

The South Australian History Fund

2025-26 Grant Guidelines

Among the key aims of The History Trust of South Australia is to keep building the evidence of our state's rich and fascinating past and to make it accessible to all. We offer two annual grant programs that progressively add to South Australia's history and bring it to life. The South Australian History Fund enables more stories to be gathered, preserved and shared, now and in the future. We welcome and appreciate your interest in helping to make that happen.

Our guiding principles



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The South Australian History Fund (SAHF) provides grant support to projects, research or publications that contribute to the knowledge, understanding and sharing of South Australia's rich history.

Each year the SAHF provides up to \$10,000 for individuals and \$20,000 for organisations. The total annual grant fund \$185,000.

Grant categories

- Community focused projects that help to explore, interpret or preserve South Australian History, making it accessible to local and global audiences
- Publication of both academic and popular forms of historical writing and presentation – including digital and online platforms
- Research by established and emerging historians that makes a significant contribution to the body of knowledge about, or understanding of, South Australian history.

Eligibility

- Communities researching, telling or preserving

aspects of their South Australian story

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander researchers and organisations with projects related to SA History
- Researchers working in the field of SA history
- Authors with an important SA history story to tell
- Film makers, digital producers, curators and other arts practitioners who have a creative idea to share SA history
- Applicants located outside South Australia who are working on South Australian history
- State and federal government agencies are not eligible
- Organisations and individuals may only submit one application each grant round
- Organisations and individuals who have an outstanding grant acquittal are not eligible.

What cannot be funded

- Ongoing salaries
- New Buildings, building maintenance or repair
- Graves and grave markers
- Costs that have already been incurred
- Office and general organisational running costs
- Promotional brochures and advertising material.

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How to apply

Applications open 31st May 2025 and close on 11th July 2025. All applications are submitted through the SmartyGrants management system:

<https://history.smartygrants.com.au/SAHF2025-26>

Each applicant will be notified of the outcome of their submission during October 2025

Grant conditions and acquittal

Please see Essential Resources below.

Assessment process

Applications are assessed by an external peer panel appointed each year by The History Trust of South Australia. Assessors are appointed to the panel through an Expression of Interest process.

Assistance with your application

Please refer to The History Trust's Grant Funds Frequently Asked Questions or email us: community@history.sa.gov.au

Assessment considerations and criteria

All applications need to demonstrate

- Audience reach and value of the project to identified audiences, including any confirmed project partners or communities where relevant
- Ongoing outcomes for South Australian history that reflect the contribution of the project to the telling of South Australia's rich and diverse history, advancing historical knowledge and/or raising the profile of history in the community
- A clear project plan, budget, viability and capacity to deliver desired outcomes
- Use of appropriate historical methods, techniques, skills and services

Funding seeks to support:

Community-focused projects that	Publication projects that	Research projects that
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enable communities to explore, interpret or preserve aspects of their history• Make South Australian history accessible to local and global audiences	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Include new audiences or engagement platforms, including online and digital channels	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contribute significantly to the body of knowledge about, or understanding of, South Australian history• Lead to publication or significant public dissemination, including online and digital channels

Essential resources

South Australian History Fund [Conditions and payment of grants and acquittal requirements](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#) about the South Australian History Fund

[Tips for applying](#) for the South Australian History Fund

[South Australian History Fund Submission page](#)

[Help with SmartyGrants](#)

