

Small Grants Program

Individuals





Please ensure that you have read these Guidelines and consulted with Council's Grants Officer prior to completing the application form.

Eligibility

Who can apply?

Small Grants - Individuals	Yes	No
Individuals under 25 years residing within the Alexandrina Council region	✓	
Individuals living with disability of any age residing within the Alexandrina Council region	✓	
Community groups		✗
Businesses		✗
Applicants with outstanding debts such as rates, fees or charges to Alexandrina Council		✗
Applicants seeking funding for retrospective projects, except for activities that occurred between 16 February and 31 July 2026		✗
Applicants who have not provided a satisfactory Evaluation and Acquittal Report for any previous funding received from Alexandrina Council		✗
Applicants who have already received funding through the 2026-27 Small Grants Program		✗
Alexandrina Council Members or employees		✗

What type of activities will be funded?

Applications are invited from eligible individuals to undertake personal development opportunities within one of the following categories:

- Arts, Culture, Music & Dance
- Sport & Recreation
- Community Participation & Leadership.

What funding is available?

Eligible individuals can apply for the following amounts;

- \$200 for activities held in South Australia
- \$300 for activities held interstate
- \$400 for activities held overseas.

A total of \$20,000 has been allocated to the Small Grants Program in 2026-27.

Applicants for sport and recreation activities must have been selected to participate or compete in the activity.

Applicants for all other activities must be able to demonstrate a strong commitment to their field of endeavour and a firm intention to use the skills and knowledge gained from the activity for the benefit of the Alexandrina community.

Eligible Activities

Eligible activities include;

- Events, workshops or activities that develop personal or professional skills
- Regional, national or international level competitions
- Leadership programs or conferences
- Transport and accommodation costs associated with any of the above activities.

Applications will be accepted until all funds are exhausted.

Application and Assessment

Application Process

Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Council's Grants Officer before commencing the application process.

Applications must be made by completing the online Small Grants Program (Individuals) Application Form, accessed via the SmartyGrants link on Council's website alexandrina.sa.gov.au/grants

All questions on the Application Form must be fully completed and applicants must provide all requested supporting documentation.

Applications will be accepted from Saturday 1 August 2026 until all funds are exhausted.

Assessment Process

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and assessed monthly.

Applications received will be subject to an "Eligibility Check" undertaken by Council's Grants Officer.

Applicants may be contacted to seek further information with regards to their application. Any additional information or documentation requested must be submitted within five working days.

No further resubmissions will be allowed.

If an application meets all eligibility criteria satisfactorily, the application will usually be recommended for funding, subject to the availability of funds.

Approval will be sought from the Manager Community Connection and Activation prior to the awarding of any grant funding.

Assessment Criteria

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1.	The applicant meets the requirements outlined in the eligibility table; Applicant is an Alexandrina resident, has no outstanding debts or acquittals, hasn't already received funding in 26/27, isn't a Council Member or employee, their request isn't retrospective.
2.	The applicant is applying for an eligible activity type; Arts, Culture, Music & Dance, Sport & Recreation, Community Participation & Leadership.
3.	The applicant demonstrates one of the following; activity selection (sport & recreation) or commitment and community benefit (all other activities).
4.	The applicant is an individual under 25 years or living with disability.

Important information

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- Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application within 4 weeks of the end of the month in which their application was submitted.
- Only one application will be accepted from any individual in each financial year.
- Where funding is nearing exhaustion, priority may be given to applicants who have not previously received funding from the Small Grants Program.
- Applications must include documentation from an appropriate peak body, association or organisation confirming the applicant's status as a competing member, representative or participant.
- Applications must be made by the individual participating in the activity, not from associated individuals e.g. teachers, coaches, officials.
- Applications should be submitted at least eight weeks prior to the activity where possible.
- Applications submitted within a shorter timeframe may not be notified of the application outcome prior to the activity.

Conditions of funding

Change of scope

Should the nature of your funded activity change, a request to vary the funded activity must be submitted to Council in writing. Changes to the agreed activity cannot be made without Council approval or return of funding to Council may be required.



Cancellation

In the event of a cancellation of the activity, or for any reason the applicant is unable to attend, the applicant must notify Council as soon as possible, and all funding received must be returned to Council.

Reporting

All recipients will be required to complete a brief Evaluation and Acquittal Report within two months of project completion. This report will require completion via SmartyGrants, Council's online grant administration system and will require proof of expenditure for all funded items and photographs demonstrating your participation in the funded activity. Non-compliant applicants are unlikely to be eligible for any future funding from Council. Any unexpended funding must be returned to Council.

Acknowledgement

Grant recipients must acknowledge Alexandrina Council's support in all promotional materials and communications related to grant-funded activities, including social media, media releases, and printed collateral. Use of the Council logo must follow branding guidelines and be approved by the Communications Team via communications@alexandrina.sa.gov.au with at least one week's notice. Recipients should refer to the "Alexandrina Grant Recipient Guidelines for Communication and Promotion" for more guidance on requirements.

More Information

For more information or assistance with your application, please contact Council's Grants Officer on 8555 7000 or by email to alex@alexandrina.sa.gov.au



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