligible project costs.

Link for information [here](#)

### Dalwood Wylie Foundation Grant - **NEW**

**Agency:** Dalwood Wylie Foundation

**Closing:** Ongoing

**Eligibility:** Deductible Gift Recipients only (Charity Organisation)

Support programs or facilities for disadvantaged groups in the community:

- Provision of care to aged people and the provision of relief of the needs arising as a result of old age.
- Provision of relief to physically disabled people.
- The protection of animals by providing care for animals or preventing cruelty towards animals.
- Provision of assistance to children and youth who are in necessitous circumstances or who are from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Amount: \$10,000 - \$20,000 for a total pool of \$150,000

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

### Active Club Program

**Agency:** Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing

**Closing:** 14 October 2026

**Eligibility:** To be eligible for the ACP, applicants must:

- be a not-for-profit active recreation or sport club or community organisation whose primary purpose is the delivery of active recreation or sport programs and services in South Australia; or
- be a not-for-profit recreational fishing club whose primary purpose is the delivery of recreation programs and services in South Australia; and
- be incorporated under the Associations Incorporations Act 1985 (SA), and
- have a minimum total membership base of 20 members. Total membership can include associate, social and life membership, and
- be operating for 12 months or longer.

The objective of the ACP is to provide funding support to active recreation, sport and recreational fishing clubs to further develop the programs, services and small-scale infrastructure improvements that enhance participation and strengthen club capacity within the South Australian community.

#### Grant amounts

Less than 100 members: \$1,500

100 or more members: \$3,000

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

### Julia Farr Disability Inclusion Grants (Round 1) 2026–2027

**Agency:** Government of South Australia – Department of Human Services

**Closing:** 16 October 2026

**Eligibility:**

- Incorporated non for profit organisations
- Local Government
- Social enterprises

This funding round is designed to support eligible organisations in delivering initiatives that improve the lives of South Australians living with disability. Funding will be prioritised for projects that develop programs, activities, events or other support services that respond to community need, promote participation, accessibility and inclusion and build, develop or strengthen partnerships or collaboration with other community organisations to deliver these initiatives.

Applications that demonstrate how they fill a service gap, particularly in regional and remote areas, will be viewed favourably.

- Tier 1: Up to \$20,000 delivered over 12 months
- Tier 2: Up to \$100,000 delivered over 24 months.

Link for information [here](#)

## Healing Arts South Australia 2027 event and activity grants - **NEW**

**Agency:** Create SA

**Closing:** 18 October 2026

**Eligibility:**

- Eligible individuals
- Community groups and organisations in South Australia
- Local and State Governments

These small grants program provides one-off funding to eligible applicants for activities that align with the themes and outcomes of Healing Arts South Australia.

Both new and existing initiatives are eligible. Projects that are already established may apply for funding to expand, adapt or deepen their impact during Healing Arts South Australia.

Projects must respond to at least one of the following themes:

- The art to growing up safe and happy
- The art to mental health in a changing world
- The art to connection through culture
- The art to ageing well

Projects must take place during the approved activity period of 3–9 May 2027

Grants of between \$2,000 and \$20,000 (ex GST) are available.

Link for information [here](#)

## Ski for Life

**Agency:** Ski for Life

**Closing:** Round 3 - 31 October 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 12months 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 <sup>st</sup> Feb      | 30 <sup>th</sup> April   | 31 <sup>st</sup> May      |
| Round 2     | 1 <sup>st</sup> May      | 31 <sup>st</sup> July    | 31 <sup>st</sup> August   |
| Round 3     | 1 <sup>st</sup> August   | 31 <sup>st</sup> October | 30 <sup>th</sup> November |
| Round 4     | 1 <sup>st</sup> November | 31 <sup>st</sup> January | 28 <sup>th</sup> 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

### Veteran Wellbeing Grants Program **NEW**

**Agency:** Australian Government – Department of Veterans’ Affairs

**Closing:** 10 November 2026

**Eligibility:**

- Ex-service organisations (ESO)
- Non-ESO in consortium with at least one ESO.

**Stream A Small Grants**

Stream A Small Grants of up to \$50,000 per grant are available for local, community-based, small-scale projects and activities. These grants are for practical projects and activities that support safe, accessible environments for veterans and families to enable social connection and positive engagement to improve wellbeing. This includes small-scale non-capital infrastructure projects.

There is no minimum total project value for Stream A and co contributions not required.

### **Stream B Large Grants**

Stream B Large Grants from \$50,001 up to \$200,000 per grant are available for large projects that deliver practical wellbeing support projects and activities of broad-scale benefit to veterans and families in the wider community. Applicants **must** provide financial and/or in-kind co-contributions.

Link for information [here](#)

## **Anzac Day Commemoration Fund 2026–27**

**Agency:** Veterans SA

**Closing:** 1 December 2026

**Eligibility:** Local ex-service organisations, community groups, schools and local councils.

The program supports projects and programs that honour veterans, commemorate Australia's military history and preserve stories of service:

- Projects that educate the community about Australia's military history.
- Commemorative services and local history initiatives.
- Memorial creation, repairs, and improvements to spaces used for reflection.
- Support for veteran wellbeing and dependants

There is no minimum or maximum funding amount that can be applied for within the total \$100,000 that is available for distribution this grant round. The grant process is competitive, and applications may either be funded in full, partially funded or not funded at all.

Link for information [here](#)

## **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

### Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council - Community Asset Grant

**Agency:** Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council

**Closing:** 9 October 2026

**Eligibility:** local organisations within the Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council.

This community-focused grant offers an opportunity local organisations to invest in their community, fostering growth and improving communal spaces.

A maximum grant of \$10,000 is available per project.

- For projects less than \$3,000 in total value no contribution is required by the applicant.
- For projects greater than or equal to \$3,001 in value, a minimum co-contribution of 1/3 of the project costs is required (please see Section 7 – Financial Guide).

Projects are sought which will have long-term benefits to communities of the Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council Region.

Link for information [here](#)

## Regional Council of Goyder - Community Event Funding

**Agency:** Regional Council of Goyder

**Closing:** Ongoing

**Eligibility:** local organisations within the Regional Council of Goyder.

This funding is available throughout the year (unless funds for that financial year are exhausted) and will be presented for consideration at the relevant Council meeting.

Community event funding is available to support events held within the Council area, with broad appeal to both the local and wider community that celebrate significant occasions, encourage cultural diversity or bring communities together. An Event Management Plan will need to be provided as part of the application.

Maximum Funding \$2,000

Please note: New regional events will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Link for information [here](#)

## 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 auspicings 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.*