About the program

The expanded $21 million South Australian Government’s Drought Support Program includes the Connecting Drought Communities – Events Grant.

Grants of up to $10,000 are available for drought-affected communities and industry groups, clubs, associations, societies, District and Regional Councils to hold activities, events and functions aimed at helping members of drought-affected communities maintain their wellbeing and build resilience.

The program is open to industry, community, local government, not-for-profit, incorporated groups and organisations within drought-affected areas of South Australia and is administered by Primary Industries and Regions South Australia (PIRSA).

Funding available

Grants up to a maximum of $10,000 (GST exclusive) per event across drought-affected communities within South Australia (refer to table within Attachment 1) are available.

Groups can apply for one or more event per funding application or submit more than one application for different events.

The program is a competitive process and demand for grants are expected to exceed funding. Priority for funding will be given to the more significantly affected drought areas.

Applications close on 31 March 2021 or when the funding is exhausted, whichever occurs first.
Eligible applicants

Eligible groups within drought-affected areas of South Australian include (but are not limited to):

- district and regional councils;
- farmer groups, including Agricultural Bureau branches, farming systems groups; Women Together Learning (WoTL);
- agricultural show societies;
- progress associations;
- sports clubs, service clubs, church groups, CWA branches.

To apply for a grant under the program, eligible applicants must:

- be an incorporated organisation;
- have a current Australian Business Number (ABN);
- be located in one of the eligible drought-affected areas within South Australia (refer to Table 1 below).

Applicants must provide relevant information and a description of the proposed event including:

- who the event is being held for and how the drought has affected them;
- how it will assist the drought-affected community;
- how it will be publicised and promoted in the community;
- involvement of local people and businesses in the event;
- budget;
- target / estimated attendance.

Applications will not be considered for approval if the eligibility criteria are not met.

Eligible events

Events will provide a forum for drought-affected community members to socialise and network. Given COVID-19 restrictions, these could be remote events or planned gatherings for when restrictions are eased.

An event can be (but is not restricted to):

- picnic
- dance
- car rally
- street party
- barbeque
- online party
- sports carnival
- concert
- reunion
- arts festival
- seminar
- open air cinema
- quiz night
- laser light show
- exhibition

It should be:

- a function where people can participate, interact and socialise;
- open to the community (not restricted to members of a particular group);
- free or inexpensive to enter and not for profit.
Ineligible events

Grants are not available for:

- meetings that are held regularly and not considered as events;
- events that are planned outside of drought affected areas;
- events that do not support the aims of the program (i.e. helping members of drought-affected communities maintain their wellbeing and build resilience)

Program dates

Applications must be received no later than **5.00 p.m. on 31 March 2021**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Events must be held by no later than **15 June 2021**

Applications will be reviewed and assessed by a panel as the applications are received. It is expected that applicants will be advised of the assessment outcome within 30 days of PIRSA receiving the application.

Successful applicants will be required to submit a report after their events have been held.

Lodging applications

Please complete the Drought Breaker Community Events Funding Application form and submit by email or post to:

**By Mail**

SA Drought Support Program  
Connecting Drought Communities – Events Grant  
Rural Solutions SA  
GPO Box 1671, ADELAIDE SA 5001

**By Email**

- Completed applications can be emailed to: PIRSA.Drought@sa.gov.au

Applications submitted by email should be submitted with the subject – **Connecting Drought Communities – Events Grant**

Enquiries:

For assistance please contact:

PIRSA Drought Support Program  
Phone: 1800 931 314  
Email: PIRSA.drought@sa.gov.au
Table 1: Eligible drought-affected local government areas

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