SA Youth Week 2027 Grant Round Information Session

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It's good that we acknowledge that we are meeting on Kaurna land

We are here to support Aboriginal families and their communities in their way of life

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SAYW27 Grant Round

The State Government, through the Department of Human Services (DHS), is providing SA Youth Week (SAYW) grants for local councils and not-for-profit organisations working directly with young people across South Australia to host events and activities during SAYW27. The events should promote, acknowledge, recognise and celebrate the contributions of young people in our communities.

As per the SAYW Guidelines the overall purpose of SAYW27 is to celebrate young people and youth culture and to encourage all young people to participate in their communities. SAYW27 will be from Friday 16 April to Sunday 25 April 2027.

The grant round closes **1pm, 28 October 2026**

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Eligible Organisations (as per SAYW guidelines)

To be eligible to apply, organisations must be:

- A Council (as described under the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*
- An Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisation, or
- Another not-for-profit organisation.

AND

- Match grant funding – financially or in-kind
- Operate in SA, have an ABN and Australian bank account
- Agree to the terms and conditions
- Activities to take place during Youth Week 2027

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Priority Groups (as per SAYW guidelines)

Events and activities which specifically target young people experiencing disadvantage will be considered favourably. A minimum of 50% of grants will be distributed to regional and rural areas of SA. This includes:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people
- young people with a disability or neurodivergence
- young people in out of home care
- LGBTIQA+ young people
- young carers
- culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) young people
- young people who live in remote or rural locations
- young people who have had contact with, or are at risk of involvement with the youth justice system
- young people at risk of, or experiencing homelessness

Regional and rural/remote organisations can use part of the funding to subsidise transport of young people to SAYW events and activities.

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Not eligible (as per SAYW guidelines)

- Events and activities that are planned outside of SAYW27 or in another state
- Requests for the purchase, maintenance or upgrading of facilities
- Requests for the purchase of alcohol as part of any SAYW27 event or activity
- Request for salary subsidies
- Requests from individuals
- Organisations that have not met the acquittal requirements for any previous grants issued by DHS
- Commercial or business associated activities (to make a profit)
- Fundraising or charitable events and activities
- Organisations that are not located within South Australia, unless the event or activity is held in and benefits South Australian young people.

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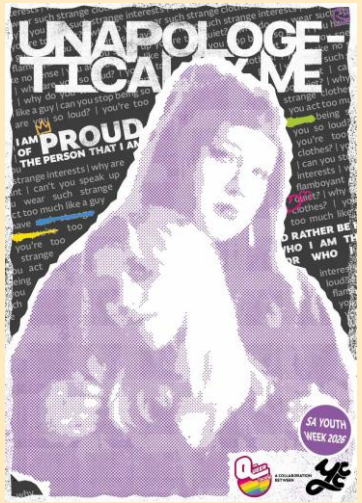
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Previous SAYW funding recipients

The District Council of Mount Barker worked alongside a Youth Steering Committee to deliver the Low Key A Haus Party at the Hahndorf Academy.

It included live music, a rave room with DJs, DJing and art workshops, VR gaming, board games, henna art, temporary tattoos, a photobooth, free food, and a sensory space. They also provided free shuttle buses from Mount Barker, Narine and Meadows to the event.







The Queer Society and the Marion Youth Collective Committee collaborated to launch an LGBTIQA+ Youth Art Exhibition, and a zine titled *Unapologetically Me*. Young people performed at and MCed the event, judged the artwork submissions, and produced the zine.

They included neurodivergent young people in all aspects of the planning and delivery of the project.

Application Process

How to apply

- Submit your application through SmartyGrants, the link is on our website.
- Don’t forget to press save as you progress through answering the questions.
- Upload required documentation, there are mandatory fields in the application which prevent you from submitting the application without answering all the key questions.
- Only one application per organisation in this grant round can be successful.
- Late applications will not be accepted. Ensure that you submit at least an hour before closing in case you experience any issues.

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Application Form – Event Details

- What is the event(s)?
- Who is hosting the event(s)?
- Where will the event(s) be hosted (e.g., metro / regional)?
- What involvement will young people have in the planning and delivery of the event(s), including the number of young people involved
- What is the frequency of the event (e.g., is it a one-off event or across multiple days)?
- Will any measures be in place to enable participation of all young people?
- How will the event be publicised?
- Does the contribution match the grant funding, either dollar for dollar, through in-kind support or a combination of both?
- Does the event enable collaboration with other partners in the community?
- How does the event consider the various needs of young people in specific communities, such as sensory needs for those with autism?
- To what extent have you considered and/or collaborated with various community groups, such as the Autistic and Autism Community, to encourage involvement in the planning, organising or participation of your SAYW event?

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How will it benefit young people

- How does the event celebrate young people and youth culture?
- How will the event provide young people with opportunities to pursue their interests, showcase their talents, express their ideas and views, raise issues of concern to them and/or act on issues that affect their lives?
- How is the event inclusive of all young people or a specific group
- How will young people be able to express their views and satisfaction with the event(s)?

Assessment Process

An evaluation panel will assess all eligible applications. The panel will comprise

- members of the Youth Minister's Advisory Council
- one member from Social Inclusion Policy and Partnerships (DHS)
- one member from Grants SA (DHS)

The panel will provide a report to the Minister for Human Services on the successful applicants.

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Successful Applicants

- Will receive written notification from the Minister, followed by a funding agreement electronically, through docusign.
- Need to read the agreement prior to authorising. Grants are not paid until the agreements are authorised by all parties.
- Must acknowledge support of the Government of SA in any promotional materials
- Will need to spend funds on approved activities during SAYW27 (16 to 25 April 2027) – keep receipts and evidence of spending
- Must provide a written report, which can include photographs, and financial acquittal using the template provided, and return any unspent funds to DHS by 30 June 2027
- Any unspent funds must be identified in the acquittal process, and you may be invoiced to return these funds.

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Notification of Applicants

- All applicants will be notified in writing via email
  - Ineligible applicants will be notified with the reason their application was ineligible.
  - Unsuccessful applicants are encouraged to contact Social Inclusion Policy and Partnerships for feedback on their application.

Searching for other funding opportunities:

- Department of Human Services: https://dhs.sa.gov.au/how-we-help/grants
- Community Grants Hub (Aust Govt): https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/
- The Funding Centre: https://www.fundingcentre.com.au/
- Multicultural Affairs: https://dpc.sa.gov.au/responsibilities/multicultural-affairs/grants
- Office for Recreation and Sport: https://orsr.sa.gov.au/grants
- GrantGuru: https://grantguru.com/au

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Any further questions?

At any stage of the process please don’t hesitate to contact us:

Social Inclusion Policy and Partnerships

Email: DHS.YouthPolicy@sa.gov.au

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(Kaurna - thank you)