



SA Youth Action Plan Grant Funding Guidelines



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Key information

Name of fund:	SA Youth Action Plan (YAP) – Youth Mental Wellbeing grant
Grants opening date:	9:00am, 20 November 2023
Grants closing date:	3:00pm, 05 February 2024
Success notification:	By 07 March 2024
Funding available:	Up to \$15,000 (GST Exclusive)
Type of funding:	One-off funding

The Department of Human Services

The purpose of the Department of Human Services is 'Making a difference so South Australia Thrives' and its three priorities are:

- Increasing inclusion, independence, and shared decision-making for all.
- Supporting our communities when it matters most.
- Delivering modern services for our communities

About Grants SA

Grants SA provides funding to programs and services that encourage and support local communities, strong and inclusive communities, wellbeing, and disadvantaged young people, adults, and families.

Projects funded under the SA Youth Action Plan (YAP) – Youth Mental Wellbeing grant round will be delivered from 1 May 2024 to 30 June 2025 to support the development and wellbeing of young South Australians.

Purpose

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is currently developing South Australia's next YAP to enhance fair and equitable access to opportunities, resources and supports for young people. During the consultation for the YAP, young people and youth sector stakeholders reported the need for increased accessible mental health support, describing that affordability and availability is a major barrier for young people to access mental health support. Respondents identified that a localised, community-based, lived-experience informed, peer to peer mental health support is the preferred model of mental health support for young people.

The YAP Youth Mental Wellbeing grant is offering \$15,000 to develop peer to peer mental health support initiatives which meet the needs of young people in their local communities and address the need of increased community-based mental health support as identified during the YAP consultation.

Aims and objectives

SA Youth Action Plan (YAP) – Youth Mental Wellbeing grants are available to local councils, community groups and organisations working directly with young people in metropolitan and regional South Australia to develop peer to peer mental health support initiatives which meet the needs of young people in their community.

The SA YAP – Youth Mental Wellbeing grants will support young people by:

- Building the resilience and mental wellbeing for young people aged 12-25 years.
- Providing local, community-based, peer-to-peer mental health and wellbeing support that addresses service gaps and is accessible for all young people.

Funding

One-off grants valued of up to \$15,000 (GST exclusive) are available for organisations working directly with young people in both metropolitan and regional South Australia.

Eligibility

- Local councils and non-government organisations working directly with young people in metropolitan, regional and rural/remote South Australia.
- Funded organisations must maintain workers' compensation insurance for an amount required by the relevant legislation and public liability insurance for \$10,000,000 or more per claim.
- All activities **must** take place during the period 1 May 2024 – 30 June 2025.

Special provisions

Consideration should be given to supporting the following cohorts:

- Young people with disability
- Neurodivergent young people
- LGBTIQ+ young people
- Young people experiencing socio-economic disadvantage
- Young people at risk of homelessness
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people
- Young people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- Young carers
- Young people experiencing unemployment
- Young people in contact or at risk of becoming in contact with the youth justice and/or the child protection systems
- Young people from regional and/or remote SA

Not eligible

- Activities that are planned outside of funding period.
- Activities that are planned to be held outside South Australia.
- Requests for the purchase, maintenance or upgrading of facilities.
- Requests from individuals.
- Organisations that have not met the acquittal requirements for any previous grants issued by the Department of Human Services.

- 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.

Selection criteria

Weighted Criteria

Initiative proposal

- What is the initiative?
- Who will be involved in the planning of the initiative, including young people?
- How many young people are expected to benefit from the initiative?
- Will the initiative benefit young people from regional or remote locations?

Delivery and outcomes of initiative

- Are there any partner organisations and what is their role?
- What financial or in-kind contribution will be made to the initiative?
- What measures will be in place to enable engagement of all young people, including those from diverse backgrounds?
- How will success be measured?

Sustainability

- How will the initiative continue to benefit young people once the funded project is finished?

Non-Weighted Criteria

- Proposed Budget Assessment
- Risk Assessment

Recommendations of applications

An Assessment Panel will review all applications and make recommendations on funding.

The Minister for Human Service's delegate, the Director, Social Inclusion, Department of Human Services (DHS) will be advised of the Assessment Panel's recommendations and will make the final decision on grant funding. All decisions relating to the allocation of funding will be final. The funding round will be finalised when all successful applicants have signed Grant Funding Agreements (GFA) with DHS. The GFA will contain the entire agreement between the parties.

How to apply

Complete the grant application and submit with attachments by **3:00pm, 05 February 2024**.

[Apply via the smarty grants portal](#)

What are my obligations if successful?

Successful applicants will be required to:

- Enter into a Grant Funding Agreement with DHS.
- Expend all funds on approved activities during the period 1 May 2024 – 30 June 2025.

- Return any unexpended funds to DHS.
- Seek advice and/or approval from DHS if an event/activity needs to be varied and/or cancelled prior to taking place (e.g., due to adverse weather or public health restrictions).
- Provide a final written report and financial acquittal to DHS by close of business 31 July 2025.

Who do I contact for further information?

Department of Human Services

Phone: 8207 0584

Email: YouthActionPlan@sa.gov.au

Application checklist

When submitting your online application, please:

- submit only one application per organisation;
- attach extra information (if applicable) via the upload functions; and
- lodge your application online by 3.00 pm, 05 February 2024.

No extensions will be granted.

Key dates

- 9:00am, **20 November 2023**: Applications open
- 3:00pm, **05 February 2024**: Applications close
- By **07 March 2024***: Successful applicants are notified
- from **01 April 2024***: Funding agreements made
- 5:00pm, **30 June 2025**: Funding period ends
- 5:00pm, **31 July 2025**: Report and Acquittal

**Dates are approximate and may be subject to change by notification of DHS.*