



# NATURE-BASED TOURISM SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

The Nature-based Tourism (NBT) Small Grants Program supports innovative and sustainable tourism experiences on public land, including South Australia's reservoir reserves opened for recreational activities.

Nature-based tourism is about offering visitors unique experiences at reservoir reserves, while fostering their understanding of environmental conservation and the protection of water quality. The program aims to enhance the local environment and encourages people to help preserve the natural values embodied by each destination.

Prospective businesses interested in operating a tourism experience at one of SA Water's reservoir reserves are required to ensure they're aligned to the [guidelines](#) developed by the Department for Environment and Water. Applications relating to land managed by SA Water will need to follow the guidelines in all aspects, including funding amounts and application timeframes, eligibility criteria and conditions, approval process and the requirement for a completed Risk Assessment.

## Seeking support from SA Water

As part of the NBT Small Grants Program application process, written support from the relevant land manager (in this case, SA Water), is mandatory.

SA Water will consider supporting project applications that satisfy the following:

- Complements the values underpinning recreational access at South Australia's reservoir reserves, simply captured by the words '*Enjoy. Explore. Preserve.*' and incorporate;
  - recreational opportunities promoting community health and wellbeing
  - conservation of our reservoir reserves and their natural environment
  - educating communities about the environment, water sources, or the benefits of being active.
- Demonstrates innovation in nature-based tourism and/or meets visitor demand currently not serviced.
- Consistent with the existing Conditions of Access as described on [reservoirs.sa.gov.au](https://reservoirs.sa.gov.au).

SA Water will **not** consider applications that require construction or installation of permanent fixtures or features at the reservoir reserves.

Please note, endorsement from SA Water forms part of your application to the NBT Small Grants Program and does not guarantee funding for your project or initiative. For all enquiries about your application, you can email [reservoirs@sawater.com.au](mailto:reservoirs@sawater.com.au).

