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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.

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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 approximately \$55 for an initial 2-3 hour consultation; tailored service cost arrangements thereafter.

Link for more information [here](#).

Business Fundamentals Program – Round 2 (NEW – February Intake)

Organisation: Regional Development Barossa Gawler Light Adelaide Plains

Closing: Intakes are planned quarterly from November 2025 – October 2026.

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](#).

How to Lead and Manage Community Events Workshop NEW

Organisation: RDA Barossa Gawler Light Adelaide Plains (RDABGLAP), sponsored by Light Regional Council

Closing: Registrations close **4 March 2026** (unless sold out prior).

Purpose: A practical full-day workshop to build skills, tools and templates to plan, budget, deliver, manage risk/safety, and evaluate community events.

Eligibility: Anyone 18+ who lives, works, or identifies with the BGLAP region, and has an interest in growing community events.

Funding Available: Ticket cost is **\$35 + booking fee**.

Link for more information [here](#).

Business

Cheaper Home Batteries Program (Residential and Non-Residential) **NEW**

Organisation: CSIRO

Closing: 30 December 2030

Purpose: Provides a discount on the upfront cost of installing small-scale solar batteries on residential and non-residential property.

Eligibility: Residential and non-residential property.

Funding Available: Discounts of up to 30% on the upfront cost of installing small-scale battery systems.

Link for 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 information [here](#).

DRIVEN Charger Rebate Scheme (2026 to 2028) **NEW**

Organisation: DRIVEN PROGRAM, Australian Government

Closing: 30 April 2026

Purpose: Support automotive businesses selling passenger and light commercial vehicles and their role in decarbonising by selling, repairing and improving awareness of electric vehicles (EVs).

Eligibility: Automotive dealerships and EV repairers throughout Australia.

Funding Available: Up to \$3,000 per eligible fixed smart EV charging plug(s) or portable DC EV charger(s) at your site. Portable units must cost at least \$2,500 to qualify. The maximum rebate amount for multiple chargers per eligible site is up to \$21,000.

Link for more information [here](#).

Emerging Gamemakers Fund **NEW**

Organisation: Screen Australia

Closing: 5 March 2026

Purpose: Supports Australian independent gamemakers to develop original new digital game projects at ideation or pre-production (e.g., create a prototype or complete and release a micro-scale game).

Eligibility:

- **Individuals:** Australian citizen or permanent resident
- **Companies:** Australian incorporated company carrying on business in Australia (central management and control in Australia)

Funding Available: Grants of up to \$30,000 (project budgets up to \$500,000 at time of applying).

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) **CLOSING SOON**

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](#).

Small Business Skills & Training Boost **NEW**

Organisation: Australian Taxation Office

Closing: 30 June 2026

Purpose: To assist small businesses update their workforce skills.

Eligibility: Small businesses with an aggregated annual turnover of less than \$50 million.

Funding Available: 20% tax deduction for external training courses delivered to employees by registered training providers. The boost applies to eligible expenditure incurred from 7:30 pm AEDT on 29 March 2022 until 30 June 2024.

Link for more information [here](#).

Supporting Fresh Produce Suppliers – Food and Grocery Code Education Program **CLOSING SOON**

Organisation: Australian Government

Closing: 23 January 2026

Purpose: To fund education and awareness-raising activities that help fresh produce suppliers understand and comply with the Food and Grocery Code of Conduct. The program aims to strengthen commercial relationships in the fresh produce supply chain by improving knowledge of rights, obligations and best practice under the Code.

Eligibility: Not-for-profit organisations, industry associations and peak bodies that deliver education, training or awareness services to fresh produce suppliers and other supply chain participants. Applicants must demonstrate capacity to deliver Code-related education activities.

Funding Available: Funding to support eligible education, training and awareness-raising activities; specific amounts are determined based on program guidelines and the scope of proposed activities.

Link for 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](#).

Women in STEM and Entrepreneurship (WISE) – Round 5

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

Closing: 30 June 2026

Purpose: The Women in STEM and Entrepreneurship Grant Program aims to increase the participation and advancement of women and girls in STEM education, careers and leadership. Round 5 supports projects that reduce structural and cultural barriers, foster inclusive pathways, and build skills, confidence and long-term career opportunities for women in STEM and entrepreneurship.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include incorporated entities such as companies, not-for-profits, industry bodies, research organisations and local government.

Projects must:

- support increased participation of women and girls in STEM or entrepreneurship
- align with national STEM and gender equity priorities
- be delivered within Australia
- demonstrate strong project planning, partner support and measurable outcomes

Funding available:

- Grants from **\$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000**
- Up to **50% of eligible project costs** (co-contribution required)
- Projects must be completed within **2 years**

Link for more information [here](#).

Prosperity Path Business Grant (Prosperity Path Program) **NEW**

Organisation: Adelaide Plains Council

Closing: June 2026 or until the \$10,000 has been allocated.

Purpose: Supports Adelaide Plains Council businesses to grow and thrive, with funding and practical support to help businesses take the next step, establish (new), or expand and create local jobs.

Eligibility: Business is based in Adelaide Plains Council.

Funding available: Capped per application:

- Get Going: up to \$1,000

- New Business: up to \$1,500
- Growth: up to \$2,000

Link for more information [here](#).

Community

Connecting Communities Events **CLOSING SOON**

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](#).

Defence Community Grants: Family Support Funding Program (FSFP) **CLOSING SOON**

Organisation: Australian Government – Department of Defence (Defence Community Grants, Family Support Funding Program)

Closing: Ongoing (applications accepted year-round; specific closing dates may apply for individual funding rounds).

Purpose: To fund community-based programs and activities that support Australian Defence Force (ADF) members and their families. The program aims to improve wellbeing, resilience and connection for Defence families through initiatives that enhance social support, mental health, community engagement and practical assistance.

Eligibility: Not-for-profit community organisations and groups that provide activities or services benefiting ADF members and their families. Applicants must demonstrate capability to deliver the proposed activity and that the project supports Defence families within the community.

Funding Available: \$20,000 to \$200,000 grants available for a range of family support activities.

Link for information [here](#).

Expand Together Grants (Round 1) **CLOSING SOON**

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 information [here](#).

Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program (Batch 2) **CLOSING SOON**

Organisation: Department of Veterans' Affairs

Closing: 5 February 2026

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 information [here](#).

2026 NAIDOC Local Grants Opportunity **NEW**

Organisation: National Indigenous Australians Agency

Closing: 19 February 2026

Purpose: The NAIDOC Local Grants provide a funding contribution towards the cost of local and regional NAIDOC activities and events.

Eligibility:

Funding Available: Funding is available in three streams:

- Stream One - Educational Institutions*: Up to \$1,500
- Stream Two - Small Scale Grants: Up to \$10,000
- Stream Three - Large Scale Grants: More than \$10,000 and up to \$25,000.

Link for information [here](#).

Community Child Care Fund Round 5 **NEW**

Organisation: Department of Education

Closing: 25 February 2026

Purpose: The grant opportunity will provide funding for 2 key activity streams:

Sustainability Support: helping eligible ECEC services improve the viability and financial sustainability of their service, including working with other organisations and families to identify and address community level barriers to early childhood participation. Community level engagement must ultimately result in increased access and participation.

Capital Support: helping eligible ECEC services by contributing towards the cost of capital works, including repairing, modifying, renovating with a particular focus on child safety and compliance.

Eligibility: Child Care Subsidy approved providers.

Funding Available: \$5000-\$500,000 over 3 years, dependent on stream

Link for information [here](#).

Palliative Care Capability in Aged Care **NEW**

Organisation: Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Closing: 02 March 2026

Purpose: This funding supports innovative services that strengthen collaboration between aged care, healthcare practitioners and specialist palliative care providers, improving the quality and coordination of care.

Eligibility: Palliative care services providers.

Funding Available: Pool of up to \$22.67 million over 4 years.

Link for information [here](#).

Adelaide Plains Community Grants **NEW**

Organisation: Adelaide Plains Council

Closing: June 2026

Purpose: To provide financial assistance to community and sporting groups within our council region for community projects and/or resources to support the delivery of services or programs. This program aims to encourage and support locally based projects or activities that positively contribute to our community.

Eligibility: Community groups/organisations that have not-for-profit objectives:

- Non-Government, incorporated community groups/organisations;
- Non-incorporated community groups/organisations endorsed with Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) or Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission

Funding Available: Pool of \$100,000.

Link for 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 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

Powering The Regions Fund: Industrial Transformation Stream (Round 3)

Organisation: Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) – *Industrial Transformation Stream* (Powering the Regions Fund)

Closing: Open on a rolling basis until funding is fully allocated (no fixed closing date)

Purpose: To support industrial decarbonisation projects in regional Australia that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve energy efficiency through solutions such as electrification, fuel switching, low-emissions processing, and deployment of clean technologies. The program aims to accelerate emissions reduction and commercial readiness of decarbonisation technologies and broaden adoption across industrial sectors.

Eligibility: Australian entities with an ABN proposing eligible projects at industrial facilities in regional Australia. Applicants may include companies, incorporated organisations, state/territory bodies and local governments. Projects must demonstrate emissions reduction outcomes and align with program focus areas; co-funding (typically matched at a minimum 1:1) is expected.

Funding Available:

Part of a total \$400 million funding pool under the Industrial Transformation Stream, with approximately \$180 million available for the current (Round 3) funding focus. Individual grant amounts vary based on project size and scope, with minimum grants start at \$500,000.

Link for 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](#).

Adelaide Plains Community Grants **NEW**

Organisation: Adelaide Plains Council

Closing: June 2026, or until funds have been allocated.

Purpose: The Adelaide Plains Community Grants provide financial assistance to community and sporting groups within our council region for community projects and/or resources to support the delivery of services or programs.

Eligibility: Sporting and community groups within Adelaide Plains Council.

Funding: \$100,000 pool, no minimum or maximum application.

Link for more information [here](#).

Heritage

Heritage Agreement Incentive Grants 2024-2026

Organisation: Government of South Australia – Department for Environment and Water

Closing: Varies by individual grant category (check program details for specific closing dates)

Purpose: To support the conservation, protection and celebration of South Australia's built and cultural heritage through a range of grant opportunities. Funding assists heritage conservation projects, research, interpretation, and community heritage activities that preserve significant places, stories and cultural values across the state.

Eligibility: Owners, custodians, community groups, not-for-profit organisations, and local government authorities involved in heritage conservation or promotion. Eligibility varies by specific grant category and project type.

Funding Available: Multiple heritage grant streams with varying funding amounts to support conservation, maintenance, interpretation and community engagement projects. Specific funding levels depend on the grant category and project scope.

Link for information [here](#).

Heritage Conservation Grants Program

Organisation: Government of South Australia – Department for Environment and Water (Heritage Conservation Grants Program)

Closing: 19 March 2026, 2:00 pm ACST (final round for 2026–27)

Purpose: To provide funding support for conservation, protection and documentation works that sustain the cultural, historic and built heritage of State Heritage Places and eligible places within State Heritage Areas across South Australia. Projects aim to protect significant fabric, support adaptive reuse and maintain heritage values.

Eligibility: Owners of State Heritage Places (including private owners, companies, community groups and local governments), owners/occupiers of eligible places within a State Heritage Area, and individuals or groups with written permission from an owner to apply on their behalf. State Government-owned Heritage Places are not eligible.

Funding Available:

Grants are provided on a dollar-for-dollar basis with minimum amounts of \$1,000. Funding categories typically include:

- Simple projects (up to \$5,000)
- Complex projects (up to \$10,000 for residential properties)
- Major projects (up to \$20,000 for non-residential properties)

Link for 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: Co-contribution grants of up to \$75,000 per business.

Link for more information [here](#).

Powering the Regions Industrial Transformation Stream

Organisation: Australian Renewable Energy Agency

Closing: Ongoing

Purpose: grant funding to support pre-commercial innovation, demonstration and deployment of renewable energy and low emission technologies (Technologies), to support Australia's transition to a net zero economy. Successful projects are expected to achieve one or more of the following Program Outcomes:

- increase uptake of the Technologies through innovation and commercialisation activities.
- improve Australia's capability and capacity to produce or manufacture the Technologies.
- support and/or contribute to stronger supply chains to enable increased use of the Technologies.
- improve knowledge, skills and/or workforce participation associated with the Technologies.

Eligibility: Applicants should contact ARENA to discuss their proposal and to seek endorsement to apply.

Link for more information [here](#).

Land Management

SA Soils Bursary Program **NEW**

Organisation: Soils Collaboration Centre (SCC) (administered via PIRSA)

Closing: 15 May 2026

Purpose: Financial assistance for South Australians working with soils to participate in soil-focused training, events and learning activities that build knowledge, skills and professional networks, aligned with the National Soil Strategy.

Eligibility: Open to South Australians developing, pursuing or actively engaged in soil science, soil and land management, agricultural sustainability or similar fields

Funding Available:

- Individual training – up to \$2,000
- Group knowledge exchange – up to \$5,000

Link for more information [here](#).

Vineyard Resting Rebate **CLOSING SOON**

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](#).

Bite-sized Grants – Land Management **NEW**

Organisation: Northern and Yorke Landscape Board **Closing:** 29 May 2026

Purpose: Deliver positive environmental and landscape management outcomes, such as weed control, revegetation projects and pest animal management.

Eligibility: community groups and not-for-profit organisation

Funding Available: \$200-\$2000

Link for more information [here](#).

Primary Production

On-Farm Drought Infrastructure Rebate Scheme **CLOSING SOON**

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)

Tier 2 – Up to \$20,000 (50% rebate)

- 50% rebate on eligible costs 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.
- 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](#).

Sheep and Goat EID Implementation – Essential Equipment Rebate (Producers SA)

Organisation: Australian Government – Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Sheep and Goat EID Implementation Essential Equipment Rebate — Producers SA)

Closing: 30 June 2026

Purpose: To provide rebates to eligible sheep and goat producers in South Australia to help purchase essential electronic identification (EID) equipment. The rebate supports on-farm adoption of EID technology to improve livestock traceability, biosecurity, productivity and compliance with national standards.

Eligibility: Primary producers (sheep and/or goat producers) in South Australia with an active ABN and who meet program requirements. Applicants must purchase eligible EID equipment and provide required documentation to support their claim, as specified in program guidelines.

Funding Available: The rebate is limited per producer and may vary depending on the type and cost of approved equipment. Applicants can apply for:

- up to \$500 for 100 or fewer animals annually
- up to \$2,000 for 101 to 5,000 animals annually
- up to \$20,000 for more than 5,000 animals annually

Link for information [here](#).

Traceability Grants Program (TGP) **NEW**

Organisation: Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Closing: 18 February 2026

Purpose: The Traceability Grants Program (TGP) is a part of the Modernising Agricultural Trade – Protecting Australia's Clean, Green Brand initiative. The grant round will support collaborative traceability projects to assist implementation activities under the National Agricultural Traceability Strategy 2023 to 2033.

Eligibility: Government and non-government organisations

Funding Available: pool of \$2million

Link for information [here](#).

Sports & Leisure

Adelaide Plains Community Grants **NEW**

Organisation: Adelaide Plains Council

Closing: June 2026, or until funds have been allocated.

Purpose: The Adelaide Plains Community Grants provide financial assistance to community and sporting groups within our council region for community projects and/or resources to support the delivery of services or programs.

Eligibility: Sporting and community groups within Adelaide Plains Council.

Funding: \$100,000 pool, no minimum or maximum application.

Link for more information [here](#).

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 information [here](#).

Workforce and Training

Early Childhood Education and Care Worker Rebate Scheme **NEW**

Organisation: Australian Government – Department of Education

Closing: 30 September 2026

Purpose: Supports early childhood education and care providers to access the worker retention payments.

Eligibility: Early child education and care providers.

Funding Available:

- a 10% wage increase for all eligible staff in the first year
- an additional 5% wage increase for all eligible staff in the second year
- a minimum of an additional 20% funding to contribute towards eligible on-costs (calculated against your base funding).

Link for more information [here](#).

Reconnection, Employment and Learning (REAL) Innovation Fund

Organisation: Australian Government – Department of Employment and Workplace Relations

Closing: Consultation phase / timing to be confirmed (check GrantConnect for updated closing date)

Purpose: To support small-scale, community-led and innovative projects that contribute to Reconnection, Employment and Learning outcomes, particularly for First Nations communities and other target groups. This fund aims to encourage initiatives that strengthen social and economic participation through local, practical action.

Eligibility: Not-for-profit organisations, community groups and other eligible entities able to deliver community-scale projects aligned with the objectives of reconnection, employment pathways and learning opportunities. Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria detailed in the grant guidelines when published.

Funding Available: Grants to support project delivery; specific funding amounts and tiers will be outlined in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines once finalised.

Link for information [here](#).

Travel and Accommodation Allowance SA

Organisation: South Australian Government

Closing: Ongoing (applications accepted year-round until funds are exhausted)

Purpose: To assist employers in rural and regional South Australia with the travel and accommodation costs incurred when apprentices or trainees must travel significant distances to attend registered training organisations to complete their vocational education and training. It aims to reduce barriers to training participation and support workforce development in regional areas.

Eligibility: Employers in rural or regional South Australia who employ an apprentice or trainee with a current registered training contract in SA, where the apprentice or trainee must travel more than 150 km (round trip) between their residence and the nearest training venue offering the qualification.

Funding Available:

Allowances to contribute toward eligible costs including:

- Intrastate travel at a rate per kilometre for the shortest practical route
- Interstate travel at a set per-trip rate where pre-approved
- Intrastate accommodation at a daily rate

- Interstate accommodation at a higher daily rate for pre-approved training

Link for information [here](#).

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