

GREEN ADELAIDE

**Grassroots Grants
2025-26 Guidelines**



Green Adelaide was established on 1 July 2020 under the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019*, following a range of reforms to natural resources management in South Australia.

Green Adelaide’s region spans 17 metropolitan councils, from Gawler River in the north to Sellicks Beach in the south and about a third of Gulf St Vincent.

Green Adelaide’s annual Grassroots Grants Program is to support individuals, volunteers, community groups, sport and recreation clubs and religious organisations to deliver local projects that contribute to improved management of the metropolitan Adelaide environment.

The following document provides the guidelines for applicants to apply for a Green Adelaide Grassroots Grant.



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Key dates

- Applications open **12 March 2025**
- Applications close **7 May 2025**
- Assessment period **May - July 2025**
- Successful applicants announced **September 2025**

*Please note these dates are indicative and they may change.

How to apply

Applications must be submitted online using SmartyGrants (greenadelaide-sa.smartygrants.com.au).

Projects must be undertaken within the Green Adelaide region. For an interactive map of the Green Adelaide region please **click here**. Note the map is not compatible with Internet Explorer.

Who can apply?


- an incorporated community group or organisation (or a non-incorporated group with a sponsor)
- a not-for-profit organisation
- sporting and recreation organisations
- religious organisations
- schools and universities
- an incorporated Aboriginal organisation (or a non-incorporated group with a sponsor)

This list is not exhaustive, please see FAQs for more information

If you are not a legal entity (i.e. not incorporated) you will need to seek sponsorship from a legal entity that is prepared to take responsibility for the legal and financial accountability of the project. The sponsor will receive the funding on your behalf and will be required to provide a final acquittal of project funds. Trusts must register the name of the trustee i.e. John Smith as trustee for John Smith Family Trust.

The applicant's sponsor organisation can apply for administration costs of up to 10%.

Note

- The project must be predominantly within the Green Adelaide region and undertaken on a not-for-profit basis.
- Local councils are ineligible to apply.
- Applicants can submit more than one application. Successful applications will be determined based on merit selection.
- Green Adelaide will specifically consider funding new projects this round.
- Applicants with overdue or outstanding progress or final reports from an earlier Grassroots Grants round will not be funded, unless there is an approved variation.
- Private landholders can only apply if land is 2 hectares or greater in size, and must be covered by, or working towards a land management plan.
- Projects undertaking planting in areas with low tree canopy cover will be prioritised, refer to canopy cover data. 
- It is encouraged businesses and schools work / partner with community groups / volunteer groups in delivery of projects.



To apply, all projects must contribute to one of the Board's regional priorities and focus areas.

Priorities

Focus areas

Project examples



Coastal management

- Conserve and restore coastal and marine habitats and biodiversity

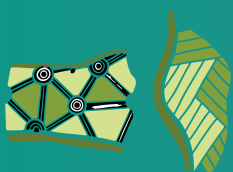
- Sand dune and coast rehabilitation
- Educating community about marine biodiversity
- Habitat restoration for target coastal species



Water resources and wetlands

- Better management of water resources and/or restoration of creeks/ wetlands

- Installation of a raingarden to minimise stormwater impacts
- Restoration of water courses and creeks through planting and removal of weeds
- Removal of non-porous surfaces, replaced with permeable surfaces



Green streets and flourishing parklands

- Increasing green spaces to create cooler urban areas

- Greening verges, parks and reserves
- Greening around carparks, infrastructure and facilities



Fauna, flora and ecosystem health in the urban environment

- Protecting and restoring habitats for plants and animals to thrive in

- Creating, protecting and restoring habitat for urban and/or threatened wildlife
- Revegetation to improve biodiversity
- Restoring bushland areas





How much can I apply for?

The total value of the Grassroots Grants Program for Green Adelaide in 2025-26 is up to \$1m, with grants between \$2,000 and \$200,000 available per application.

The table below describes the information required in your application.

Funding	Mandatory information for application	Extra information to include
\$2,000 to \$50,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quotes, cost estimates, hourly rates i.e. contractors• Landholder permission to undertake project (if applicable)• Approvals/permits or evidence that approvals are being sought• Letter confirming project sponsorship (if applicable)• Land management plan (for private land)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Photos of project site• Map showing where project will be delivered• Partnership support letter (if applicable)• Plant list - species• Site drawing/design for Greening projects
\$50,000-\$200,000	<p>In addition to the above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mandatory Project Brief: plans, images, concept designs, specification etc.• Detailed risk assessment• Timeline of delivery <p>Note: a higher level of detail is required for larger scale projects</p>	

We encourage applicants with Management Plans in place to apply for multiple years of funding.

If your project hasn't obtained permits or landholder approvals prior to submission, your application may not be considered.

Applicants can have up to 3 years to complete projects. Please note you will be required to report every 6 months, refer to page 9 for more details.

Projects requesting funds of up to \$20,000 will be paid 100 percent upfront.

Projects valued \$20,000 and over will receive 70% of funding on signing of agreement. The remaining 30% will be paid on approval of first progress report.






Projects must commence on signing of the grant agreement.












What types of activities will be considered for a grant?

Grants are available for a variety of activities which contribute to the priorities and focus areas of the Regional Landscape Plan (see page 3). The types of activities that will be considered for a grant are outlined below. Each activity requires specific output targets to be completed when applying: these are targets you are planning to achieve, e.g. 10 events, 2 hectares of weed control, 200 plants planted. You do not have to include every type of activity in your project. Only make clear which ones apply to your project.

Type of activity	Examples	Outputs to be included
 Planting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planting in parks/reserves/national parks • Planting around infrastructure/facilities • Tubestock planting • Verge plantings • Advanced trees - if for instant cooling benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total area planted (m²) • Number of plants
 Seed collection and propagation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collecting seeds/cuttings • Propagating seeds/cuttings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of plants propagated • Number of species collected/propagated
 Site preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earthworks • Removal of hard surfaces • Mulching • Plant Guards • Watering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area (m²) of site preparation
 Habitat creation/enhancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of nesting boxes • Installation of bee hotels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of structures installed
 Controlling pest plants and animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weed control by contractor • Spraying of weeds • Fox control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total area controlled (ha)

Type of activity	Examples	Outputs to be included
 Controlling access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fencing to prevent access to sensitive habitats <p><i>Note: property boundary fencing is not an eligible activity and must be for environmental protection</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Length of fencing (m) Area protected by fencing (ha)
 Engagement – Aboriginal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop/field day Cultural burns Consultation on the project with Traditional Owners <p><i>Note: This type of activity is about involving Traditional Owners and Aboriginal organisations. It is important that the relationship has been developed prior to this grant project.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of events/cultural burns Number of attendees
 Engagement – Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conference/seminar presentation Workshop/field day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of events/activities Number of attendees
 Surveys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fauna survey Flora survey Water quality survey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of fauna surveys conducted Number of flora surveys conducted Number of water quality surveys conducted
 Communication materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter Reports Signage Online materials App development Social media posts Educational 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of educational/promotional materials
 Water Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Erosion control along natural watercourses Installation of raingardens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of structures installed Area (ha) of restoration
 Design/Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing management plan Developing site plan Engineering reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of plans

Note

If you are unsure about the eligibility of your proposed project or activities, please email: **DEW.GreenAdelaideGGP@sa.gov.au** or phone 7424 5760.

Limits on grant activities

Grassroots Grants cannot be used for:

- Activities that are causing or likely to cause environmental damage, either directly or indirectly
- Administration and finance costs (unless paid to sponsor organisations)
- Preparation of the grant application and grant reporting
- Sponsorship administration costs are only available to applicants which aren't incorporated or a legal entity who use a sponsor
- Purchase of assets that could be considered for personal use
- Purchase of assets that could be obtained by other means i.e. hire, loan etc
- Retrospective funding of activities: projects cannot start until a grant agreement has been signed by all parties
- Existing debts or shortfalls
- Marketing and promotion of the organisation or existing services (unless directly associated with the project and educational in nature)
- Projects that have been funded through another source
- Activities that are unlawful.

Additional considerations

- Project management costs are only available for the delivery of the project and will be considered on a case by case basis. Budget, FTE amount and hourly rate must be specified.
- Funding for advanced trees will be considered for 'high use' areas or for instant cooling benefits.
- Private landholders are required to match cash contributions.
- Design/planning costs can be funded as part of a larger project.
- If undertaking a verge revegetation project you must work on multiple sites to increase community benefit/involvement.

- Research projects must demonstrate how delivery of the outcomes associated with the research project will be implemented, i.e. include on-ground works.
- Irrigation will only be funded if it directly relates to 'new' plantings associated with this grant.

Note

This list is not exhaustive.

Only expenditure incurred by the funding recipient or sponsor, directly attributable to the approved project, will be considered eligible expenditure.

Green Adelaide staff may work with applicants to refine project design, partnerships, scope and scale before entering into a grant agreement.

Ineligible activities

Please see FAQs for more detailed list.

- Stormwater management - raingardens are eligible.
- Components of projects that have no environmental or educational benefit such as retaining walls, shelters etc.
- Infrastructure e.g. pergola, shed, bird cages/chicken coops.
- Furniture – benches, seating, tables
- Vegetable gardens – not including bush tucker gardens.
- If purchasing wicking beds/containers you must justify their use. They will only be funded if there is no alternative to planting in the ground.
- Nature play equipment/assets, such as playground equipment, mud kitchens, murals.
- Property boundary fencing.
- Moss rocks ineligible for funding. Quarry rocks will be considered, must justify their use.
- Training – including cultural training, which is an organisational responsibility.

How will grants be assessed?

Applications will be assessed by a panel of Green Adelaide staff and the Board, with final funding decisions made by the Green Adelaide Board or its delegate.

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Clearly identify project activities which are realistic and achievable
- Detail how they will specifically contribute to achieving the Green Adelaide Regional Landscape Plan priorities
- Demonstrate how the project outcomes and outputs will be supported and maintained into the future
- Provide a high level of public benefit and supports the local community
- Leverage other funding sources or provision of in-kind funding (e.g. fencing funded privately combined with a Grassroots Grant for tube stock, tree guards and weed control)
- Demonstrate the capability and capacity to effectively deliver the project
- Provide a high level of value for money based on the scale and impact of the project
- Include clear timelines, milestones and management of potential risks for the proposed project
- Utilise strategic partnerships and collaborations

All applicants will be formally advised on the outcome of their application in writing. Feedback will be provided to unsuccessful grant applicants upon request.

Reporting Requirements

Successful applicants will be required to report six-monthly and at the end of the project. The reports must include:

- Photographs and/or videos of activities and outcomes (e.g. before, progress and after photos)
- Contractor report (if applicable)
- Key outputs – e.g. number of plants, species, number of events etc.
- Budget table – filled out with expenditure and attached receipts/invoices

Conditions of funding

Successful applicants will enter into a grant agreement which may (depending upon the level of the grant) outline:

- Project and grant payment milestones
- Monitoring and reporting requirements
- Data sharing agreement
- Acknowledgement of grant in any media/promotional materials
- Sharing of any media/promotional opportunities
- Process for any project variation and/or extension requests
- Responsibility for public liability insurance
- Any other terms and conditions as deemed appropriate

Unspent funds

Any unspent grant funds must be returned to the Green Adelaide Board in accordance with the grant agreement.



Enquiries

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