Flinders University Rural and Remote Health SA Community Partnership Grant Guidelines

Background

At Flinders University Rural and Remote Health SA (FRRHSA) our education and research aims to equip the next generation of leaders and innovators with the skill, commitment and vision to protect vulnerable communities and advance health outcomes.
We strive to improve the health of our communities through the transformative power of education, research and health care.

FRRHSA operates in rural and remote community contexts that are geographically and culturally diverse. Our communities are unique and effective partnerships are vital to building their capacity, particularly the future health workforce, and ensures that local knowledge is incorporated into our activities.   These partnerships are also fundamental to educating our students and ensuring graduate outcomes meet community need.

The FRRHSA Community Partnership Grant is one way we are investing in local rural communities. Grants of up to $2,000 will be funded to support those parties that facilitate beneficial outcomes for local rural and regional communities within the local government areas of Flinders University Rural and Remote Health SA located campuses:

- **Riverland** - District Council of Loxton and Waikerie; Renmark Paringa Council; Berri Barmera Council
- **Barossa** –Barossa Council; Light Regional Council
- **Hills Mallee Fleurieu** – Adelaide Hills Council; City of Onkaparinga; Mount Barker Council; Murray Bridge Council; Alexandrina Council; Victor Harbor Council; District Council of Yankalilla; Kangaroo Island Council; District Council of Karoonda East Murray; Mid Murray Council
- **Greater Green Triangle** – Naracoorte Lucindale Council; Wattle Range Council; District Council of Grant; City of Mt Gambier; Southern Grampians Shire

Aims

- To build the health and wellbeing capacity in a rural community
- To assist in improving education capacity of a rural community
- To engage the community more effectively with staff/students of local rural campuses
- To assist a program to develop/deliver an activity of benefit to the community

Applications should demonstrate benefits to the community including, but not limited to, health and wellbeing, community development and education.

Who can apply?

- Registered community groups.
- Non-government organisations.
- Education/health service providers.
- Individuals*

* NOTE - Individuals should apply through their relevant community or educational institution. Eligible bodies must be a business with an ABN, incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation or association.

Where a body is not incorporated, funding may be requested, with a letter of support from an auspicing body.

The FRRHSA Community Grant Advisory Committee and Executive may, at their absolute discretion, approve to award a grant to a non-conforming body where they are satisfied the project meets the aims of the program and the grant is appropriate.

What can funds be used for?

Funds may be used for a range of purposes related to the goals of the project as outlined below:

- providing access to resources and information to improve community awareness of health-related issues
- providing access or opportunity for the community to make healthier choices or participate in activities with a prevention focus that deliver real health and wellbeing outcomes
- purchase of communication and technology equipment
- purchase of scientific or technical instruments
- one off projects for a specific purpose
- to develop and strengthen communities
- to assist in reducing social disadvantage
- to assist with solutions to community problems
- to ensure as many people as possible benefit from the project funded and
- where possible, include a financial and/or in-kind co-contribution

Is there anything I can't ask for funding to do?

You may not ask for funding or use funding for the following:

- debt reduction
- reduction of a Australian Taxation Office debt.
- operational and administration costs
- indirect expenses and business overheads that cannot be directly tied to the approved grant project
- lobbying
- projects that are capable of attracting funding from other sources
- funding for projects known to be in existence or funded by other funding bodies
- projects which give donations to other organisations
- to support applications from individuals

Are there any applicants that will not be considered for funding?

In addition to any organisation that does not meet the criteria, the application will not be considered for funding if an organisation has received funding from the University in a previous grant round* and:

- has not expended the funds in accordance with the grant purpose (or any variation thereto agreed in writing by the University); and/or
- has not expended the funds by the designated report due date.

The University may consider and approve funding of an application from an organisation or body that has not met the requirements of a previous grant round where the Grant Review Panel is satisfied that the failure to

meet the requirement was unavoidable, or there is otherwise a reasonable explanation. An explanation regarding any failure to meet the requirements of a previous round should be submitted with the application should the applicant wish the application to be considered further.

Are there any conditions on applications?

Yes. The aim of the program is to provide funding to community organisations to facilitate beneficial outcomes for our rural and regional communities.

- the applicant acknowledges and agrees that the University has the right to award funding in its absolute discretion,
- the applicant acknowledges that the University reserves the right not to allocate funding, or to reallocate funding between programs, in its absolute discretion
- the applicant acknowledges that the University will not be required or expected to provide reasons for its decisions
- if a grant is awarded, the funds will be expended on the project outlined in the application unless approval has been granted by the University to a variation
- the FRRHSA Grant program will be acknowledged during and after the completion of the project as detailed in the project application
- the applicant will submit a project report to the University by the required date as outlined in the notification of application success

What sort of acknowledgment should I provide?

The grant application must provide a promotion plan showing how the FRRHSA Community Partnership Grant program will be acknowledged during and after the completion of the project. A report on the project must be provided to the University by the required dates as outlined in the notification of application success, accompanied by photos and any receipts, including written permission for the University to use the photos in its promotion of the program (remember to get written permission from anyone in the photo as well).
The University may publicise or promote its contribution to the project in the media, University newsletters, website and other mediums, including through use of the project report.
Successful grant applicants will need to obtain written approval (in advance) for use of the University's logo on any material.

Application procedure

Flinders University Rural and Remote Health SA will conduct a small grant round in July/August 2025.

Grant rounds will be publicly announced through the Flinders University Rural and Remote Health SA website and via press releases to local media in regional South Australia.

The Grant Application form may be obtained by contacting:
Elspeth Radford, FRRHSA Community Engagement and Communication Officer
E: rrh.marcom@flinders.edu.au P: 0434 882 882
You are encouraged to discuss your idea if you are unsure whether your project meets our criteria. All successful applicants will be required to sign a Grant Agreement and provide a report on the use of grant funds.

Grant applications may be lodged by email, mail or in person and must be received or postmarked no later than 5.00pm on the closing date, Thursday 28 August 2025. Late applications will NOT be accepted. The completed application together with supporting documentation should be sent or delivered to:

The Community Grant Advisory Committee
Flinders University Rural and Remote Health SA
PO Box 852
Renmark   SA   5341
or email: rrh.marcom@flinders.edu.au
Subject line: Flinders University Rural and Remote Health Community Partnership Grant

Application review process

All applications will be assessed on merit, based on the written information provided and will consider the following:
- Evidence of community need
- Extent of benefit/outcome to community
- Cost effectiveness (including budget and costings)
- Involvement and support from the community and evidence of community engagement
- The organisation's capacity to deliver the project

Grant applications will be evaluated by the Flinders University Rural and Remote Health Executive who will make recommendations and have final approval on the distribution of grants. To ensure that informed decisions are made, on occasion, applicants may be requested to provide further information. Timing of decisions will be dependent on Executive meetings. Applicants will be notified in writing the outcome of their application. FRRHSA will publicly inform the communities about grant recipients via the website and local media outlets.

Who can assist with application?

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Attachments:

- Eligibility screening & assessment matrix
- Application form