

Annual Small Grants GUIDELINES



About Stand Like Stone

Our vision is to inspire community kindness and courage. As one of the leading community foundations in South Australia, and the only community foundation in the Limestone Coast, we are proud to have supported the region through our charitable grant making and educational scholarships since 2004.

Program Information

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for charitable projects in the Limestone Coast that focus on community health and wellbeing, education, welfare, the arts, inclusion, animal welfare, community development, religion and the environment.

This grants program is designed to support the people and projects of the Limestone Coast and is aimed at community groups and not for profit organisations located in or servicing the seven council areas of the Limestone Coast.

How to apply

Visit www.standlikestone.com.au/apply for information about the program and available resources. Applications are to be completed online. If you are unable to complete the online application, please contact us.

Applications close at 5.00pm on 15 October 2026. **Late applications will NOT be accepted.**

Important: The application form can be partially completed, saved and an email will be sent to provide a link to allow you to continue the application process over time.

Please ensure you enter the correct email address, as applications cannot be recovered if incorrect information has been entered.

Additional Documents

If you have additional documents that are not uploaded as part of your application and you believe they will strengthen your application, please email them to info@standlikestone.com.au and we can add them to your completed application.

Timeline

Applications are open from the 1 September 2026 to 15 October 2026 and we aim to assess applications within four weeks of the closing date.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible applicants

Community groups and **not-for-profit organisations** that are based in, or provide services to the Limestone Coast region.

As Stand Like Stone is endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office as a tax concession charity (TCC) it is required to fund projects that are charitable in nature. Characteristics of charitable projects include:

- Projects that align with one or more of the following areas of charitable purpose:
 - Health
 - Education
 - Welfare
 - The Arts
 - Religion
 - Inclusion
 - Animal Welfare
 - Natural Environment
- Projects that help those who lack the resources to obtain what is necessary for a modest standard of living in the Australian community
- Projects that help to advance education
- Projects that are beneficial to the community such as public works and community facilities; promotion of industry, commerce and agriculture; defence and public order; improvement and protection of the environment; moral improvement.
- Projects that have a public benefit rather than a private benefit
- Projects that help relieve poverty, sickness or distress

Ineligible applicants

- Previous recipients who have not completed their acquittal report and returned it to Stand Like Stone.

Projects or activities that are not eligible to be funded:

- Expenses that are not related to or necessary for the project.
- The encouragement or advancement of sport and recreation and social and political activities are not considered charitable by the Australian Taxation Office.
- Applications from sporting organisations need to be charitable, benefit the wider community and should clearly indicate which other local organisations are involved (such as establishing a community gym in a sporting club that anyone can use).
- Government departments and organisations are not considered charitable by the Australian Taxation Office.
- Applications from government departments and organisations need to demonstrate that they are not seeking funding for activities which are the core responsibility of government and the project needs to be in addition to its core purpose (such as a school establishing a community vegetable garden).
- Projects which give donations to other organisations.
- Projects that have already commenced or will be completed before applicants are advised of the outcome of the application. At least 8 weeks after the application closing date should be allowed when planning your project.

Assessment criteria

All applications will be assessed on merit, largely on the information provided against the following areas:

Need	• How well does the application align with the eligibility criteria? • Is there a demonstrated need for the project in the Limestone Coast?
Benefit	• Are the outcomes of the project clearly identified? • How well does the project address the identified needs and support people and communities of the Limestone Coast? • Is there involvement and support from the community and evidence of community engagement?
Delivery	• Is the budget clear and realistic? • Does the project demonstrate sufficient planning and sustainability? • Does the organisation have the capacity to deliver the project? • Does the project include a financial and/or in-kind co-contribution?
Equitable Distribution	• We aim to distribute funding equitably across the Limestone Coast.

Assessment process

Grant applications will be evaluated by the Grant Making Advisory Committee, which makes recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors has final approval on the distribution of all grants.

To ensure informed decision-making, applicants may occasionally be asked to provide additional information.

All applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of their application.

We will publicly inform the community about grant making decisions via our website, www.standlikestone.com.au, in our e-newsletter and via a media release to local media outlets.

Get support

We are here to help! Our team is available to discuss your project with you before you submit your application to ensure that your project meets the eligibility criteria.

We can offer video conferencing or in-person meetings, ideas on successful previous applications and tips on how to write a successful grant application as well as potential connection to other funding sources.

You can contact the Stand Like Stone office at info@standlikestone.com.au or by calling 08 7701 9259 for support in applying for a grant.