Recreational Fishing, Boating and Camping Facilities Fund Grant Guidelines September 2021

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9am 22/09/2021

Application close:
12 noon 29/10/2021

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1. **About the Program**

The Recreational Fishing, Boating and Camping Facilities Grant Fund has been developed to support local councils through financial assistance to deliver new or renewed infrastructure directly related to recreational fishing, boating and camping. The aim is to provide improved opportunities for recreational fishing and tourism opportunities for locals and visitors.

$1.709 million has been provided by the Australian Government to support projects that will improve access to recreational fishing, boating or camping areas, and improve infrastructure and facilities at recreational fishing, boating and camping areas, and for marine rescue.

Grants are available for funding of $3,500 up to $200,000 for projects located within South Australia only.

2. **Am I eligible to apply?**

To be eligible for the grant, the applicant must:

a) be a local government area or council  
b) have a current ABN and be registered for GST  
c) be able to complete projects by 30 April 2023  
d) Have met all the terms and conditions of any previous South Australian grant funding.

3. **Eligible activities**

3.1 Eligible activities must be for infrastructure directly related to maintaining or building new recreational fishing, boating, marine rescue and camping facilities, including but not limited to the construction or improvement of:

a) boat ramps;  
b) marine rescue facilities;  
c) fishing platforms;  
d) toilet blocks;  
e) fish cleaning stations;  
f) camping facilities  
g) other infrastructure or facilities directly associated with recreational fishing, boating, or camping activities related to recreational fishing.

3.2 Ineligible activities include:

a) activities completed on private land with no public access. These will not be considered  
b) plans, including feasibility studies, business cases, reports and development plans  
c) costs associated with the preparation of the grant application  
d) operations expenditure, such as wages, utilities, repairs and maintenance, and non-fixed equipment  
e) retrospective funding, where projects have been completed or have commenced prior to the application being approved by the Minister  
f) projects that require ongoing recurrent State Government funding  
g) Projects undertaken on behalf of third parties  
h) Duplicate funding from other sources (‘double dipping’).
All funded activities covered by these grants will need to be completed and all grant funding expended by 30 April 2023. Where equipment shortages result in a completion delay, adequate evidence of progress of works/contracted works and a plan to completion will be required.

Projects or activities completed under this program are to be self-sustainable and not reliant on ongoing funding.

4. Applications and assessment

Applications will be reviewed against the criteria outlined in these guidelines.

It is expected that the grants program will be highly competitive and applications will be considered by an assessment panel. Criteria that will be considered favourably by the assessment panel are:

- projects that are considered value for money and include a co-contribution (a higher percentage of applicant co-contribution will be considered favourably)
- projects that will improve experiences and improve participation in recreational fishing, boating and camping activities
- projects that improve sustainable fishing practices
- projects located in regional areas of South Australia.

The assessment panel will make recommendations to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development.

Applicants should carefully consider activities against the eligibility criteria set out in the guidelines before submitting an application.

Applicants are required to declare that the information provided in the application form is true and correct in every particular.

Approved applications may be subject to audit processes to determine compliance with the guidelines.

How to apply

Applicants must submit their completed application together with all supporting documentation to PIRSA using the electronic application form available at the PIRSA website:


The Program will close at 12 noon on 29/10/2021.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Required supporting documentation

Evidence in support of claims for grants must include:

- a) drawings/concept designs of infrastructure works to be undertaken where applicable;
- b) maps confirming the location of the infrastructure;
- c) evidence of co-contribution, eligible co-contributions include:
  - cash on hand
  - commercial loans
  - *evidence of grant funding approved by other programs.
- d) any evidence that demonstrates the applicant meets the eligibility criteria.
- e) written quotes for evidence of anticipated costs
- f) evidence of grant funding approved by other programs that will contribute to the co-contribution of your project
g) copies of any applications submitted for any approvals or permits that may be required in order to carry out your project, (e.g. Coastal Protection Board, Environmental Protection Agency, Native Vegetation Board, National Parks etc).

*Applicants are encouraged to leverage funding from other sources, including Commonwealth grant funding, noting that applicants need to ensure that they are not gaining duplicate funding for the same activities (‘double dipping’).

Applicants also need to be mindful when leveraging other funding that this does not affect their eligibility to meet the terms and conditions of other programs (i.e. where eligible co-contributions are unable to be obtained from other funding sources).

5. Successful Applicants

If successful, applicants will be required to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Government of South Australia in order to receive assistance.

Successful applicants will be expected to meet all terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement, including governance and reporting requirements. Applicants must comply with all Australian and State legislation, regulations and codes in the delivery of the program.

The Grant Agreement will outline all the conditions of the provision of funding and will be subject to the Government’s Contract Disclosure policy (see: https://dpc.sa.gov.au/documents/rendition/B17980).

Grant payments will be made on a reimbursement basis on milestones agreed in the Grant Agreement. This will be upon presentation of paid invoices for approved project expenditure, including evidence of eligible applicant contributions. Verification of milestone completion may be undertaken via physical inspections by PIRSA officers. Payments will be made after a milestone is accepted as completed by PIRSA.

Any quotes or invoices provided to support an application, or requests for payment of grant funds should reflect current market prices for the goods or services being purchased.

Goods or services being funded under the scheme should be purchased from properly accredited or qualified suppliers or contractors.

Any under-estimation of project activity costs will be borne by the Applicant.

Applicants must consent to the Commonwealth or administering agency (Department of Primary Industries and Regions) conducting an audit of documentation used to support their application to verify information provided.

If information in the application is found to be untrue or misleading, the matter may be referred to law enforcement authorities of the relevant Australian, state or territory government and penalties may apply.

Final payments are made on receipt of a final report evidencing project completion to the satisfaction of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development.

The following conditions will be expected of financial assistance recipients:

- Complete the project as stated in the Grant Agreement.
- Meet all key milestones, obligations and reporting as defined in the Grant Agreement.
- Acknowledge the contribution of the Commonwealth and the State Government on any promotional material. Also, provide opportunities for the Commonwealth Minister, together with the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development or a representative, to take part in any formal project milestones and launches.
For further information on the Recreational Fishing, Boating and Camping Facilities Fund Grant, please contact:

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