

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Rural health Innovation (RHIF) Grant?

The objectives of The Rural Health Innovation Fund are to:

- Provide one-off funding for community-based projects targeted at innovative projects and initiatives that support quality health outcomes for people living in country South Australia.
- Enable grant recipients to drive health care improvements (outcomes and experience) for people living in county areas, through projects and initiatives that are effective, efficient, sustainable and in support of equitable access to care.

Who can apply?

Grant applications will be accepted from:

- Not for profit organisations
- Registered South Australian charities
- Community Groups

Applying organisations may apply individually or seek to identify partners, relevant to the project or initiative.

The proposed services/activities must be delivered within the geographical boundaries aligned with Country SA PHN.

Barossa Hills Fleurieu	Limestone Coast
Eyre and Far North	Riverland
Flinders and Upper North	Yorke and Northern

Who Cannot apply?

Grant applications will not be accepted from:

- For-profit businesses or organisations, research foundations or trusts, professional associations, Statutory Authorities; or
- Commonwealth or South Australian Government departments including Local Government; or
- Public and private independent educational institutions for example, primary, secondary or tertiary institutions.
- Organisations that do not support and/or abide by relevant State and Federal legislation.

What is the eligibility criteria?

To meet Eligibility, applicants must:

- Be a not for profit organisation or registered as a charity on the Australian Charities National Register.
- Have an active Australian Business Number (ABN) or Australian Company Number (ACN)
- Have and maintain adequate Public Liability insurance coverage \$10,000,000 per claim and where applicable:
 - Professional Indemnity \$10,000,000 per claim
 - Workers Compensation as required by legislation
- Provide relevant Certificates of Currency with the application.
- Agree to comply with RHIF Standard Terms and Conditions.
- Be able to commence and conclude service delivery by dates specified where applicable.
- Provide evidence of current accreditation, where applicable.
- Apply by completing all sections including the budget within the application form.

If you are unable to meet all pre-conditions you may apply proposing that the grant is auspiced and administered by another agency that can meet the eligibility requirements.

How much funding is available?

- The total funding pool available through the Rural Health Innovation Fund is up to \$500,000 for 2024/25.
- Applicants are encouraged to apply for a portion of the total funding pool relevant to their project/initiative.

What are the key dates and timings?

Key dates for the Grant opportunity are provided in the table below. If RHIF decides to change any of the key dates prior to the closing time for submission of applications, it will give notice of the changes on relevant webpages. It is the applicant's responsibility to monitor the website for updates.

This timeline is provided as a guide only and RHIF reserves the right to make alterations.

Applications open	Monday 4 March 2024
Applications close	5:00 pm Monday 29 April 2024
Notification date (Indicative)	Monday 15 July 2024
Grant funds will be required to be expended by:	Sunday 30 June 2025

How do I submit my application?

Please email your signed completed application along insurance documentation and any supporting documents to: rhif@countrysaphn.com.au

Who can I contact for more information?

All communication regarding this Grant opportunity should be directed to the Rural Health Innovation Fund Coordinator:

- Trudi Penrose-Starr
- Mobile: 0499 508 937
- Email: rhif@countrysaphn.com.au
- Website: <http://bit.ly/40Cbblp>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2177011069158163>

How is it decided which programs are reviewed?

Proposals will need to align with one or more **key focus areas** of the Rural Health Innovation Fund:

- Deliver better health outcomes for country South Australians.
- Are new or build on existing services, programs and/or initiatives to deliver sustainable improvements or knowledge that will enable better health outcomes at an individual, service and/or systems level.
- Capitalise on the opportunity to be bold, apply creative thinking and try and test innovative ideas.
- Partner with consumers to better manage their health care.
- Provide a contemporary data and evidence-based approach to:
 - Addressing a need or gap identified in population health data (or another reliable source).
 - Building knowledge and/or evidence on which effective actions can be based.
 - Demonstrating the impact of intended outcomes.

Who assesses the applications?

It will be at RHIF's discretion to award funds to one, multiple or no organisations, and determine if the funding proposed is cost effective and equitable.

Applications must meet the eligibility criteria.

RHIF will appoint an assessment panel to review applications and undertake a comprehensive assessment process. The assessment team will evaluate applications to identify projects that clearly demonstrate their capacity to undertake the project and are of benefit to the community.

How will grant applicants be notified of the outcome of assessment?

All applications will be acknowledged on receipt and notified in writing as to whether their application has been successful or unsuccessful.

Rural Health Innovation Fund would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands across Australia and pay respects to the Elders past present and future. We recognise and respect the unique cultural and spiritual relationships to the land, waters and seas, which continue to be important to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living today.