

# South Australian Wine Industry Development Scheme – Invitation for Funding Proposals

The South Australian Wine Industry Development Scheme (SAWIDS) supports projects that build capability of the South Australian wine industry through competitiveness, productivity and innovation.

The purpose of the SAWIDS is to build and strengthen the South Australian wine industry through projects that develop capability, grow competitiveness and productivity, and increase profitability through innovation or expanding production.

An allocation of \$1 million of SAWIDS funding will be available to support industry development in the wine sector and initiatives with a particular focus on technology and innovation to benefit the wine and grape sectors. This includes projects that will assist the South Australian wine industry during challenges associated with recent bushfires, smoke exposure and the evolving impacts of the COVID-19. Applicants can apply for up to \$200,000.00 of funding per project.

Eligible organisations include:

- State or regional bodies and associations involved in the grape/wine industry.
- National organisations – but with projects based in and exclusively benefitting South Australia.
- Clusters or groups with projects to benefit grape and/or wine businesses in South Australia.
- State or regional research and educational institutions with projects that support development of the wine industry.

Preference will be given to:

- Applicants providing at least \$1 for \$1 contribution to the project.
- Projects that commence within three months of approval, with the funds fully acquitted within 24 months of commencement.

## Assessment Criteria

Applications to the SAWIDS are assessed and prioritised based on how well the project meets the following criteria:

### Essential

- The activity supports new economic activity that would not otherwise occur
- The activity can be sustained without further intervention by government after the funding is provided
- The activity creates broader economic benefits for the community and multiple entities, including entities not directly associated with the application
- The activity contributes to the scale of an industry or sector
- The activity creates sustainable economic benefits to the State or region
- Fits under one of the streams of the South Australian Economic Growth Agenda, *Growth State* – Trade and Investment; Skills and Innovation; Land, Water and the Environment; and Infrastructure.

### Desirable

Also considered favourable are project proposals:

- That leverage funds from non-State Government sources and/or foster collaboration
- That demonstrate a commitment to employing locally, local investment and local supplier inputs wherever possible
- That provide matched or additional funding to achieve project outcomes or activity.

## Assessment

- Applications will be assessed by an independent expert industry panel which will submit its advice to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development for consideration.
- Applications will undergo due diligence by PIRSA which requires applicants to provide relevant financial records.
- Assessment of criteria will be weighted to ensure projects are prioritised against the Fund's criteria.
- The assessment will also consider whether a project, or elements of a project, are more appropriately funded by other State, Commonwealth and/or Local Government or industry sources.

\$1 million in funding is available under this criteria in 2019/20 through this part of the Scheme and will be allocated following assessment.

## Conditions

### **Assistance Offered:**

Grant payments are generally made on a reimbursement basis upon presentation of paid invoices for approved project expenditure, including evidence of eligible applicant contributions. However, up-front payments can be negotiated for projects approved under the Fund.

The following conditions will be expected of any financial assistance recipients:

- Complete the project as stated in the application
- Meet all key milestones and obligations as defined in the Funding Deed
- Seek prior consideration and approval, from the Minister through PIRSA, before making any changes to the project
- Announcement of funding to be made by the Minister and the Minister must be invited to open or launch the initiative as appropriate, as per the funding deed.

Note: Grants may be subject to GST and income tax. Successful applicants should seek advice on these and other tax implications from their tax advisers or the Australian Taxation Office.

### **SAWIDS projects and initiatives**

SAWIDS funding available for 2019/2020 is aimed at industry growth initiatives that benefit the grape and wine industry with a particular focus on the adoption of technology and innovation; as well as projects that will support the South Australian wine industry during challenges associated with recent bushfires, smoke exposure and the evolving impacts of the COVID-19.

An allocation of \$1 million of SAWIDS funding will be available through a general grant program as outlined above, with an additional funding from SAWIDS also allocated to support Adelaide Hills and Kangaroo Island wine grape growers impacted by recent bushfires and other wine regions hit by the economic downturn from COVID-19.

These projects need to meet all guidelines, requirements and criteria.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Eligible organisations must:

- Be legal entities, i.e. with which the South Australian Government can enter into a legally binding funding agreement.
- Have an Australian Business Number, and be registered for GST.
- Demonstrate the availability of resources required to complete the project
- Have the project located within South Australia.

Ineligible Projects:

- Projects undertaken on behalf of third parties.
- The purchase of land or a business.
- Requests for retrospective funding, where projects have been completed or have commenced prior to the application being approved by the Minister.
- Projects relating primarily to operational expenditure, including but not limited to regular repairs and maintenance.

- Costs associated with upgrading non-fixed equipment, or relate to administrative or running costs that are normally the responsibility of businesses, state or territory agencies or local councils.
- Projects that require ongoing recurrent State Government funding.
- Costs associated with the preparation of the application.
- Human resources (ie grant funding will not be provided to meet internal staffing costs)
- Projects that have already received assistance from the SAWIDS or other relevant grant funds to achieve the same project outcomes.

## Making an Application

- Applications can be submitted using the on-line application form, which can be downloaded from the PIRSA website.
- Projects will be assessed on the extent to which they address the SAWIDS fund criteria.
- An independent assessment panel will then consider applications on merit against the assessment criteria, before making recommendations to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development.
- Applications will close on Tuesday 14 April at 5:00pm ACST.
- Applicants can expect to be informed of the outcome of their application within approximately 6 weeks of the application closing date, although longer time-periods may be required when a large number and/or complex applications are received.
- Successful applicants will also be required to enter into a standard Crown approved Funding Agreement with the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development in order to receive assistance, which will be subject to the Government's Contract Disclosure policy (see: <http://dpc.sa.gov.au/documents/rendition/B17980>).