

Grant Guidelines

South Australian Wildlife Rehabilitation Grants Program



About the South Australian Wildlife Rehabilitation Grants Program

The South Australian Wildlife Rehabilitation Grants Program aims to support the state's wildlife rescue and rehabilitation sector in South Australia.

The grants program has been funded through the sale of Koala State number plates in South Australia and \$50,000 will be available in this grant round for equipment or activities which can support the rehabilitation of injured or orphaned native wildlife in the state.

The objectives of the South Australian Wildlife Rehabilitation Grants Program are to:

1. Support the wildlife rescue and rehabilitation sector by increasing their ability to respond to and care for sick, injured or orphaned wildlife by providing funding for items which directly assist the provision of these services.
2. Improve animal welfare outcomes for sick, injured or orphaned wildlife.

Funding limits and project timeframes

Applicants can apply for grants of up to \$5,000 (exclusive of GST).

Grant funding must be spent by 30 June 2026.

Period for acceptance of applications

Applications open:

Tuesday 22 April 2025

Applications close:

Monday 19 May 2025 (5pm)

Late applications will not be considered.

Eligible applicants

The South Australian Wildlife Rehabilitation Grants Program will be open to the South Australian volunteer wildlife rehabilitation sector only. Rescue organisations and individual applicants are both eligible to apply if they meet the following criteria.

To be considered for funding, **organisations** must:

- be not-for-profit; and
- be incorporated; and
- be a volunteer organisation, or involve volunteers; and
- be wildlife rescue organisations whose members hold current permits for the type of rescue activity they undertake; or
- be an organisation that supports or provides a service to the wildlife rescue and rehabilitation sector in South Australia.

To be considered for funding, **individuals** must:

- be aged 18 years and over at the date of application; and
- hold a current permit to rescue, rehabilitate, and release or retain protected wildlife in accordance with the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*; and
- have submitted an annual permit return; and
- maintain accurate records in accordance with the requirements of the *National Parks and Wildlife (Wildlife) Regulations 2019*.

Only one application per individual will be considered.

In addition, individuals and organisations must not have any outstanding grant acquittals with the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) longer than six months past their deadline, unless prior approval has been obtained.

Eligible projects and activities

Grant funding will be permitted to be used for the following purposes in relation to wildlife rescue:

- infrastructure and equipment such as enclosures, incubators, shelters and portable cages
- food for native wildlife
- veterinary fees
- training and conference attendance fees for carers (including first aid training, wildlife rehabilitation courses)
- personal protective equipment
- vaccinations (where applicable) or
- research relating to wildlife rescue.

Please select only one primary category for your application. Other items may be considered if it can clearly be demonstrated by the applicant that those items or activities support the rehabilitation of injured or orphaned native wildlife in South Australia.

Please note that:

- each grant application must specify the purpose of the grant funds and justify how it will assist the applicant in contributing to the objectives of the grants program.
- grant funding is not to be used for any other purpose other than what has been specified in the grant application.
- grant funding must be used for work undertaken within South Australia, or in relation to the rehabilitation of animals held within South Australia.

Ineligible projects and activities:

Applications will be considered ineligible if:

- the project or activity has already been completed or equipment purchased prior to the grant agreement being fully executed by both parties; or
- the project or activity requires ongoing or recurring Government of South Australia funding to be sustainable; or
- the applicant has already received assistance from the Government of South Australia or other relevant grant funds to achieve the same project outcomes; or
- the project / activity / physical structure proposed is not compliant with relevant legislation; or

- the project or activity is for work undertaken outside of South Australia, or in relation to the rehabilitation of animals that are not held within South Australia.

Allocation of funds

An Assessment Panel will assess all grant applications. Grants will be awarded by the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water. Grant funding will be paid in its entirety and upfront on full execution of a grant agreement and the receipt of a tax invoice provided by the successful applicant.

Should there be any unspent grant funds following the conclusion of the grant, those funds will need to be returned. DEW will arrange for the invoicing of any unspent funds.

Assessment criteria

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- how the application demonstrates the grant funding will improve animal welfare outcomes for sick, injured or orphaned wildlife.
- accurate quotations for requested items, and suitability of the requested items for the support the native wildlife.
- value for money and
- demonstration of applicant's capability to deliver the grant.

Unsuccessful applications

If an applicant is unsuccessful in receiving grant funding as part of this grants program for this round, it may be because demand for funding exceeds the amount available for distribution, rather than the application being unsuitable.

Should unsuccessful applicants wish to seek feedback on any aspects of their grant application, they are encouraged to contact DEW via the contact details outlined in the notification letter provided by DEW.

Unsuccessful applicants are welcome to reapply for future grant funding rounds relating to this grant initiative.

How to apply

Please submit your application through 'SmartyGrants' which can be accessed through:
<https://environmentsa.smartygrants.com.au/wildliferehabilitationgrants2025>

More information

For more information contact: dew.wildlifegrants@sa.gov.au or 0439 870 378 during office hours.

Indicative Timeframes:

Grant Applications Open	22 April 2025
Grants Applications Close	19 May 2025 (5pm)
Applicants advised of outcome of application	early June 2025
Grant agreements co-signed	mid June 2025
Projects completed	30 June 2026