

Port Augusta and Davenport Community Alliance



Funding Opportunities 2026



Port Augusta & Davenport
Community Alliance

BACKGROUND

The Port Augusta and Davenport Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan ('the Plan') was co-designed following community engagement and consultation in 2023 and 2024, to help create a safer, stronger and more connected region.

The Plan focuses on:

- community caring
- community safety
- building partnerships to achieve positive outcomes.

The vision is that Port Augusta and Davenport Community is a region of beauty with a thriving, engaged, inclusive, diverse and vibrant community for both local residents and visitors to the community.

To help put the Plan into action, the Commonwealth and South Australian Governments committed \$12 million in July 2024, across a 3-year period, to strengthen safety and wellbeing across the region and to implement key priorities within the Plan.

The Port Augusta and Davenport Community Alliance Group (the Alliance) was formed in late 2024. Membership of the Alliance consists of representatives from Traditional Owners, Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, youth, service providers, businesses, community and government representatives.

A current focus of the Alliance is to review the Port Augusta and Davenport Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan, identify priority actions and establish and implement monitoring and evaluation outcomes.

This approach recognises and values local community-led knowledge, experience and decision making, and underscores the importance of government working in genuine partnership with local communities.

Projects funded under the Port Augusta and Davenport Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan need to be aligned with the Plan and contribute to the safety and wellbeing of the Port Augusta and Davenport Community.

As a result, the Alliance is seeking to strategically support initiatives that address identified needs. Funded initiatives will need to collaborate with existing services and share their learnings and progress with the Alliance and the broader community.



CURRENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

PORT AUGUSTA YOUTH OUTREACH

The objectives of the funding opportunity are:

To deliver a **highly visible**, and active relationship-based Youth Outreach service for young people aged 10-18 in Port Augusta and Davenport Community.

The aim of the Youth Outreach service is to promote community safety, reduce high risk behaviours among young people and provide them with opportunities for positive engagement outside of school and business hours.

The intended outcomes of the funding opportunity are:

- A safe and supportive youth outreach presence around Port Augusta and Davenport Community after hours and at community events
- Increased recreational activity opportunities for young people aged 10-18, outside of school hours and on weekends
- Strengthen community safety through early intervention and prevention
- Build trusted relationships with young people
- Work in collaboration with existing youth service providers

Funding Amount:
up to \$500,000 per annum

Time Frame:
2 years

Applications close 5.00pm 13 March 2026

HOW TO APPLY >>>>



Applications must be no longer than 2,000 words using the attached template. Information and evidence must be provided on the following:

Provide an **overview** of the service or project and the implementation plan, including how it will be tailored to the specific needs of the targeted community/ies or group.

Include any **risks** associated with the proposed activity, including work, health and safety risks, and how they will be managed.

Demonstrate the **capability and capacity** of the organisation or individuals to deliver the program, including previous experience in the service area.

Demonstrate how the organisation is planning to **work with, partner and collaborate** with existing organisations.

Outline the service/organisational connection to the target cohort and **ability to build relationships with** the Port Augusta and Davenport Communities.

The ability to deliver **culturally safe, locally responsive** services that are developed in genuine partnership with First Nations communities.

A detailed **budget** including staffing, goods and services.





ASSESSMENT PANEL AND CRITERIA



The Assessment of the application is by the Port Augusta and Davenport Community Alliance Group.

The information included in the application is confidential, with the Alliance bound by its Code of Conduct and Confidentiality Agreement.

The Alliance assesses each application against the Assessment Criteria in Table 1.

The matrix questions guide evaluation of each application for the merit of the proposal and establish if the community and/or organisation has the leadership capability, skills, and resources to deliver the desired outcomes.

The Alliance will make recommendations on funding applications to the delegates for the Federal Government and State Government to approve the release of funding.

All decisions relating to the allocation of funding will be final.



ASSESSMENT CRITERIA >>>>

TABLE 1

<p>Capability and Capacity 20 %</p>	<p>Review the capability and capacity of the proposed applicant to achieve the intended outcomes. Consider the skills of proposed staff as appropriate to the project. Previous experience in delivering programs or services by the applicant organisation.</p>
<p>Partnership and Collaboration 20%</p>	<p>Has the applicant organisation shown evidence of partnership and collaboration. Has the partner organisation indicated how they will connect with the broader service system.</p>
<p>Based on best practice or local knowledge 15%</p>	<p>Is there evidence locally or from other places that this approach has been successful.</p>
<p>Cultural Competence 30%</p>	<p>Has the organisation demonstrated co-design with the community and ability to build relationships with local community. Has the organisation demonstrated the ability to deliver culturally safe, locally responsive services that are developed in genuine partnership with First Nations communities.</p>
<p>Value for Money 15%</p>	<p>Review the application to ensure the funds align with the proposal and are reasonable for the activities being undertaken. Where appropriate, also review any included quotes.</p>



APPLICATION OUTCOME

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by email. Unsuccessful applicants may seek feedback on their application by emailing Emily.Butler2@sa.gov.au

SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS

Successful funding recipients will:

- Enter into a service agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the funding provided.
- Develop and implement an Understanding, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (UMEL) plan with DHS.
- Have public liability insurance – a minimum of \$1 million or as required in your agreement.
- Appropriately acknowledge the Port Augusta and Davenport Community Alliance as a funding source for the project.
- Have the organisation name, project title and funding allocation published on the Alliance webpage.
- Payment will be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of the funding agreement.

MEASURING SUCCESS >>>>



Understanding, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (UMEL) plays an important role in the work of the Alliance.

Successful grant applicants will be supported by DHS to develop and implement a UMEL plan that describes the methods and accountability for:

- >>>> Measuring the impact of any changes that are happening
- >>>> Learning and improving using the information collected
- >>>> Sharing evidence of change and learning with the Alliance and community

SUCCESSFUL RECIPIENTS

Organisations who are successful in the funding application will:

- Receive an agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the funding provided.
- Develop and implement an Understanding, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (UMEL) plan with DHS.
- Have public liability insurance – a minimum of \$1 million or as required in the agreement.
- Appropriately acknowledge the Port Augusta and Davenport Community Alliance as a funding source for the project.
- Have their organisation name, project title and funding allocation published on the Alliance webpage.
- Payment will be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of the funding agreement.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

➤ WHAT THE FUNDING CAN NOT BE USED FOR

Projects will *not* be eligible for funding if they are:

- major construction/capital works expenditure or the covering of retrospective costs
- costs incurred in the preparation of a grant application or related documentation
- subsidy of general ongoing administration of an organisation such as electricity, phone and rent
- overseas travel
- activities for which other Federal, state, territory or local government bodies have primary responsibility
- purposes that do not directly contribute to the outcomes of the activity, typically including (but not limited to) payment of fines or loans, purchase of gifts, personal debts, or sitting fees
- grant activities outside of Australia
- activities that commenced prior to the funding agreement being finalised, such as capital costs.

➤ WHO CAN APPLY

To be eligible to apply, organisations *must* be:

- A Council as described under the Local Government Act 1999 (SA), or
- An Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisation (ACCO), or
- Aboriginal Business/Corporation/enterprise, or
- Not-for-profit organisation, or
- Social Enterprises
- Commonwealth or State Government

ACCOs and Not for Profit Organisations must be incorporated under the South Australian Associations Incorporation Act 1995, or the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006, or have evidence of comparable legal status, such as Australian Public Company limited by guarantee.

- be currently operating within South Australia, and recipients of the program/service/initiative are residents of South Australia.
- be currently registered with a valid and eligible Australian Business Number (ABN).
- have an Australian bank account in the name of the legal entity.
- agree to the terms and conditions of the funding agreement.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

continued

› WHO CAN NOT APPLY

To be eligible to apply, organisations must *not* be:

- overseas resident/organisation
- declared bankrupt or subject to insolvency proceedings – as relevant to the entity type
- named as currently non-compliant under the Workplace Gender Equality Act 2012
- an organisation that has had issues of previous non-compliance with existing Federal or state grant agreements and hasn't rectified these issues to the satisfaction of the relevant departments; or is not in the process of rectifying any issues of non-compliance with existing grant agreements to the satisfaction of the relevant departments.
- not financially viable to the NIAA's and DHS satisfaction. The National Indigenous Australians Agency / Department of Human Services may undertake their own enquiries in relation to the applicant's financial viability.





FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information or to submit your application please contact Ms Emily Butler, Executive Officer Port Augusta and Davenport Community Alliance Group.



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APPLICATION TEMPLATE >>>>

1. **OVERVIEW** Provide details of the service or project including the approach and the implementation plan. How will the program be tailored to the specific needs of Port Augusta and Davenport Community. Include any diagrams and any supporting information.

2. Is there evidence, locally or from other places that, this approach has been successful?
(Based on best practice or local knowledge 15%)

APPLICATION TEMPLATE

3. Demonstrate how you have/will co-design with the community. Provide evidence of your organisations ability to build relationships with local community. This must include the ability to deliver culturally safe, locally responsive services that are developed in genuine partnership with First Nations communities. (Cultural Competence 30%)

4. Provide evidence demonstrating how your organisation engages in and maintains active partnerships and collaboration. Share examples of how you will connect with the broader service system. (Partnership and Collaboration 20%)

5. Detail the skills and capacity of your organisation, including staff who will deliver the program/project. Include evidence of experience in delivering programs or services. (Capability and Capacity 20 %)

6. Attach a detailed annual budget table for consideration and where appropriate provide any written quotes (Value for Money 15%)

Contact emily.butler2@sa.gov.au for an electronic copy of this form if required.