

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Wellbeing SA is working in partnership with the Department for Health and Wellbeing to have as many South Australians vaccinated against COVID-19, regardless of where they live, their cultural background or their age. Grants are available from Monday 11 October until Sunday 28 November 2021.

The following information is for organisations interested in applying for the COVID-19 Vaccination Uptake – Partnering for the Wellbeing of our Communities grant. Please read this in combination with the **Community Grants Guide**.

1. WHAT IS THE GRANT?

The community grants program will provide funding to State and community organisations such as Councils, peak body associations, and local community groups to engage with communities that are unsure about being vaccinated and to increase vaccination uptake. Projects that are successful in receiving a grant must use the key messages provided in the **Community Grants Guide** or work with Wellbeing SA to make these messages more suitable for their community.

2. WHICH COMMUNITIES ARE CURRENTLY UNSURE ABOUT BEING VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19?

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- People who do not speak English at home.
- People with lived experience of mental health challenges.
- Young people, especially 18 to 24 years old.
- Unemployed people and those living in disadvantaged areas.

There are also regions that have lower vaccination rates – Gawler, Playford, Salisbury, Charles Sturt, Port Adelaide East and West, Limestone Coast, Outback – North and East, Murray and Mallee.

3. WHAT ARE THE KEY COVID-19 MESSAGES?

Primary Messages

- South Australians have done a great job at keeping our state safe from COVID-19.
- Everyone in South Australia 12 years of age and over is now eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine.
- Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and your family from COVID-19.
- What are you waiting for? Get the facts and get the vax.
- To find out more and book your appointment, visit covidvaccine.sa.gov.au

Secondary Messages

- Even if you get vaccinated, you still need to keep up with COVID safe behaviours, like if you have COVID-19 symptoms, even mild, get tested immediately and stay home while you wait for your results.
- COVID-19 vaccines are close to 90% effective in reducing symptoms and preventing hospitalisation from the Delta strain.

- COVID-19 vaccines have been tested, reviewed and approved in exactly the same way as all other vaccines.
- Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are safe for people who are planning pregnancy, pregnant or breastfeeding.
- Fertility issues are not a side effect of any vaccine, including COVID-19 vaccines.
- Tens of thousands of healthy babies have now been born to vaccinated women.
- Anyone can get sick with COVID-19 and become seriously ill or die at any age.
- Nearly half of all COVID-19 cases in Australia are people under 30, including children.
- We can all help stop the spread in the community by practising good hand hygiene, keeping 1.5m distance from others wherever possible, using the COVID-19 Safe Check-In and clean frequently touched surfaces.
- The COVID-19 vaccine is free and strongly encouraged to help protect you and your community from COVID-19.
- COVID-19 vaccines have been tested, reviewed and approved in exactly the same way as all other vaccines.

4. WHO CAN APPLY?

All South Australian State and community organisations such as Councils, peak body associations, and local community groups can apply if they can demonstrate an ability to meet the criteria below.

Eligibility criteria:

- Proven ability to engage with one (or more) of the communities who are unsure about receiving their COVID-19 vaccination
- Active Australian Business Number (ABN.)

The following are not eligible to apply:

- South Australian or Australian Government agencies (except for Councils)
- For-profit businesses are not eligible to be an 'applying organisation' but can be named as a partner or stakeholder in an application
- Individuals are not eligible to apply; however, we encourage community leaders to be a key partner in all projects.

5. WHAT IS AN APPLYING ORGANISATION?

The applying organisation is the lead organisation who submits the application and will be the main point of contact for Wellbeing SA throughout the grant process.

6. WHAT IS AN AUSPICING ORGANISATION?

An auspicing organisation is responsible for applying for the grant on behalf of an organisation that is not registered as an incorporated organisation. They will manage the funds on your behalf.

7. HOW DO I APPLY FOR THE GRANT?

Complete all sections of the **Grant Application Form** and email your completed form to WellbeingSA.PPHHealthPromotionBranch@sa.gov.au. You can email your form anytime from now until 11.59pm Sunday 28 November 2021.

8. I HAVE AN IDEA TO INCREASE COVID-19 VACCINATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITIES WHO ARE UNSURE ABOUT BEING VACCINATED, BUT AM NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR A GRANT. WHAT CAN I DO?

If your community organisation is not registered as an incorporated organisation, you can partner with an eligible local government or not-for-profit organisation to auspice this grant. This means they will apply for the grant on your behalf and manage the funds. You will require a letter of support from the 'auspicing organisation'.

If you are not able to find a suitable partner, Wellbeing SA is still interested in how you think we could increase vaccination uptake across the communities that are unsure about vaccination. Please email your idea to WellbeingSA.PPHHealthPromotionBranch@sa.gov.au. A Project Officer will be in contact with you to find out more and try to connect you with suitable organisations.

9. CAN I APPLY FOR MORE THAN ONE GRANT?

Eligible South Australian State and community organisations may only be the 'applying organisation' for one grant, however, may be a partner or stakeholder in other applications.

10. HOW MUCH CAN I APPLY FOR?

Grants of up to \$50,000 (GST exclusive) are available per application. The Assessment Panel will decide whether the full requested amount is funded. This will be on a case-by-case basis.

Only one grant per organisation will be approved.

11. WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING?

Projects that specifically work with communities who are unsure about COVID-19 vaccinations as listed above.

All proposals **MUST** engage and motivate the communities who are unsure about being vaccinated, to get vaccinated. Funding can be used for:

- Communication strategies, such as the development of resources, hosting events with relevant groups to explore concerns, information sessions and community events
- Identifying opportunities to increase access to vaccination clinics. This might include:
 - Promotion of existing clinics, GP practices, pharmacies and pop up clinics
 - Arranging transport to clinics, especially in regional and remote areas
 - Partnering with vaccine providers to bring vaccines to the community through events or at regular gatherings e.g. community centres or religious sites.

12. CAN I USE THE GRANT FUNDS TO REIMBURSE A COMMUNITY LEADER FOR THEIR TIME?

Yes. We encourage community leaders to be engaged as key partners for all projects. Funding for their time may be included in the application.

13. WHAT CANNOT BE FUNDED?

Funding provided through this grant cannot be used for:

- Activities, projects, or initiatives that are inconsistent with the guiding principles and purpose of the grants
- Ongoing operational and maintenance costs
- Participation by individuals in interstate or international events
- Grants to third parties
- Activities, projects, or initiatives where the organisation has committed expenditure prior to the release of the Community Grants.

14. HOW WILL MY APPLICATION BE ASSESSED?

A panel of experts will assess the grants on a weekly basis.

Successful applicants will meet the eligibility criteria above and the criteria below.

- Engages with community and/or community leaders
- Includes partners to help implement project
- Addresses concerns and access to vaccine

- Capacity to deliver
- Budget provides value for money.

A Project Officer will be in contact with you if more information is required to strengthen your application and/or if your proposal is out of scope for this grants program.

15. HOW WILL I KNOW IF MY APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL?

Wellbeing SA will inform successful applicants once the assessment process has been completed each week. A Letter of Offer and Purchase Order will be provided for you to sign if you agree with the amount approved.

16. CAN SOMEONE FROM WELLBEING SA HELP ME TO DEVELOP MY APPLICATION?

Wellbeing SA can provide advice and support to develop your application and for activities that meet the criteria above. If successful in receiving funding, this support can also include training for health care workers and community leaders, access to communications support, vaccination clinics, and staff to vaccinate.

For any questions or support in developing your application, please contact Wellbeing SA on (08) 7117 9227 or email WellbeingSA.PPHHealthPromotionBranch@sa.gov.au. A Project Officer will contact you back within 1 – 2 business days.

17. CAN I SUBMIT A NEW APPLICATION IF I AM UNSUCCESSFUL?

Yes, you will have the opportunity to update your unsuccessful application or withdraw an application and re-submit a new one. Please indicate on your **Grant Application Form** whether you would like feedback and/or support if unsuccessful.

18. CAN I SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AFTER THE CLOSING DATE?

Any applications received after 11:59 pm Sunday 28 November 2021 will not be considered.

19. WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

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