2025 Community Grants Program

Information for Applicants

Connection and Participation

The Rotary Club of Adelaide Charitable Trust Foundation (RCA-CTF) values strong community connections. We invite organisations committed to positive change to apply for grants between $5,000 and $20,000, however in 2024 the average grant was $12000.

Together, we can make a meaningful impact in South Australia.

About the Grants

The RCA-CTF offers annual competitive grants to support community projects that align with Rotary's service goals. Grants are available for projects running between July 2025 and June 2026. Funds aim to empower 'for-purpose' organisations to create lasting community benefits.

Priority Groups

We prioritise projects that create a positive impact for individuals in the South Australian community, with a focus on:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- People from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- People experiencing socioeconomic hardship or displacement.
- Youth at risk.
- People living with disabilities.

When applying for a grant, applicants are reminded of Rotary International's 7 areas of focus:

- Promoting peace
- Fighting disease
- Providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Saving mothers and children
- Supporting education
- Growing local economies
- Protecting the environment

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Eligibility

To apply, your organisation must:

- Be endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR-1 status) and registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC).
- Hold relevant insurances as outlined in the Guidelines.
- Provide recent, audited financial statements, signed by the auditor. (Those with annual revenue less than $500,000 are exempt from requiring an auditor's report).
- Have an annual gross revenue of less than $5 million.
- Receive less than 60% of its annual revenue from federal, state or local government funding, where revenue is above $1million per annum.
- Ensure the proposed initiative is located within South Australia

Selection Criteria

Grant applications are assessed based on the following equally weighted criteria:

1. **Project Description and Activities:**
    - Include project rationale and the need for your project
    - Describe the activities to be undertaken
    - Describe if the project is a new initiative or continuation of an existing project?
2. **Community Need and Awareness:**
    - Include project rationale and the need for your project
    - Describe the activities to be undertaken
    - Describe if the project is a new initiative or continuation of an existing project?
3. **Project Outcomes:**
    - Include project rationale and the need for your project
    - Describe the activities to be undertaken
    - Describe if the project is a new initiative or continuation of an existing project?
4. **Capacity and Capability to Deliver:**
    - Include project rationale and the need for your project
    - Describe the activities to be undertaken
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What We Will Fund

Eligible expenses include:

- Project-specific administrative costs.
- Materials and resources required for project delivery.
- Direct costs linked to project implementation.

What We Won't Fund

Grant funds cannot be used for:

- Projects delivered outside of South Australia.
- Land purchases.
- General operational costs (e.g., rent, utilities).
- Wages not directly tied to the project.
- Costs associated with developing the grant application.
- Retrospective expenses.
- Vehicles or overseas travel.
- Funds for individuals or individual health therapy

How to Apply

1. Review these guidelines carefully.
2. Complete the official grant application form.
3. Attach required documents (e.g., insurance certificates).
4. Submit your completed application to: communitygrants@adelaiderotary.com.au.

Key Dates (2025)

- **Applications Open:** Monday, 24 February 2025
- **Applications Close:** Friday, 28 March 2025. 5pm ACST
- **Successful Applicants Notified:** End of May 2025
- **Project Start:** July 1, 2025
- **Project Completion:** June 30, 2026

Answering Your Questions

For assistance, contact the Rotary Grants team at communitygrants@adelaiderotary.com.au before Monday, 21 March, 2025.

We are happy to clarify the application process but cannot assist with drafting your responses.

Together, we can create positive, lasting change in our community. Thank you for considering partnership with the Rotary Club of Adelaide Charitable Trust Foundation.