

Preventive Health SA

South Australian AED Grants Program

Local Government, Round 2



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Frequently Asked Questions

1. Program details

1.1. Important information

3 February 2025	Applications open
30 April 2025	Applications close
30 September 2025	Acquittal due

1.2. What has changed since Round 1?

- The updated consolidated Act is now available to view with the associated Regulations and Best Practice Guide [here](#).
- Buildings are not required to comply with the Act to be eligible for a grant.
- Buildings are not required to be leased or licensed on a long-term agreement but must be utilised by a community or sporting organisation.
- Round 2 acquittals are due by 30 September 2025, enabling councils to apply for funding, secure resources for the 2025/26 financial year, and meet compliance requirements by 1 January 2026.

1.3. What funding is available?

- \$1,000 grants are available for each eligible council-owned building/facility utilised by a community and/or sporting organisation, to subsidise the purchase an AED.
- One grant is available per address. Facilities with multiple buildings in close proximity at the same address, such as clubrooms and storage facilities are eligible for a single grant only.



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1.4. What AED can I purchase with the Grant funds?

AEDs purchased with grant funds must be:

- Therapeutic Goods Administration Australia (TGA) approved with ARTG registration
- 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.

1.5. Will all applications receive a grant?

Grant distribution will depend on the number of applications received. If demand exceeds funding, priority will be given to councils in regional areas with a SEIFA decile rank of 4 or less, as these communities face a higher risk of cardiovascular disease.

All applications will be assessed by a panel.

Councils are encouraged to apply for all eligible buildings. For example, with 25 eligible buildings, a grant of \$25,000 could be provided. This is the final round of funding for Local Government.

2. Eligibility and applications

2.1. Which buildings/facilities are eligible?

The AED Grants Program is open to all South Australian Councils (one application per Council).

Eligible buildings/facilities must:

- be Council owned and utilised by to a community and/or sporting organisation located in South Australia
- not have an existing AED installed
- have a unique address. Facilities with multiple buildings in close proximity are eligible for a single grant only.

Examples of eligible Council owned buildings/facilities utilised by a community and/or sporting organisations include:

- playing fields with club rooms or a building
- sporting clubs, e.g. tennis and netball clubs
- community group buildings or halls
- community gardens with a building



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2.2. Which buildings/facilities are ineligible?

Ineligible buildings include:

- those leased by commercial entities
- those with an AED already installed
- those used predominantly for educational purposes e.g., kindergartens and schools
- those used for accommodation and/or residential services, including campgrounds.
- those used for council business and council managed activities including libraries, council chambers, pools, civic buildings, community waste facilities and toilet blocks etc.

2.3. Can councils who were successful in Round 1 apply again in Round 2?

Councils that received funding in Round 1 may apply for Round 2, providing they acquit their first round grant by 30 May 2025, as stated in their Letter of Offer or Grant Agreement. Only applications for new buildings or facilities will be considered; those included in Round 1 applications are not eligible for additional grant funding.

2.4. What is considered a community or sporting organisation?

Sporting organisations are not-for-profit societies, associations or clubs supporting a game, sport or animal racing. See [here](#) for more information.

A community service organisation is a not-for-profit society, association or club established for community purposes except political or lobbying purposes. See [here](#) for more information.

2.5. What are the next steps?

To apply, visit [AED Grants Program - Local Government, Round 2](#)

Councils will enter into a Grant Agreement with Preventive Health SA to purchase and install an AED at each approved location.

At the completion of the Grant period, Councils will need to provide:

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

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3. Other Questions?

- For questions about the AED Grants Program, email PreventiveHealthSA.Strategy@sa.gov.au or call 7117 9115
- For questions about the Automated External Defibrillators Act, refer to the [SA Health website](#) or email Health.AutomatedExternalDefibrillators@sa.gov.au
- For support with the SmartyGrants portal phone 03 9320 6888 or email service@smartygrants.com.au