

City of Adelaide Community Wellbeing Grants

Information Session
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Image: Colombian Community Dance Group at MOSAIC Community Night
Photo: Cath Leo

Acknowledgement of Country

The City of Adelaide acknowledges the Kurna People of the Adelaide Plains as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live, work and gather.

We acknowledge and honour their spiritual and cultural stewardship of this Country and recognise their deep and enduring relationship with its lands, waters, the sky, and all living things.

We pay our respects to Kurna Elders past and present and recognise the important role of emerging leaders in sustaining and strengthening culture.



Image: Spirit in Unity Welcome to Country Ceremony in the city's West End. Photo: Lana Adams

Session Overview

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Image: Madinati Interactive Workshop Participants Group Photo, April 2026, presented by The Arabic Language and Culture Association of South Australia ALCASA as part of the project *Madinati: Our Stories Shape Our City*. Photo: Tom Symes

Community Grants Overview

Applications received from

- Community groups and non-profit organisations
- Volunteers and local leaders
- Social enterprises and grassroots initiatives
- Priority groups*

*Priority groups include population groups which require greater support with social determinants of health:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples
- Culturally linguistically diverse people
- International students (university, English students, or VET courses)
- LGBTQIA+ people
- Young people and older people
- People experiencing socio economic disadvantage
- People with disabilities
- People from refugee backgrounds and asylum seekers



Image: Pride Adelaide. Photo: Sean Cullen

Community Grants Overview

Applications will NOT be considered from

- Applicants with outstanding acquittals
- State or Federal government departments, or Councils
- For-profit entities with an annual revenue of more than \$250,000

* Ineligible applications will not advance to the assessment stage and applicants will be notified



Image: MYSA Tea With a Refugee, Refugee Week 2026.
Image: Cath Leo

Community Grants Overview

Two Focus Areas: Community Wellbeing and Arts and Culture

Funding Category	Purpose	Requirements
Quick Response (\$2,000 - \$5,000)	• Pilot projects • Small activations • Grassroots community projects	• Must be a small project where a small amount of money makes a clear different. • Large projects will not be considered.
Major Grants (\$5,000 - \$20,000)	• Ongoing community engagement • Multi-session workshops or activations, 6-12 months programming • Expansion of projects to reach new audiences	• Applicants must contribute 20% of the total project cost. • Show evidence of working with at least two local partners

Community Grants Overview

Key Dates

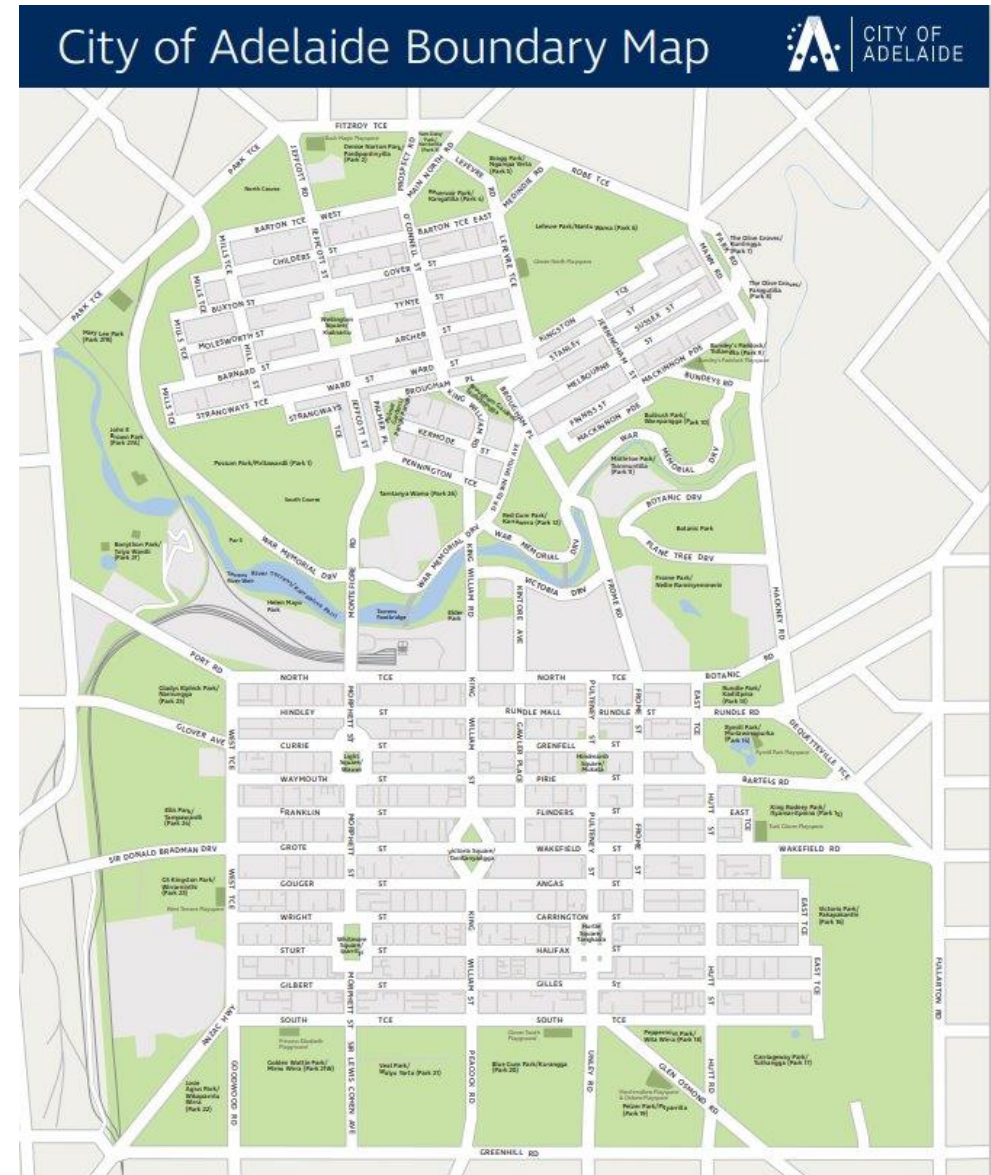
Funding Category	Applications Close	Funding Notifications
Quick Response (\$2,000 - \$5,000)	Open until funds are expended Get in quick!	5 weeks after applications are submitted
Major Grants (\$5,000 - \$20,000)	Friday 23 October at 3pm	Late December

Community Grants Overview

All projects must have a publicly accessible physical outcome in the City of Adelaide

We will not be funded

- Projects taking place outside of the City of Adelaide (Metro Adelaide, interstate, overseas)
- Projects already funded by CoA
- Fully digital projects
- Private events
- **Check the full list on Page 8 of information booklet**



Community Wellbeing Grants

We support activities that encourage

- Participation of priority groups in community life
- Community connections
- Active recreation and movement for people of all
- Knowledge and cultural sharing
- Community leadership and resilience
- Safe environments



Image: ActNow performers during the *Like Me Like You* performance at North Adelaide Baptist Church, 2026. Photo: Cath Leo

Community Wellbeing Grants

Support **FREE** and low cost

- Multicultural events and gatherings
- Community-led active recreation initiatives
- Community performances with community wellbeing outcomes
- Community workshops
- Neighbourhood activities



Image: South Australian Health Quigong and Tai Chi Association practice at Veale Gardens/Walyu Yarta. Photo: Cath Leo

Arts and Culture Grants

Support

- Murals & temporary public artwork
- Creative performances
- Art exhibitions
- Arts festivals and events
- Reconciliation and truth-telling initiatives
- Live music activations



Image: Praise Mangena at Concept Sessions
Episode 8. Photo: Daniel Down.

Application Process and Tips

- How to Apply for a Community Wellbeing Grant?
- How is my application assessed?
- How do I hear about the outcome of my application?
- What happens if my application is successful?
- What are the Community Grants reporting requirements?



Image: Yoga in the Square with Perrin Abas

Application Process and Tips



Image: Trees For Life *Regenerate Adelaide*, 2026

- **Please spend time scoping your project**
- We are looking for achievable projects rather than ambitious activities that exceed available resources.
- We recognise that genuine partnership and community engagement with priority groups, including with First Nations communities, take time, care and appropriate investment.
- Consider lived experience remuneration, and cultural loading fees.

Application Process and Tips



Image: Men's Arabic Speaking Association (MASA) Wellbeing Sessions at North Adelaide Community Centre, 2026

What makes a strong application

- Clear community benefit
- Demonstrates demand or need
- Meaningful involvement of priority group
- Open to the public
- Free or low-cost participation
- Realistic budget and timeline
- Strong local partnerships
- Achievable with available resources

Application Process and Tips



Image: Adelaide University Athletics Club. *Run the Loop* 2026. BullrushPark/Warnpangga (Park 10).

Common reasons applications are not funded

- Projects outside City of Adelaide
- Ticketed events that are not free or low cost for the community
- Primarily private or member-only projects
- Capital expenditure requests (fixing a community facility, laptops, cameras)
- Budget lacks detail (applicant contribution not demonstrated in Major Grants)
- Priority groups have not been considered
- Partnerships are mentioned but evidence of collaboration is not provided
- Proposed outcomes exceed available resources

Application Support: In-person drop in sessions

When

Tuesday 6 October and Tuesday 13 October

Time

Between 2:00pm to 5:00pm

Location

Minor Works Building Community centre
22 Stamford Court, Adelaide

No bookings are required

Contact us

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Image: Leo Multicultural Community Choir and Chamber Orchestra Christmas Concert