



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY GRANTS

Application Guidelines

National Science Week is Australia's largest national festival which aims to raise the profile and increase public awareness of the importance of science, technology and innovation in our society.

National Science Week for 2020 will be held from **15 to 23 August**.

As a partnership program between a number of Government departments and other organizations and institutions, National Science Week demonstrates the significance of a community approach to highlighting the importance of science.

Please note there are changes to this year's guidelines due to COVID19. This year National Science Week will be celebrated online.

Objectives

The South Australian Community Grants are open to any individual, community group, organisation, business, industry or university to help celebrate science.

The grants should assist in bringing science to an increasing number of South Australians.

National Science Week aims to:

- encourage informed discussion around science-related issues of public interest
- encourage young people to study science
- promote science-based careers
- inform businesses of the importance of innovation to their long-term success
- celebrate the achievements of Australians working in these fields.

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Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for a grant, you can be:

- an individual
- a community group or organisation,
- a business, or
- an industry, industry body or university

NOTE: *Schools are unable to apply for the South Australian Community Grants. However they may apply for small grants through SASTA for school-based projects.*

Target Audience

The South Australian Community Grants are primarily for activities and events that involve the general public; however they may also target business and industry.

As well as metropolitan events, you might consider events in regional and remote areas and/or those aimed at marginalised groups such as those who:

- are generally less engaged with science-related activities
- have limited access to resources
- are members of special needs groups.

Events

Organising an event during National Science Week has benefits including:

- inspiring people to pursue an interest or career in science
- extending your professional network and partnership opportunities
- encouraging community participation and feedback
- attracting new members or audiences
- sharing your achievements and your knowledge with the community.

Activities and events must meet at least one of the aims of National Science Week and you are encouraged to include innovative ways to bring science to new audiences this year. These may include, but are not limited to, applications for the following types of science engagement:

- interactive online events
- podcasts
- video productions
- virtual tours
- webinars

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- citizen science activities
- digital story-telling
- content creation
- live-streaming of presentations and lectures

This is applicable to metropolitan and regional SA groups and organisations.

Event Dates

National Science Week will be held from 15-23 August 2020.

However, activity may be held any time in August.

Funding Available

Eligible organisations/individuals may apply for a grant **up to \$5,000** for a project to be delivered during or close to National Science Week. The upper limit for grants has been raised for this year as we are aware that more work and planning may need to be dedicated to online events.

There is funding available for metropolitan and regional events and activities.

Funds may be used for direct project delivery. *Examples of funds supported include:*

- Resources and materials related to the event
- Hire of equipment
- Presenter / speaker / creator fees
- Limited advertising when it is clearly needed for a particular purpose. (Most advertising can generally be achieved through the National Science Week web site, the Inspiring SA web site, and our special National Science Week SA 2020 online brochure, resources, posters, etc.)

The funding may not be used for projects of the following nature:

- research projects
- conferences (although specific online conferences in the spirit of National Science Week may be considered)
- curriculum development
- infrastructure
- surveys
- teacher training
- catering

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Other important considerations:

- The grants are not intended for in-school events. The Australian Science Teachers Association has grants available specifically to support schools in their National Science Week activities.
- Proposed events must be aimed at the general community. Please identify your target audience/s.
- Event holders must have their own insurance cover as they are not covered by National Science Week.
- The grants are for specific National Science Week activities and are not meant to supply equipment to organisations and institutions.
- Applications that show value for money will be favorably received.
- Quality of science and audience reach will be important factors.

Selection Process

A selection committee from the National Science Week (SA) Coordinating Committee will assess all applications and determine which projects are to be partially or fully funded.

Selection will be based on the written information provided by the applicant.

In some instances the selection committee may request further information before making its final decision.

The National Science Week (SA) Coordinating Committee receives many more applications than can be funded. It is rare for the Committee to fund all applications. Even if your application is successful, the Committee may offer your organisation a lesser amount to deliver a reduced program if the demand for funds is high.

Grant Applications

Requirements for Grant Application

- Each grant application must comprise a fully completed grant application form.
- Ensure your application meets all criteria or it will not be funded.

An **evaluation report** will be required within 8 weeks of the completion of the project. The evaluation will include details of the event, itemised expenditure of funds, audience numbers and reach, and the success of the event in meeting the aims of National Science Week.

Applications close Friday 8 May 2020.

Successful applicants will be notified by late May/early June.

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Send completed grant applications to:

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Chair - National Science Week (SA) Coordinating Committee

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Enquiries to Rona on 0419 827 723

Further information about National Science Week: www.scienceweek.net.au

Please also check the Inspiring South Australia web site for additional SA information:
www.inspiringsa.org.au