Reconciliation Science Engagement and Science Communication Grants 2023

The grant

Inspiring South Australia is offering grants to enable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander owned businesses, organisations or communities to develop and deliver a project, which share Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander science, technology, engineering, maths and medicine (STEMM) knowledge and culture. OR Aboriginal owned organisations to partner with non-Aboriginal owned businesses, organisations, communities or individuals to develop and deliver a project to share Aboriginal STEMM knowledge(s) to South Australian audiences. The project could be a one of event or activity or a series of events or activities.

PLEASE NOTE: The project must be delivered and completed by 31st December 2023.

Purpose of the grant:

Grants are available for project which provide South Australians with opportunities to:
- Learn about, connect with and get excited about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander STEMM knowledge and culture
- Be inspired to pursue study and/or a career in STEMM
- Learn about South Australian science achievements and knowledge
- Encourage diversity and inclusion in STEMM engagement, education, careers or industry
- Engage with currently underrepresented audiences in STEMM such as girls and women, disabled people and culturally and linguistically diverse people

Grant amounts available:

up to **$4000 for delivery in metropolitan Adelaide**
up to **$5000 for delivery in regional and remote South Australia**

Key Dates

Applications open	Monday 29 May 2023
Application close	9am Monday 19 June 2023
All applicants notified no later than	Monday 3 July 2023
Successful applicants submit valid tax invoice	Monday 24 July 2023
Project delivered by	Sunday 31 December 2023
Post project report and evaluation submitted	Friday 29 January 2024

How to apply

Complete the Grant Application Form and email the form to Alison Kershaw, Inspiring SA Program Manager at alison.kershaw@samuseum.sa.gov.au by **9am Monday 19 June 2023.**

To give your application the best chance of success please make sure your project meets the essential criteria and as many desirable criteria as possible. All question must be answered completely.

About your project:

- The project must be a science engagement or science communication project
- The project could be a pilot of a future long term project
- The project could be a starting point which may grow into larger long term project
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Who can apply for a grant?

- Scientists and researchers – industry or university
- University groups and clubs
- Science communicators
- Event producers
- Artists and arts organisations
- Community organisations

- Cultural institutions
- Landcare groups
- Citizen science groups
- Local government, including libraries
- Schools if the project is for the general public
- Sole traders

Ineligible projects:

- Initiatives designed to take place during National Science Week (August)
- School based projects only for school students – this grant round is designed as a broader science engagements, schools may apply if the grant will be used for broader community engagement
- Projects occurring outside of South Australia
- Applications seeking reimbursement of funds already spent
- Requests for training and development of paid staff
- Attendance to conferences, tradeshows or award ceremonies

How the grant is assessed:

The Grant Assessment Panel consists of suitably qualified two independent members (they or their organisations has not applied for a grant) and the Inspiring SA Program Manager.

To be eligible for assessment the grant application must meet all of the essential criteria. The grant will then be scored according to the desirable and assessment criteria.

If you're not sure whether you meet the criteria, please don't hesitate to get in touch and ask, Alison Kershaw, Inspiring SA Program Manager at alison.kershaw@samuseum.sa.gov.au.

Inspiring SA can only support a limited number of applications each year. Meeting the eligibility criteria does not guarantee a grant. The applications the Grant Assessment Panel believe will provide the greatest impact for the funding required will be successful.

Essential criteria - to be considered for a grant you application must meet these criteria:

- An Aboriginal person or Aboriginal owned organisation or business must be a key part of the design and delivery of the project
- The project provides the participants/audience with an opportunity to learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander STEMM knowledge(s) from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Projects provide an opportunity for participants to learn about, connect with or get excited about STEMM ideas and concepts, or research or current industries or educational opportunities or employment and enjoyment
- Projects that engage underrepresented groups in STEMM such as girls and women, disabled people, LGBTQIA+ communities, low socio-economic communities, regional and remote communities and culturally and linguistically diverse communities
- Not a registered National Science Week activity or delivered during National Science Week, 12-20 August 2023
- Not be only for school students. Schools may apply if the project is designed for participation by the general public
- Not a project that will have already happened by the time the grant is awarded

Assessment criteria

- A clear description of the project has been provided
- The STEMM content is clearly explained and scientifically accurate
- Innovative project content, design or delivery
- Resources (eg handouts) or a recording (audio or video) will be available online post the project
- The quality of the aims and objectives of the project
- The quality of the proposed outcomes and outputs of the project
- The audience size is proportionate to the size of the grant
- The quality and clarity of the marketing and promotion plan
- The budget is clear and projected expenditure appears accurate

Successful grant application requirements:

- Submit a signed grant agreement and an invoice with 3 weeks of being notified of successful application
- Include Inspiring SA logo in all promotional material
- Acknowledge Inspiring SA as a sponsor at any live events or in any recordings
- Provide timely information and materials about the project to the Inspiring SA Program Manager for inclusion in Inspiring SA newsletter and social media
- Include questions supplied by Inspiring SA in the project evaluation

Post project reporting and evaluation

- Inspiring SA will provide some questions to include in your project evaluation
- A reporting template will be provided, and you will be required to provide details of project, how the grant fund were spent, the audience, audience feedback and evaluation and lesson learned from the project. This will be due by one month post the delivery of project.

To be eligible for a Regional or Remote Grant the project MUST be delivered in one or more of the following council areas:

Adelaide Hills Council	Mount Barker District Council
Adelaide Plains Council	City of Mount Gambier
Alexandrina Council	District Council of Mount Remarkable
The Barossa Council	Rural City of Murray Bridge
Barunga West Council	Naracoorte Lucindale Council
Berri Barmera Council	Northern Areas Council
District Council of Ceduna	District Council of Orroroo Carrieton
Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council	District Council of Peterborough
District Council of Cleve	Port Augusta City Council
District Council of Coober Pedy	City of Port Lincoln
Coorong District Council	Port Pirie Regional Council
Copper Coast Council	Renmark Paringa Council
District Council of Elliston	District Council of Robe
The Flinders Ranges Council	Municipal Council of Roxby Downs
District Council of Franklin Harbour	Southern Mallee District Council
Regional Council of Goyder	District Council of Streaky Bay
District Council of Grant	Tatiara District Council
Kangaroo Island Council	District Council of Tumby Bay
District Council of Karoonda East Murray	City of Victor Harbor
District Council of Kimba	Wakefield Regional Council
Kingston District Council	Wattle Range Council
Light Regional Council	City of Whyalla
District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula	Wudinna District Council
District Council of Loxton Waikerie	District Council of Yankalilla
Mid Murray Council	Yorke Peninsula Council