2024 Community Grants

Fact sheet

We are seeking to empower activities, programs or events which will make a positive impact in South Australia.

Funding for our Community Grants program is competitive. We anticipate around 30 projects will be successful.

Thinking of applying?

Familiarise yourself with the FAQs, Terms and Conditions and how applications will be assessed.

Some criteria has changed since 2023. Make sure you are familiar with what has changed.

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CHECK

☐ **Is your organisation eligible?**

☐ **Is your activity eligible?**

☐ **Does it align with a focus area?**
Listed on the next page

Key dates

Please refer to these key dates as we won't accept late applications. We also won't fund activities that occur prior to the announcement of funding outcomes.

ADD THESE DATES TO YOUR CALENDAR

• **Applications open 4 March 2024**

• **Applications close 14 April 2024**

• **Outcomes announced no later than 1 July 2024**

Getting ready to apply

Applications are submitted via an online form. The form must be completed in one sitting – you can not save and resume later.

The following steps will help you prepare your application.

1. Review application questions

We have listed the application questions on the next page. You might like to draft answers to the questions in a Word document before copying and pasting into the online form making sure you take note of any word or character limits.

2. Gather any additional information

You can attach a supporting document to your application. For example, a quote, evidence of other funding received, an evaluation plan etc. If you have multiple documents you will need to combine these into a single document to upload, eg a pdf.

3. Submit online application form

Use the material you prepared in Step 1 and 2 to complete the online application form.

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Remember, you can only fill out the online form in one sitting – you can't save and come back later.

Focus areas

Our 2024 grants program will focus on two key areas: sustainability and innovation. We are committed to supporting community projects, ensuring a greener, more sustainable future. Please be aware that our target areas may vary each year, which could affect your eligibility for the program.

Please find below our two areas and some activity examples.

Growing a sustainable SA

Championing environmental and social sustainability for our State.

- Reducing climate change or carbon footprint
- Promoting recycling or the circular economy
- Electrifying community facilities (eg replacing gas appliances/hot water with electric etc)
- Supporting energy self-sufficiency and the adoption of renewable energy technologies (eg installing solar, battery, EV chargers on community facilities)
- Energy education for vulnerable customers (eg developing and delivering energy education/ awareness/efficiency courses, materials & resources for diverse and vulnerable customers)

Supporting innovation and growth

Promoting innovative approaches to tackle current or future challenges.

- Driving operational efficiencies and security through technology (eg using AI & data, improving cyber security etc)
- Supporting STEM & future STEM uptake
- Supporting vulnerable customers and communities (eg designing and delivering energy 'self-help' or other energy innovations)
- Challenging processes with lean or innovative thinking, showing innovation and commitment to safety
- Using robotics for industrial automation, digitalisation and sustainability

Got any questions? Contact us **communitygrants@sapowernetworks.com.au**

Application questions

- **How much funding are you seeking?**
- **What is the name of the activity you are seeking funding for?** *(255 characters)*
- **If you are delivering an event or program, what are the activity start and end dates?** Note that we can't fund activities that occur prior to 1 July 2024.
- **Tell us about your organisation.** *(150 words max)*
- **Provide a brief overview of the activity you are seeking funding for.** *(200 words max)*
- **Where will the activity take place? Or if purchasing equipment, where will it be used?** This may be a suburb or a local council region.
- **Where are the beneficiaries located?** List the suburbs or local council areas where the people who will benefit from the activity live.
- **Who will benefit from the activity?** Eg will the activity target specific participants (young people, people with a disability or their carers, refugees or people from culturally diverse backgrounds, etc). How many people will benefit?

- **What broader community benefits will the activity deliver?** *(150 words)*
- **Have you applied for or received funding from any other sources for this activity?** (150 words) Provide the details for all other funding applications for this activity including the funding body, the amount applied for and the status of the application (successful, unsuccessful, under consideration, unknown etc).
- **How will you spend the grant funding?** Eg provide a breakdown of the items that you will spend the funding on.
- **How will you evaluate the impacts of your activity?** *(150 words)*
- **Where appropriate, what are the opportunities for SA Power Networks to participate in or promote the activity?** *(150 words)*