

South Australian  
Automated External  
Defibrillator (AED)  
Grants Program

Grant Guide and FAQ

Round 3  
1 September 2025

# What is the South Australian AED Grants program (AED Grants Program)?

To assist community and sporting organisations to have AEDs installed by 1 January 2026, to meet the requirements of the *Automated External Defibrillators (Public Access) Act 2022* (the Act), the AED Grants Program will provide grants of \$1,000 to eligible organisations.

Further information on the Act and requirements for organisations can be found [here](#).

## How much grant funding is available?

One-off grants of \$1,000 are available to eligible organisations for each building/facility used for sporting or community purposes to assist with the purchase of a Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) approved, multi-use AED.

The AED Grants Program has a total funding pool of \$3 million. Round 3 is the final round of funding.

## Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the AED Grants Program, the applying organisation must:

- be located in South Australia
  - be a not-for-profit club, association or organisation that is sport or community related
- OR
- be a religious organisation registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) for the charity subtype 'advancing religion'
- OR
- be a Local Government who has not already received a grant in previous rounds of the AED Grants Program
- have an active Australian Business Number (ABN)
  - have public liability insurance with a minimum of \$1 million per claim. Proof of eligibility will be required by uploading a Certificate of Currency.
  - not have received prior funding from the South Australian AED Grants Program for the buildings or facilities listed in the application
  - apply for buildings/facilities that do not currently have an AED.

Grants **cannot** be provided to:

- individuals or government organisations
- for-profit businesses or organisations
- childcare, kindergartens, schools, tertiary institutions or education facilities
- clinics, health or aged care facilities
- long-term or permanent residential sites, including campsites
- buildings used for commercial or administration purposes

## What can be funded?

Funding can be used to assist with the purchase of an AED that must be:

- TGA approved with registration on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods
- multi-use (consistent with [ANZCOR Guideline 11.2 Protocols for Adult Advanced Life Support, 2.4 Energy levels](#))
- operate in accordance with current [Australian Resuscitation Council](#) Guidelines.

Grants **cannot** be provided for:

- portable AED's
- more than one AED per building/facility
- retrospective funding for AED's that have already been purchased
- funding for installation or ongoing maintenance of existing AED's.

**Eligible organisations can submit a single grant application for buildings/facilities in multiple locations.**

- Each building or facility must have a unique address. For example, an organisation can apply for a grant for a building/facility at Kilkenny and a building/facility at Gepps Cross, but not for multiple buildings at the same Gepps Cross address.
- The ABN (Australian Business Number) used in the application must apply to all locations. If there is a different ABN for each location, you will need to complete a separate application for each.

## Key dates

<b>Monday 1 September 2025</b>	<b>Applications Open</b>
<b>Friday 31 October 2025, 5pm</b>	<b>Applications close</b>
<b>Friday 30 January 2026</b>	<b>Acquittal due</b>

## What happens if my application is successful?

A letter of offer will be provided to successful applicants, outlining next steps and the terms and conditions of grant funding.

A TGA-approved, multi-use AED that operates in accordance with current Australian Resuscitation Council Guidelines typically costs between \$1,500 and \$2,500, depending on the model and optional extras. Organisations will be responsible for covering any additional costs, including costs associated with installing and maintaining the device.

At the completion of the Grant period, the funded organisation will be required to provide the following:

- a Grant Acquittal Form demonstrating the grant funding was used to purchase a TGA approved, multi-use AED that operates in accordance with current [Australian Resuscitation Council](#) Guidelines
- evidence from purchase of the AED.

## Publicity and information sharing

It is a condition of funding that the South Australian Government may promote or publicly refer to any South Australian AED Grants Program. Funded organisations will be required, if requested, to provide project related information for the purpose of promotion.

## Frequently asked questions

### What is an AED?

AEDs are portable electronic medical devices which monitor heart rhythms and deliver assisted electrical shock ('defibrillation') to counteract sudden cardiac arrest.

They can be used by anyone and require no training. When you call Triple Zero (000) in a cardiac emergency, an Emergency Medical Dispatch team will direct you through the steps to use the AED until a crew arrives.

### Why are they important?

When someone suffers a cardiac arrest, they collapse and can stop breathing normally. The heart is no longer efficiently pumping blood to vital organs in the body. This is where the community can make an extraordinary difference. For every minute defibrillation is delayed, the chance of the person surviving a cardiac arrest decreases by 10 per cent. The early use of an AED can significantly increase a person's chances of survival.

### What is available for each grant?

One off grants of \$1,000 are available to eligible organisations to assist with the purchase of a Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) approved, multi-use AED.

Eligible organisations can apply for grants for multiple AEDs for buildings/facilities in different locations, in the single application.

### Do applicants need to contribute funding to the project?

Yes. A TGA-approved, multi-use AED that operates in accordance with current Australian Resuscitation Council Guidelines typically costs between \$1,500 and \$2,500, depending on

the model and optional extras. Organisations will be responsible for covering any additional costs associated with the purchase, installation and ongoing maintenance of the AED. Organisations may seek additional funding through other sources or grant programs to supplement costs of AED purchase, installation and maintenance. This includes the [Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing Active Club Program](#) anticipated to launch in September 2025.

### **Will all applications receive a grant?**

All eligible organisations will receive a grant, up to the limit of the funding pool available.

### **What is needed to complete an application?**

Applicants will need an ABN and Certificate of Currency for public liability insurance. All sections of the application must be completed. Incomplete applications will be deemed ineligible.

### **When do I need to be compliant by?**

Under the requirements of the Act, buildings and facilities owned by not-for-profit organisations (for which compliance requirements apply) must be compliant from **1 January 2026**.

### **What if my organisation isn't required to comply but still wants an AED?**

The AED Grants Program is available to all South Australian not-for-profit sporting and community organisations and religious organisations, regardless of compliance requirements.

### **What AED can I purchase with the grant funds?**

Funding can be used to assist with the purchase of an AED that must be:

- Therapeutic Goods Administration Australia (TGA approved with registration on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods)
- multi-use (consistent with ANZCOR Guideline 11.2 Protocols for Adult Advanced Life Support, 2.4 Energy levels)
- operate in accordance with current Australian Resuscitation Council Guidelines.

### **I've received a grant and installed an AED, how do I register it?**

All AEDs installed in accordance with the Act must be registered on the [AED Register](#) found on the SA Ambulance Service website, to ensure compliance by **1 January 2026**. When registering your AED you must record:

- the location of the AED
- the time during which the AED is accessible by the public.

If your AED is registered and you need to change its location and/or times during which it is accessible, the information recorded in the [AED Register](#) is required to be changed.

If you have more than 10 AEDs which need to be registered, you can do a bulk upload via the [AED Register](#).

### **How do I complete the Grant Acquittal form?**

After you receive your grant, the user of your SmartyGrants account will receive an email and link to your Grant Acquittal form. To complete this:

- log in to your SmartyGrants account
- fill in the form
- upload evidence of your purchase
- print the form and have it signed by two authorised people in your organisation
- scan the form and upload the signed form as an attachment
- submit the completed form with attachments.

### Other Questions?

- For questions about the AED Grants Program including your eligibility or if you would like assistance with the application process, email [PreventiveHealthSA.Strategy@sa.gov.au](mailto:PreventiveHealthSA.Strategy@sa.gov.au) and include your phone number for a Preventive Health SA project officer to contact you.
- For questions about the Automated External Defibrillators Act, email [Health.AutomatedExternalDefibrillators@sa.gov.au](mailto:Health.AutomatedExternalDefibrillators@sa.gov.au)
- For support with the SmartyGrants portal phone (03) 9320 6888 or email [service@smartygrants.com.au](mailto:service@smartygrants.com.au)

#### **For more information**

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