



GRANT GUIDELINES

About Neighbourhood Grants

Foundation SA's Neighbourhood Grants provide funding, of up to \$5,000 per grant, to grassroots projects that enhance wellbeing, inclusivity, and resilience across South Australia. At Foundation SA, we believe that strong, connected communities start with small, local initiatives that make a big difference.

Since our inception, we've given out almost \$100,000 through Neighbourhood Grants to help support our vision of a connected, resilient, sustainable South Australia for all.

What do we fund?

You know what your community needs to thrive and we'd like to support you to achieve this. When we say 'community', we mean a community group or a community of individuals brought together by a common purpose.

Neighbourhood Grants support acts of community connection that strengthen the bonds of neighbourhoods, initiated and led by people in their own communities.

The program aims to encourage:

- Inclusive, equitable and welcoming communities where people feel a sense of belonging
- Bold, innovative and purposeful community development that supports the changing needs of communities
- Recognition of the local assets and resources within community
- Sustainable projects that are initiated and owned by the community

- Local leadership and collective action

Key criteria:

- Project/activity must be informed or led by the people directly affected by the issue
- Project/activity must increase community connection

Who can apply?

- Non profit organisations
- Organisations with projects or initiatives based in South Australia
- Organisations endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient 1 (DGR1) or has a partner auspice organisation that has DGR1
- Social enterprises where activities align to the grant guidelines and have a DGR 1 auspice partner
- Organisations registered with the ACNC

We will support and prioritise smaller organisations that rely on grants and fundraising to continue their activities

Key dates:

Grant applications open	9am (ACST) Thursday 3 Apr
Grant applications close	4pm (ACST) Wednesday 30 Apr
Applicants notified of outcome	June 2025
Funds distributed	After 30 June 2025
Project implementation	To be delivered within 12 months of receiving the funds
Short project report due	Twelve months after receiving the funding (approx. July 2026)

What can't be funded?

- Projects supporting communities outside of South Australia
- Fundraising activities

- Retrospective activities/expenses

Applications from sporting organisations need to clearly demonstrate the community outcomes that are above and beyond the sporting activities of the club

How to apply

Foundation SA accepts applications through the Australian Communities Foundation grants portal. To apply, create a profile or login to the Australian Communities Foundation Grants Portal. Enter the access code FSA2025 to start your application.

If you have any questions in relation to the grants portal or require technical assistance with the application process, please contact Gabby Lam, Philanthropy Lead: gabby@communityfoundation.org.au or 03 9412 0412.

Foundation SA understands that the formal application and acquittal process through the Australian Communities Foundation portal does not meet everyone's access needs and can offer support to individuals or groups to ensure funding is accessible on a case-by-case basis. Please contact grants@foundationsa.org.au to discuss further.

How will your application be assessed?

Applications will be assessed on the grant guidelines and key criteria listed above. The grant evaluation process is decided by a Foundation SA volunteer committee.

Consideration is also given to:

- The number of applications addressing the same issue/community group
- Whether your organisation has previously received funding through Foundation SA

If you are awarded a Neighbourhood Grants what do we ask of you?

- Allow us to publish information and images of the project being funded on our digital and print platforms
- Acknowledge Foundation SA in all project related materials
- Complete a short acquittal report at the completion of your project

Contact Us – we're here to help

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If you have any questions in relation to the grant guidelines please contact Chelsea Gillies, Grants & Engagement Coordinator: grants@foundationsa.org.au or 08 8224 0461.

Our office hours are Monday to Thursday 9:00am – 4:30pm.