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## **BAROSSA GAWLER LIGHT ADELAIDE PLAINS**

# Grants Bulletin

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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.

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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.

[More information](#)

## Business Fundamentals Program

**Organisation:** Regional Development Barossa Gawler Light Adelaide Plains

**Closing:** 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.

[More information](#)

## How to Lead and Manage Community Events Workshop

**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.

[More information](#)

# Agriculture

## Vineyard Soil Health Extension Resources - RFP

### NEW + CLOSING SOON

**Organisation:** Wine Australia

**Closing:** 3 March 2026

**Purpose: Request for Proposals** to develop and deliver vineyard soil health extension resources that support grape growers to adopt sustainable soil management practices.

**Eligibility:** Organisations (research/consultancy/education providers, industry service firms, collaborative consortia) with the capability to develop and deliver extension resources and programs for the Australian viticulture sector.

**Funding available:** - (Budgets to be proposed by submitting parties.)

[More information](#)

## Philip Laffer Royal Adelaide Wine Show Bursary

### NEW

**Organisation:** Royal Adelaide Show Society Foundation

**Closing:** 27 March 2026

**Purpose:** To provide a Bursary program to support the South Australian Wine industry to continue to grow and prosper. The purpose of the funding is to support study pathways by providing a Bursary to a student undertaking either undergraduate or post graduate studies in the field of viticulture or oenology at an Australian university.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be an Australian citizen residing in South Australia and over 18 years of age. Additional eligibility criteria also apply.

**Funding available:** \$5,000 bursary for 1 year.

[More information](#)

# Arts

## Country Arts SA Project Grants

**NEW**

**Organisation:** Country Arts SA

**Closing:** 16 March 2026

**Purpose:** Project grants fund high-quality projects benefitting regional or remote artists, arts workers, audiences and communities. Focus of the project can include any area of creative practice, multiple artforms or cross-disciplinary practice.

**Eligibility:** Individual/sole traders; Australian incorporated organisations or local government organisations with an active Australian Business Number (ABN) registered to a regional South Australian location. Not be based in metropolitan South Australia.

**Funding available:** Up to \$30,000.

[More information](#)

## Art Projects for Individuals and Groups

**NEW**

**Organisation:** Creative Australia

**Closing:** 3 March 2026

**Purpose:** To fund a range of activities that deliver benefits to the arts sector and wider public, including national and international audiences and communities.

**Eligibility:** Only individuals and groups may apply to this category. Applicant must be an Australian citizen or an Australian permanent resident, and a practicing artist or arts professional. Applications for funding to the First Nations panel must come from First Nations individuals or groups only.

**Funding available:** From \$10,000 to \$50,000. Supported activities must not last longer than two years from the proposed start date.

[More information](#)

## Festival Australia Grants – Round 22

**NEW**

**Organisation:** Festival Australia

**Closing:** 1 July 2026

**Purpose:** For arts and cultural projects that encourage community participation and audience engagement from people living in regional and remote communities in a festival or significant one-off community celebration.

**Eligibility:** Regional artists, arts workers, and organisations.

**Funding available:** Pool of \$1.4 million. Supported activities must not last longer than two years from the proposed start date.

[More information](#)

# Business

## Cheaper Home Batteries Program (Residential and Non-Residential)

**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.

[More information](#)

## 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 be eligible to apply for a second voucher after completion of the first.

[More information](#)

## DRIVEN Charger Rebate Scheme (2026 to 2028)

**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.

[More information](#)

## Emerging Gamemakers Fund

**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).

[More information](#)

## 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).

[More information](#)

## 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.

[More information](#)

## 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.

[More information](#)

## Women in Business Foundations Program (SA)

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

**Closing:** 30 June 2026

**Purpose:** The 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.

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## Prosperity Path Business Grant (Prosperity Path Program)

**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

[More information](#)

# Community

## Barossa Co-op Community Choice Grants

**NEW**

**Organisation:** Barossa Co-op

**Closing:** Ongoing.

**Purpose:** Each month, three organisations will be selected to participate. Community members will vote in-store for their preferred group. At month's end, each organisation will receive support based on the votes.

**Eligibility:** Smaller groups, clubs, or fundraising initiatives that don't have broad reach or large-scale impact but make a meaningful difference in the community. If you represent a registered charity, club, or organisation that is non-for-profit and dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in the Barossa Valley, you are eligible to apply for Community Choice. Your organisation **MUST** hold an active Barossa Co-op membership.

**Funding available:** 1st Place – \$1,000; 2nd Place – \$700; 3rd Place – \$300. Monthly.

[More information](#)

## Barossa Co-op Sponsorship Program

**NEW**

**Organisation:** Barossa Co-op

**Closing:** Ongoing.

**Purpose:** With the aim of building partnerships, profiling businesses as Barossa Co-op partners, supporting and giving back to the Barossa community.

**Eligibility:** Registered charity, club, or organisation that is non-for-profit and dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in the Barossa Valley. An organisation **MUST** hold an active Barossa Co-op membership.

**Funding available:** \$2,000 - \$5,000 store credit or gift cards for a 1-3 year period.

[More information](#)

## eSafety Commissioner - Preventing Tech-based Abuse of Women Grants Program - Round 3

**NEW**

**Organisation:** Australian Communications and Media Authority

**Closing:** 20 March 2026.

**Purpose:** To fund projects that are focused on the prevention of online harms and enhanced safety for women and children. This may include projects that, for example, aim to change community attitudes and behaviours, focus on people who perpetrate technology-facilitated abuse, or that seek to protect and support women and children.

**Eligibility:** Be a non-government organisation, not-for-profit or charitable organisation registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission.

**Funding available:** \$40,000 - \$80,000.

[More information](#)

## Saluting their Service Commemorative Grants Program 2026-2027

**NEW**

**Organisation:** Australian Government – Department of Veterans' Affairs

**Closing:** Batch 1 - closes 9:00 PM AEST on 29 July 2026. Batch 2 - closes 9:00 PM AEDT 21 January 2027.

**Purpose:** The objective of the STS Program is to commemorate the service and sacrifice of Australia's service personnel who served in wars, conflicts and peace operations, including National Service personnel, and their families. The intended outcome is to provide funding for projects and activities that:

- promote appreciation and understanding of the experiences of service, and the role of service personnel
- preserve, add to the sum of knowledge on, or provide access to information about Australia's wartime heritage.

**Eligibility:** 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).

**Funding available:** Community grants up to \$10,000. Major grants up to \$150,000.

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## Indigenous Languages and Arts - Open Competitive Grant

**NEW + CLOSING SOON**

**Organisation:** Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts.

**Closing:** 16 March 2026

**Purpose:** To support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians to express, conserve and maintain their cultures through Indigenous languages and arts activities. Grant funding allocated through the ILA Program supports activities that:

- Conserve, revitalise and sustain Indigenous languages and,
- Create, promote and celebrate Indigenous community-based arts activities.

**Eligibility:** An Australian organisation that has an Australian Business Number (ABN), is registered for the purposes of GST, and has an account with an Australian financial institution. Other eligibility criteria also apply.

**Funding available:** \$20,000 to \$200,000.

[More information](#)

## Community Child Care Fund Round 5

**CLOSING SOON**

**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:** \$5,000-\$500,000 over 3 years, dependent on stream.

[More information](#)

## Palliative Care Capability in Aged Care

**CLOSING SOON**

**Organisation:** Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

**Closing:** 02 March 2026

**Purpose:** To support 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.

[More information](#)

## Adelaide Plains Community Grants

**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 ATO or Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission

**Funding available:** Pool of \$100,000.

[More information](#)

## FRRR ABC Heywire Youth Innovation Grants

**NEW + CLOSING SOON**

**Organisation:** Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal

**Closing:** 11 March 2025

**Purpose:** Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for communities and young people across Australia to design local solutions addressing the six issues identified at the Heywire Summit:

- Help young people learn about respectful relationships and consent
- Connect young people with development opportunities in their communities
- Help communities connect without alcohol or drugs
- Support regional communities before and after a disaster
- Remove barriers and bias in healthcare for regional young people
- Create safe spaces where young people can connect and grow

**Eligibility:** Applicant organisations must be a not-for-profit organisation with either an Incorporation Certificate and/or an ABN. For program purposes, youth is generally defined as ages 12-28.

**Funding available:** Up to \$10,000.

[More information](#)

## Community Led Climate Solutions Round 4 NEW + CLOSING SOON

**Organisation:** Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal

**Closing:** 12 March 2025

**Purpose:** The Community Led Climate Solutions grant program supports not-for-profit organisations across remote, rural and regional Australia to drive local climate solutions that reduce emissions through education, engagement and action on: clean energy, circular economies, decarbonisation, sustainable agriculture and food systems, biodiverse ecosystems, or just transitions.

**Eligibility:** Applicant organisations must be a not-for-profit organisation with either an Incorporation Certificate and/or an ABN.

**Funding available:** Up to \$20,000.

[More information](#)

## Strengthening Rural Communities - Prepare and Recover Round 26 NEW

**Organisation:** Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal

**Closing:** 24 March 2025

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

**Eligibility:** Applicant organisations must be a not-for-profit organisation with either an Incorporation Certificate and/or an ABN.

**Funding available:** Up to \$25,000.

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# 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

[More information](#)

## 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.

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# Environment, Sustainability, Drought

## Future Made in Australia (FMA) Innovation Fund

### NEW

**Organisation:** Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA)

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

**Purpose:** To support projects that accelerate decarbonisation of industry in Regional Australia. The Industrial Transformation Stream (ITS) is open for applications supporting a range of industrial decarbonisation solutions, including electrification, energy efficiency, low emissions processing and fuel switching. Enabling technologies such as energy storage, demand management and critical infrastructure supporting onsite decarbonisation may also be considered.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must hold an Australian Business Number (ABN) and be:

- an Australian entity incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth); or
- an Australian State or Territory owned corporation, or a subsidiary of an Australian state or territory owned corporation; or
- an Australian local government or council or an Australian organisation that is purposed with representing and supporting local governments or councils.

**Funding available:** Part of a total \$400 million funding pool.

[More information](#)

## 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.

[More information](#)

## 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.

**[More information](#)**

# Healthcare and Wellbeing

## Palliative Care Capability in Aged Care

### **CLOSING SOON**

**Organisation:** Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

**Closing:** 2 March 2026.

**Purpose:** To support innovative services that strengthen collaboration between aged care, healthcare practitioners and specialist palliative care providers, improving the quality and coordination of care.

**Eligibility:** All entity types, including but not limited to Indigenous Corporations (registered under the Corporations (Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006), Company, Corporate Commonwealth Entity, Non-Corporate Commonwealth Statutory Authority, Corporate State or Territory Entity, Non-corporate State or Territory Entity, Non-corporate State or Territory Statutory Authority, Local Government, Cooperative, Incorporated Association, Statutory Entity.

**Funding available:** Pool of \$22,670,000.

[More information](#)

## Aged Care Nursing Scholarship Program

**Organisation:** Australian College of Nurse Practitioners

**Closing:** Ongoing to 2028.

**Purpose:** To support aged care career pathways through worker education, training and development; ensure the availability of high-quality aged care that puts the needs and preferences of older people first; and promote an increase in the capacity of the First Nations aged care workforce and the broader aged care workforce to address the needs of First Nations peoples.

**Eligibility:** Nurses and personal care workers currently working in aged care across Australia, including in residential care, home care and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services. Applicants must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.

**Scholarships and funding available:** A total of 1,050 scholarships will be awarded over three years. The scholarship program is a national program and will be available across all jurisdictions. Funding from \$6,000 to \$30,000, depending on course, duration and expected completion date.

[More information](#)

# Heritage

## Local Heritage and Historic Wall Grants

**NEW**

**Organisation:** Town of Gawler

**Closing:** Ongoing.

**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:** All places identified as State or Local Heritage Places, and properties located in the Gawler Church Hill State Heritage Area; or all walls identified as being of heritage importance in the Historic Walls in the Public Environment, Gawler, SA Conservation Strategy Audit (September 2007) (available on Council's website under Publications) regardless of classification.

**Funding available:** Local heritage grants: up to \$3,000 per application; Historic wall grants: dollar-for-dollar basis (Council pays 50% of the cost of the work).

[More information](#)

## Heritage Agreement Incentive Grants 2024-2026

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

**Closing:** 29 June 2026. 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.

[More information](#)

## 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)

**[More information](#)**

# 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.

[More information](#)

## 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.

[More information](#)

# Land Management

## SA Soils Bursary Program

**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

[More information](#)

## Bite-sized Grants – Land Management

**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-\$2,000

[More information](#)

# Primary Production

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

[More information](#)

## 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:** Provide rebates to eligible sheep and goat producers in South Australia to help purchase essential electronic identification (EID) equipment. To support 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

[More information](#)

# 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.

**[More information](#)**

# 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)

[More information](#)

## Algal Bloom Event Support Fund (ABESF)

**CLOSING SOON**

**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

[More information](#)

# 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 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.

[More information](#)

## 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.

**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.

[More information](#)

## 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.

**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 shortest practical route; accommodation at a daily rate
- Interstate: travel at a set per-trip rate where pre-approved; accommodation at a higher daily rate for pre-approved training

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