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Each month, we share a curated update of the latest grant opportunities available to businesses, community groups, and local government organisations across the Barossa, Gawler, Light, and Adelaide Plains region. Our goal is to help connect you with funding opportunities that support your projects and drive local growth.

This bulletin is updated monthly to ensure you have access to the most current information available.

While every effort is made to provide a comprehensive overview, please note that the listings are accurate at the time of publication and may not include every available grant.

Need extra support?

Explore our [Grant Tips page](#) for practical guidance or join our [B2B Support Program](#) to access support with your grant application.

Depending on your project and grant application, you might be eligible for economic modelling support. If this is something you are interested in, please complete the [Economic Modelling Form](#) and someone from RDA will be in touch.

We're here to help so reach out to our team via email or phone for personalised assistance.

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RDA Barossa Gawler Light Adelaide Plains

B2B Support Program

Organisation: Regional Development Barossa Gawler Light Adelaide Plains

Closing: Ongoing

Purpose: Connects small businesses in the Barossa, Gawler, Light & Adelaide Plains region with local expert service providers at subsidised rates for tailored support in key business areas (marketing, finance, IT, HR, tourism-hospitality).

Eligibility: Small businesses at any stage (start-up, scaling up or tackling challenges) located in the Barossa, Gawler, Light & Adelaide Plains region

Funding Available: Subsidised service rates starting from \$50 + GST for an initial 2-3 hour consultation; tailored service cost arrangements thereafter

Link for more information [here](#).

Business Fundamentals Program

Organisation: Regional Development Barossa Gawler Light Adelaide Plains

Closing: Intakes are planned quarterly from November 2025 – October 2026 (dates are subject to adjustment if needed).

Purpose: Provide targeted and intensive advisory support to businesses in the Barossa, Gawler, Light & Adelaide Plains region affected by drought to help them improve operations, plan strategically and become more resilient.

Eligibility: Businesses in the Barossa, Gawler, Light & Adelaide Plains region across all industries; priority given to primary producers and those impacted by production-linked drought conditions.

Funding Available: Two support streams:

- **Stream 1 – Business Fundamentals:** Minimum 8 hours one-on-one coaching; co-payment of \$200 + GST from participant.
- **Stream 2 – Business Bounceback:** 2-3 hour consultation; co-payment of \$50 + GST from participant.

Link for more information [here](#).

Business

AI Capability Pilot Program (SA)

Organisation: Government of South Australia

Closing: 5 December 2025

Purpose: The AI Capability Pilot Program supports SA service providers to deliver tailored advisory, coaching and mentoring services that help small and family businesses adopt AI solutions. The program aims to build confidence, capability and practical skills in AI implementation by addressing common barriers such as cost, time and technical understanding.

Successful applicants will deliver one-on-one advisory support to assist businesses to explore, plan and implement AI tools and strategies that lead to measurable operational improvements.

Eligibility: South Australian service providers with proven capability to deliver AI-focused advisory programs to small and family businesses.

Funding Available: Up to \$370,000 per service provider proposal.

Link for more information [here](#).

Australian Small Business Advisory Services – Digital Solutions (Round 3)

Organisation: Australian Government – Department of Industry, Science and Resources

Closing: 5 December 2025

Purpose: This grant provides funding to eligible service providers to deliver low-cost, high-quality digital advisory services that help small businesses adopt and implement digital tools and technologies.

Eligibility: Service providers with proven experience in supporting small business development

Funded services may include digital workshops, one-on-one advice, and online learning to improve small business capability in areas such as websites, e-commerce, social media, cybersecurity, and software integration.

Funding available: Up to \$2.75 million per applicant (based on scope and delivery model).

Link for more information [here](#).

CSIRO Kick-Start Program

Organisation: CSIRO

Closing: Applications accepted at any time (ongoing intake)

Purpose: CSIRO Kick-Start provides matched funding to help innovative small businesses access CSIRO research expertise and On-Farm capabilities to accelerate the development of new ideas, products, processes or testing activities.

Eligibility: Australian start-ups and small to medium enterprises (SMEs)

Funding Available: Matched funding vouchers between \$10,000 and \$50,000 for projects up to 12 months in duration. Businesses may apply for a second voucher after completion of the first, subject to eligibility and total funding limits.

Link for more information [here](#).

Family Day Care – Rural and Remote Funding Support

Organisation: Department for Education (South Australia)

Closing: 30 May 2026 (or until funds are exhausted)

Purpose: Funding is available to support qualified educators to establish home-based Family Day Care (FDC) services in regional, rural and remote communities. The program aims to increase access to flexible early childhood education while supporting educators to earn an income from home with ongoing assistance from the Department for Education's FDC team.

Eligibility: Qualified early childhood educators in rural or remote South Australia establishing a Family Day Care service in eligible Commonwealth-designated areas.

Funding Available:

- Registration support – up to \$2,000 (e.g. Working with Children Checks, police clearances, first aid, mandatory training).
- Establishment funding – up to \$5,000 or \$7,000 depending on needs (e.g. safety modifications, play equipment, cots, ICT, insurance).
- Sustainability funding – from \$1,500 for educators operating 6–12 months (e.g. insurance, subscriptions, accounting).

Link for more information [here](#).

Flying Start Infrastructure Grants – (Round 2)

Organisation: Office for Early Childhood Development

Closing: 19 February 2026

Purpose: The Flying Start Infrastructure Grants support projects that expand preschool capacity for 3-year-old children in South Australia. Funding assists eligible providers to build, upgrade or expand facilities in areas where additional preschool places are needed. Projects must demonstrate clear community demand and align with the state's preschool infrastructure priorities.

Eligibility:

- Not-for-profit organisations, South Australian local government entities, or SA non-government schools
- Located in an area of unmet demand (as per the Market Information Summary or strong local evidence)
- Able to create additional preschool places
- Currently delivering or planning to deliver funded 3-year-old preschool
- Able to cover any project costs above the grant amount (including through the School and Preschool Loans Scheme, if required)

Funding Available: Co-funding towards eligible capital works aimed at increasing preschool capacity. Applicants must contribute any additional funding required to complete the project.

Link for more information [here](#).

NewAccess for Small Business Owners

Organisation: Beyond Blue

Closing: 30 June 2026

Purpose: NewAccess for Small Business Owners is a free and confidential mental health coaching program designed specifically for small business owners.

Eligibility: Small business owners and sole traders aged 18+ who are *not* currently seeing a psychologist or psychiatrist and who are not experiencing severe or complex mental health issues.

The program is accessible to small business owners across all industries and offers timely support without the need for a referral.

Funding Available: Participants receive up to 8 one-on-one coaching sessions with a trained coach who has experience in small business. The program provides practical tools to manage stress, build resilience, and navigate personal and professional challenges.

Link for more information [here](#).

Women in Business Foundations Program (SA)

Organisation: Government of South Australia (delivered by Adelaide Business Hub)

Closing: 30 June 2026

Purpose: The Women in Business Foundations Program provides tailored mentoring and advisory support to help women-led small businesses grow, strengthen capability, and improve long-term sustainability.

Eligibility: SA women who own a small business with turnover under \$1 million, are GST-registered, employ fewer than 20 FTE staff, and can commit to completing the mentoring program.

Funding available: Participants receive up to 6 mentoring sessions, beginning with a detailed action plan and followed by specialist support based on individual business needs.

Support may include:

- Financial and accounting literacy
- HR, legal, tax and insurance guidance
- Business planning and growth strategies
- Digital marketing strategies
- Cyber security preparation
- Securing finance for startup or expansion

The program aims to support 600 SA women-led businesses between October 2024 and June 2026.

Link for more information [here](#).

Community

Connecting Communities Events

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

Closing: 31 January 2026 or when funding is exhausted

Purpose: The program supports rural communities in South Australia affected by drought and other adversity. The aim of this program is to support gatherings that encourage communities to come together, share experiences, and reinforce the unity and strength of rural areas.

Eligibility:

- Farmer groups, including Agricultural Bureau branches and farming systems groups
- Industry organisations
- Community groups such as agricultural show societies, progress associations, sports clubs, service clubs
- Local government
- Events must be held by no later than 31 December 2026

Funding Available: Grants of up to \$5,000 are available to industry, community, not-for-profit, local government and incorporated groups to host events that foster social connections and provide support during these times.

Link for more information [here](#).

Expand Together Grants (Round 1)

Organisation: Government of South Australia – Multicultural Affairs

Closing: 31 January 2026

Purpose: The Expand Together Grants provide one-off funding to help multicultural organisations purchase equipment, upgrade existing facilities, or build new community infrastructure that supports CALD communities. Projects must be delivered within 12 months.

Eligibility: Multicultural organisations supporting culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities in South Australia.

Funding Available: Up to \$100,000 per project

Link for more information [here](#).

Multicultural Community Participation Grants (Round 2)

Organisation: Department of Home Affairs

Closing: 5 December 2025, 9:00pm (ACT Local Time)

Purpose: This program supports multicultural community-led organisations to build capacity, strengthen social cohesion, and foster a sense of belonging among culturally diverse Australians.

Eligibility: Companies, Cooperatives, Incorporated Associations, Indigenous Corporations, Statutory Entities (or Trustees of eligible entities)

Funding is available for initiatives that:

- Improve understanding and tolerance of cultural diversity
- Reduce discrimination and racism
- Increase social participation of multicultural community members
- Strengthen engagement with government grant processes

Funding Available:

- Events – up to \$10,000 per year
Cultural or multicultural festivals/events, including Harmony Week activities, that showcase cultural heritage and promote awareness of racial, religious and cultural diversity.
- Programs – up to \$40,000 per year
Activities that encourage participation and connection across cultural groups, such as intercultural sports programs, arts projects, or community programs for youth, parents, women or men.

Link for more information [here](#).

Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program (Batch 2)

Organisation: Department of Veterans' Affairs

Closing: 5 February 2026, 9:00pm (ACT Time)

Purpose: The Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program supports projects that honour the service and sacrifice of Australia's service personnel—including those who served in wars, conflicts, peacekeeping and National Service—and their families. The program funds initiatives that commemorate, educate, and preserve Australia's wartime heritage.

Eligibility: Companies, cooperatives, incorporated associations, Indigenous corporations, local government, partnerships, sole traders, statutory entities, and unincorporated associations (unincorporated entities eligible for grants up to \$10,000 only).

Projects may include commemorative events, educational activities, restoration or construction of memorials, preservation of wartime memorabilia, or activities that promote understanding of military history. Heritage and conservation requirements may apply for memorial restoration projects.

Funding Available:

- Community Grants: Up to \$10,000 for local, community-based commemorative projects
- Major Grants: \$10,001 to \$150,000 for larger-scale commemorative projects of national, state, territory or regional significance

Link for more information [here](#).

Strengthening Rural Communities – Small and Vital

Organisation: Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR)

Closing: 27 December 2025 (Round 27)

Purpose: Grants 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).

Eligibility: Local community groups and not-for profit organisations

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Support communities to implement generational transition
- Invest in outback, remote, and less-resourced communities
- Build capacity and resourcing for a just and equitable energy transition
- Support First Nations-led initiatives that strengthen culture, country, economic participation and reconciliation.

Applications from sporting organisations need to clearly demonstrate charitable outcomes and benefit to the wider community that are above and beyond the sporting activities of the club.

Funding Available: Maximum grant is \$10,000.

Link for more information [here](#).

Stronger Communities Programme – Round 9

Organisation: Australian Government – Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

Closing: 15 January 2026, 12:00pm AEDT

Purpose: The Stronger Communities Programme provides each of Australia's 151 Federal electorates with \$150,000 to support small capital projects that deliver social and community benefits. Local Federal MPs identify potential organisations and projects through community consultation and invite eligible applicants to apply.

Eligibility: Applicants must be *invited to apply* by their local Federal MP. Note: MP nominations close 15 December 2025.

Projects must deliver local infrastructure outcomes that strengthen community participation, improve accessibility, support local identity, or foster greater social connection. Examples include initiatives supporting tourism, Indigenous communities, veterans, disability access, new arrivals, education, health, or gender equality in infrastructure.

Funding Available:

- Up to \$20,000 per project
- Up to 100% of eligible project costs for non-government applicants
- Up to 50% of eligible project costs for local governing bodies (must contribute the remaining 50%)

Link for more information [here](#).

THINK! Road Safety Community Grants Program 2025-2026

Organisation: Government of South Australia – Department for Infrastructure and Transport

Closing: 12 December 2025, 5:00pm

Purpose: The THINK! Road Safety Community Grants Program provides funding for local initiatives that improve road safety and support community education across South Australia. Grants aim to reduce road trauma and contribute to the State Government's target of zero road deaths by 2050.

Eligibility: South Australian councils, schools, educational institutions, charities, not-for-profit community organisations, and community-based sporting organisations. Must have operated for at least 12 months and deliver the initiative within South Australia.

Projects must address at least one program objective, such as:

- Improving road safety in regional and remote communities
- Influencing positive driver, cyclist, pedestrian or motorcyclist behaviour
- Supporting Aboriginal road safety through culturally relevant initiatives
- Promoting active travel and public transport as safe alternatives
- Strengthening road safety in workplaces
- Educating vulnerable road users (youth, older adults, cyclists, pedestrians)

Funding Available:

- Grants up to \$20,000 for eligible organisations
- Total funding pool: \$200,000
- Competitive funding based on alignment with program objectives and community impact

Link for more information [here](#).

Councils

Local Heritage Grant

Organisation: Town of Gawler

Closing: Ongoing (applications accepted year-round)

Purpose: The program supports the preservation of Gawler's historic character and assists landowners with the increasing cost of maintaining ageing heritage structures.

Eligibility: Properties that are a recognised State Heritage Place, recognised Local Heritage Place, located within the Church Hill State Heritage Area, or identified as a Representative Building under the Local Heritage Grant can apply for financial assistance to property owners to conserve, repair and maintain privately owned heritage buildings and significant or regulated trees within the Town of Gawler.

Funding available: Up to \$3,000

Link for more information [here](#).

Youth Incentive Program

Organisation: Light Regional Council

Closing: Ongoing – applications accepted throughout the year

Purpose: The Youth Incentive Scheme provides financial assistance to help young people pursue opportunities in education, sport, arts, culture, and community leadership. Grants are designed to support participation in programs, competitions, events or projects that foster personal development and contribute to the local community.

Eligibility:

- Be aged between 12 and 25 years
- Reside, work, or study within the Light Regional Council area
- Demonstrate how the opportunity will benefit both themselves and the community

Funding available: Up to \$300 per individual or \$600 for group applications.

Link for more information [here](#).

Environment, Sustainability, Drought

Regional Drought Resilience Plan (RDRP) – Social Outcome Grants

Organisation: Australian Government – Future Drought Fund

Closing: 11 December 2025

Purpose: The RDRP Social Outcome Grants support local, community-led projects that strengthen social capital, wellbeing and connectedness to build social resilience ahead of future droughts. Projects must be identified in, or clearly aligned with, the social resilience themes of an approved Regional Drought Resilience Plan.

Eligibility: Not-for-profit organisations in remote, rural and regional Australia within an approved RDRP region.

Projects should aim to:

- Build or diversify community networks
- Improve communication, social connection and collaboration
- Increase drought-related knowledge and skills
- Improve access to services, resources and facilities
- Strengthen community participation and leadership capacity
- Enhance place-based resilience practices

Future rounds:

- Round 2 – Opens May 2026, closes June 2026
- Round 3 – Opens February 2027, closes March 2027

Funding Available:

- Up to \$100,000 per RDRP region (Round 1)
- Indicative funding pool of \$2 million across up to 50 eligible regions
- Three rounds scheduled, with Round 1 now open

Link for more information [here](#).

Small Business Sustainability Support Program

Organisation: Government of South Australia – Office for Small and Family Business

Closing: Ongoing

Purpose: The Sustainability Support Program helps small businesses build capability and confidence to adopt more sustainable practices. Through free workshops and tailored advice, businesses learn how to reduce costs, improve efficiency, and implement environmentally responsible strategies that benefit both business and community.

Eligibility: South Australian small and family businesses

Workshops are delivered across metropolitan and regional South Australia and cover topics such as energy efficiency, waste reduction, and sustainable business operations.

Funding available: Not applicable – free program participation.

Link for More Information [here](#).

Manufacturing

Spirits Expansion Program

Organisation: Government of South Australia – Department for Trade and Investment

Closing: Ongoing (open until funds are fully allocated)

Purpose: The Spirits Expansion Program provides financial support to assist South Australian spirits producers to expand production capacity, improve efficiency, and access new domestic and international markets. The program aims to grow the state's premium spirits industry and strengthen South Australia's reputation for world-class craft beverages.

Eligibility: South Australian distilleries and spirit producers

Eligible projects may include investment in new equipment, technology upgrades, facility expansion, product innovation, and export readiness initiatives.

Funding available: Total funding pool of \$250,000.

Link for more information [here](#).

Land Management

Heritage Agreement Incentive Grants 2024-2026

Organisation: Native Vegetation Council (NVC)

Closing: 30 June 2026 (or earlier if funds are fully committed)

Purpose: The Heritage Agreement Incentive Grants support short-term (1–5 year) projects that protect native vegetation and improve its condition. Grants are available state-wide and may be used to secure new Heritage Agreements or enhance areas already under an existing agreement. To date, 28 grants have been approved, delivering \$1.88 million in support for more than 232,000 hectares of protected vegetation.

Eligibility: South Australian landowners seeking to establish a new Heritage Agreement or expand an existing one.

Link for more information [here](#).

Vineyard Resting Rebate

Organisation: Government of South Australia

Closing: 31 January 2026 (or when the 5,000-hectare cap is reached)

Purpose: The Vineyard Resting Rebate provides support for South Australian red winegrape growers trialling the use of ethephon to temporarily rest vines. The rebate subsidises the purchase of the plant growth regulator and aims to support growers in managing supply, vine health, and future production planning.

Eligibility: South Australian red winegrape growers with a commercial vineyard, active ABN, and active Grape Grower Vine Health Vineyard Identifier Number.

Funding Available:

- Rebate of \$40 per hectare sprayed, up to 1,000 hectares per ABN
- Program cap of 5,000 hectares statewide
- Eligible purchases dated 1 July 2025 – 31 January 2026

Link for more information [here](#).

Primary Production

On-Farm Drought Infrastructure Rebate Scheme

Organisation: Government of South Australia - Department of Primary Industries and Regions

Closing: 31 January 2026

Purpose: The On-Farm Drought Infrastructure Rebate Scheme supports primary producers to implement infrastructure that helps manage current drought conditions and improves long-term preparedness.

Eligibility:

Eligible primary producers may seek reimbursement for completed works or pre-payment for infrastructure yet to be purchased. Pre-paid activities must be completed within 6 months of receiving funds. Funding is available only for eligible items paid for on or after 26 November 2024.

Funding Available: Applicants may access up to \$20,000 (GST exclusive) across two tiers:

Tier 1 – Up to \$5,000 (75% rebate)

- 75% rebate on eligible costs
- Applicant contribution: minimum 25%
- Tier 1 applicants (applied on/before 17 April 2025) may apply for additional Tier 2 support, calculated as a combined 50% rebate across both applications.

Tier 2 – Up to \$20,000 (50% rebate)

- 50% rebate on eligible costs
- Applicant contribution: minimum 50%

Other State/Federal funding (grants, concessional loans, insurance payments) cannot form part of the applicant contribution.

Link for more information [here](#).

Rural Support Grant SA

Organisation: 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.

Purpose: These grants offer targeted, practical relief to help alleviate the financial pressures of essential household and business expenses while clients take steps toward recovery. The goal is to provide support during difficult times and help you regain stability.

Funding Available: 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, market disruptions (such as in the wine grape industry), biosecurity incursions, and family-run rural small businesses concerned about their financial future.

Link for more information [here](#).

Sports & Leisure

RDA is not currently aware of any grants

Tourism

First Nations Tourism Mentoring Program (FNTMP)

Organisation: Australian Government – Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

Closing: Open — apply at any time

Purpose: The FNTMP provides free one-on-one mentoring and advisory support for eligible First Nations tourism businesses. Support includes a business diagnostic, personalised mentoring tailored to business needs, access to sector-specific resources, specialist advice (including from Intrepid Travel advisors), and exit support to help implement growth and development opportunities.

Eligibility: Indigenous-owned tourism businesses (at least 50% First Nations ownership) operating in the tourism sector or its supply chain, with active operations offering goods or services to domestic or international visitors.

Funding Available: Free mentoring and expert advice (non-monetary support)

Link for more information [here](#).

Algal Bloom Event Support Fund (ABESF)

Organisation: South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC)

Closing: 1 March 2026 or until funds are exhausted

Purpose: The Algal Bloom Event Support Fund provides financial assistance to support existing events that help stimulate visitation, strengthen community connection and drive economic recovery in coastal and metropolitan areas impacted by algal bloom events.

Eligibility: Established metropolitan and regional events located within eligible postcodes affected by South Australia's algal bloom crisis.

Events held between 1 December 2025 and 31 March 2026 within designated postcodes impacted by algal bloom activity. Funding is designed to support established events that can enhance visitation and support local businesses and communities.

Funding Available:

- Up to \$20,000 (plus GST if applicable) per event
- Total funding pool: \$750,000 – \$500,000 allocated to regional events

Link for more information [here](#).