

Grants SA
Community Centres
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Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge this land that we meet on today is the traditional lands for the Kurna people and we respect their spiritual relationship with their country.

We also acknowledge the Kurna people as the custodians of the greater Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kurna people today.

About Grants SA

- Grants SA funding is for not-for-profit community organisations, including Aboriginal community-controlled organisations and Social Trader certified Social Enterprises.
- Our funding aligns to the state governments commitments to Closing the Gap Priority Reform Two: Building the Aboriginal Community-Controlled Sector to deliver services.
- Our funding is derived from the Charitable and Social Welfare fund.

Community Centres Funding Focus

The Round opens: **19 August 2024** and closes **3 pm, 2 October 2024**.

This round offers funding of up to \$30,000, to eligible Community Centres to:

- Develop programs for their local community to increase community participation and inclusion by delivering activities and events which respond to community need.
- Build their governance and compliance capacity including to develop or strengthen partnerships or collaboration with other community organisations to deliver community development objectives.

Priority Groups

Funding is prioritised for projects that support people and/or communities experiencing socioeconomic disadvantage and other vulnerabilities. The DHS priority focus groups are:

- Aboriginal peoples
- CALD communities
- People living with a disability, focusing on those not supported through the NDIS.
- LGBTIQ+ community
- People who are financially disadvantaged
- People residing in lower SEIFA Index areas
- Rural/remote locations and communities.

Eligible Applicants

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

- A community centre meeting the definition: *“Community Centres are organisations that meet community need and support community strengths by running community programs and activities that are based on a community development framework. The programs and activities are often run through partnerships and volunteer involvement, are open and inclusive to all, and focus on supporting community connections, information exchange, mutual support, and community participation.*
- Eligible for or holding *Community Centres and Neighbourhood Houses* membership from Community Centres SA.
- **Not** in receipt of current Community and Neighbourhood Development Program Funding awarded through Community Programs and Partnerships.

Eligible Applicants

- Be incorporated under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1985*, or the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006*, or have evidence of a comparable legal status, such as Australian Public Company limited by guarantee.

OR

- Owned and operated by Council or auspiced by Council as described under the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*.

OR

- Social Traders registered Social Enterprise

Funding Focus – Community Programs

This funding opportunity is a one-off grant of up to \$30,000 for:

- ✓ Programs to increase community participation specifically for groups more likely to experience social isolation.
- ✓ Support for the recruitment, training and retention of volunteers.
- ✓ Resources and equipment to support community connections, inclusion, skill development and diversity.
- ✓ Wage support to employ a part time officer to coordinate or deliver a new program or initiative to improve or expand an existing program or initiative.
- ✓ Increasing organisational capacity for service delivery (for example training, digital skills training, mentoring or Mental Health First Aid through training for employees and/or volunteers).

Funding Focus – Governance and Compliance

This funding opportunity is a one-off grant of up to \$30,000 for:

- ✓ Building governance capacity through the sharing of resources or initiatives, develop or strengthen organisational structures including a business plan or partnership with another organisation.
- ✓ Preparing employees/volunteers to take on leadership roles (For example governance, strategic, community development or financial planning).
- ✓ Providing wage support for eligible organisations to achieve ASES Recognition Level 1, a development program to build capacity and improve work practices in small community organisations.
- ✓ Providing wage support and assessment fees for eligible organisations to finalise Australian Service Excellence Standards to improve business practices and client services.
- ✓ Memberships of Community Centres SA or other relevant associations.

Community Centre projects under \$30K

- Through the Governance and Sustainability round, Goolwa Community Centre were funded to achieve ASES Recognition Level 1, provide Mental Health First Aid training for staff and volunteers and upgrade their IT security to allow staff remote access. The centre was able to develop robust policies and systems to ensure good governance, continuous improvement and support their long-term sustainability.
- Through the Addressing Food Security round Pooraka Farm Community Centre developed a cooking and gardening program, which included the development of a bush tucker garden, guest speakers, nutritional information, multicultural cooking classes, with participants gaining their Safe Food Practices certificate to enable a pathway into industry.

Community Centre project ideas – under \$30K

- Hackham West Community Centre extended their orchard and garden including the development of a bush tucker garden.
- The project aims to provide additional support for their community through the provision additional fruits and vegetable for their food pantry.
- Volunteers were involved in the design and development the garden to increase their skills to be able to transfer these skills to a home gardening context.

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.
- Organisations will be funded for a maximum of 2 grants per financial year.

Application Form – Project Details

- Project Title - Will be used for publicity and contracting purposes
- Provide a brief description of the project
- Please explain what you are aiming to achieve with this funding? Why is this project Important?
- How will this project sustain or expand your Organisation's current operations?
- What will the impact or benefit of this project have?

Application Form – Required Documentation

- Quotes for all items requested in Budget
- If applying for salary – provide Award, level, hourly rate, weekly hours and length of employment

Application Form: Budget for GST registered Organisations

- Grant expenditure-items you will purchase with the grant:

Grant Expenditure	Amount (exclusive of GST)	GST	Total Amount \$ (GST Incl)
Tables x 5	\$909.09	\$90.91	\$1,000
Chairs x 30	\$272.73	\$27.27	\$300
Fridge	\$1363.64	\$136.36	\$1,500

- Grant amount requested-the amount you are applying for is **\$2545.46**
- This number is auto-calculated by the portal. If you are GST registered the GST will be awarded at contracting if you are successful

Application Form – Budget (continued)

- Total project income and expenditure
- Financial Contributions (income)

Financial Contribution	Amount \$	Status
Our Organisation	\$1,000	Confirmed
XYZ Grant	\$1,000	Requested

- Total financial contribution - **\$2,000**. This number is auto-calculated.
- Are there any non-financial contributions (or in-kind) which will support this project? This could include use of facilities, donated goods or materials or volunteer labour.

Assessment Criteria

Linkage to the published Guidelines	20%	Is the applicant eligible for full membership of Community Centres SA? How well does the application link to the funding focus of governance, sustainability and/or programming? Does the application identify and support any of the priority groups?
Organisational need	20%	Location of organisation being supported and/or demographic of the community that the organisation supports, considering the SEIFA and regional or remote location of applicant. What will be achieved with this project?
	20%	How has the need for the project been determined? How will this project address that need?
Impact or benefit	30%	The extent of the positive impact or benefit on the organisation seeking funding. How will this be measured? Are there potential partnerships or collaborations with other groups or organisations? Evidence that this funding is crucial to sustaining or expanding current operations.
Value for Money	10%	The value for money given the community who will benefit. Applications must contain reasonable and realistic costs as outlined in attached quotes.

Assessment Process

How applications are assessed:

Stage One:

- Applications are screened by Grants SA staff for Organisation and Project eligibility.
- Confirmation that all required documents are included.

Stage Two:

- Eligible applications are assessed by an Assessment panel including a representative from Community Centres SA.
- Applications are assessed against the criteria in the assessment matrix.
- The panel makes recommendations to the delegate for funding.

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 Grants SA for feedback on their application.

Successful Applicants

- Will receive written notification from the Minister, followed by a funding agreement electronically sent through docusign.
- Read the agreement prior to authorising. Grants are not paid until the agreements are authorised by all parties.
- Agreement outlines:
 - Project, amount and items to be funded.
 - Contracting period. Awarded monies cannot be spent outside of the contract dates.
 - Requirement to have public liability insurance.
 - Reports required at the completion of the project.

Searching for other funding opportunities:

- Department of Human Services www.dhs.sa.gov.au
- SA Government grants www.GRANTassist.sa.gov.au
- Community Grants Hub (Aust Govt) www.communitygrants.gov.au
- GrantGuru www.grantguru.com.au
- The Funding Centre www.fundingcentre.com.au
- Multicultural Affairs www.dpc.sa.gov.au
- Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing www.orsr.sa.gov.au
- Office for Ageing Well [Ageing Well Community Grants | SA Health](#)

Any further questions?

At any stage of the process please don't hesitate in contacting us:

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