



## Grassroots Grant Program Guidelines 2026-27

### 1. Introduction

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board is pleased to offer a Grassroots Grant expression of interest to communities, schools, and community groups to support connection to and caring for Country across the Alinytjara Wilurara (AW) region.

This grant is offered annually as a requirement of the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019*. This year a total of up to \$40,368 (GST exclusive) (with a minimum of \$10,000 and a maximum of \$40,368 available per applicant) is available through the 2026-2027 AW Grassroots Grant program.

The project should be planned to be completed by 30 June 2027.

The closing date for applying is 2 August 2026.

### 2. Who can apply for Grassroots Grant funding?

The Grassroots Grant is available to communities, schools, and community groups in the [AW region](#) to undertake activities that support connection to and caring for Country.

Simply fill out the Grassroots Grant expression of interest and ensure:

- all proposed project activities are not funded under any other funding agreement. However, they may support an existing funded project.
- all proposed project activities are undertaken within the AW region.

### 3. What type of activities can be funded?

The program can fund a range of on-ground activities, including:

- Supporting the implementation of Healthy Country Plans or Indigenous Protected Area Plans
- Activities that strengthen connection to and caring for Country
- On Country camps, cultural activities and learning on Country
- Creating, maintaining or restoring culture and a healthy environment
- Intergenerational transfer of Anangu cultural and land management knowledge
- Weed management
- Pest animal management
- Access control for environmental or cultural outcomes (for example fencing)

- Water sites management
- Revegetation and habitat restoration
- Environmental surveys
- Governance and leadership activities that support strong community decision-making for Country
- Training and capacity building activities

All project ideas must align with the AW Landscape Board's priorities and focus areas, as outlined in the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Plan 2026-31 at: <https://www.landscape.sa.gov.au/aw/about-us/our-regions-plan>

#### 4. How will funding work?

Grant funding will be provided once a grant agreement has been signed by both the applicant and the AW Landscape Board. Funds must be spent in accordance with the terms outlined in the grant agreement. No funds may be spent before the agreement is fully executed.

Projects that have already commenced are not eligible for funding.

Successful applicants must acknowledge the AW Landscape Board in all promotions and publications related to the project. The Board will also promote funded projects through media and social media, in consultation with the grant recipient. Grant recipients will be required to provide a report on the results of the project, including images and information suitable for publication. Successful applicants will also be invited by the Board to share their project results at a future AW Board meeting.

#### 5. What can't the grants be used for?

- Activities that are causing or likely to cause environmental damage, either directly or indirectly.
- Preparation of the grant application.
- Purchase of machinery, plant, and equipment that is not clearly outlined in the Project budget table in the application form.
- Activities that occurred before the grant began.
- Project management and administration costs of the applicant which are not related to the project and do not appear in the Project budget table in the application form.
- Routine administration expenses including but not limited to accommodation, office computing facilities, legal and accounting fees, and bank charges.
- Existing debts or shortfalls.
- Marketing and promotion of the organisation or existing services (unless directly associated with the project and educational in nature).
- Activities that are unlawful.

**Note:** Other activities or spending may be ineligible where they do not directly support the goals of the grants program or where it is contrary to the spirit and intention of the grant funding. If you are unsure about the eligibility of your proposed project or activities, please contact the AW Landscape Board via the contact at the end of these guidelines.

## 6. How will your expression of interest submission be assessed?

Project proposals may be assessed against the following questions:

1. Expression of interest clearly outlines what the project intends to achieve, why it is important, and the activities to be undertaken.
2. The expression of interest aligns with the AW Landscape Board's priorities as listed above in Section 3.
3. Demonstrated ability to deliver the project and achieve the intended outcomes.

## 7. Application for funding and project delivery

### Stage 1

Applicants are invited to discuss their project proposal with a representative staff member from the AW Landscape Board prior to completing an application.

### Stage 2

Applicant submits an expression of interest for assessment to AW Landscape Board staff representative. **Applications must be received by 2 August 2026.**

### Stage 3

Projects will be assessed by a panel of AW Landscape Board staff and Board members. Projects will then be recommended to the AW Landscape Board for approval.

### Stage 4

When the AW Landscape Board approves the successful Grassroots Grant project the successful applicants will be notified.

### Stage 5

The project should be completed by 30 June 2027, and reporting undertaken in accordance with the grant agreement with a final report and acquittal submitted by 31 July 2027, unless otherwise negotiated. The AW Landscape Board may request a presentation within six months of the project being finalised.

## 8. Assistance with project applications and further information

If you need any assistance or have any queries, please contact AW staff representative Damon Ezis by email [aw.landscapeboard@sa.gov.au](mailto:aw.landscapeboard@sa.gov.au), or the AW Landscape Board Adelaide Office on (08) 7421 0197.

## 9. Grassroots Grants project application submission

Email expression of interest submission to:

Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board  
GRASSROOTS GRANTS PROGRAM  
[AW.LandscapeBoard@sa.gov.au](mailto:AW.LandscapeBoard@sa.gov.au)