



# Hills & Coast Business Grant 2020-21 Guidelines

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## About the Grant

Regional Development Australia Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu & Kangaroo Island (RDA AHFKI) support businesses and community groups to identify and secure funding for projects that grow the regions' economy and liveability. In conjunction with our region's councils, we offer a one-stop grant portal which typically lists over 1,000 grants at any one time, provides search functionality, and ability to set up automated grant alerts. The Hills & Coast Grant Finder can be found here:

[RDA Adelaide Hills & Coast Grant Finder Funding Finder \(grantguru.com.au\)](http://grantguru.com.au)

Despite a large number of grants being available, many businesses still struggle to find a grant their project is eligible for. The industry, stage of development, type of expenditure, level of funding and many other factors might not align with available grants.

RDA AHFKI is offering the Hills & Coast Business Grant as a once off fund to test demand for flexible grant funding that will support business establishment and growth.

## Grant Guidelines

### 1. The Fund

The Hills & Coast Business Grant has been established by RDA AHFKI to provide funding that will be an enabler for business establishment and growth.

Available funding:

- Funding pool: \$60,000
- Minimum single grant: \$1,000
- Maximum single grant: \$10,000

### 2. Purpose

The purpose of the Hills & Coast Business Grant is to support business growth through:

- novel and/or creative approaches to business growth, or;
- addressing challenges and/or barriers to growth.

Examples include but are not limited to:

- Establishing online sales
- Reviewing and strategizing online presence



- New piece of equipment
- Product or concept development
- New operating or service model
- Feasibility work

The fund is not intended for business-as-usual projects but for cases where limited funds are restricting an ability to progress an idea or need.

### **3. Eligibility Requirements**

- 3.1 The proposed project must meet the purpose of the fund outlined above.
- 3.2 This grant is open to for-profit businesses with an ABN.
- 3.3 Funding must be matched (minimum) dollar for dollar.
- 3.4 Eligible expenditure is not defined but must clearly show in your application, how they are specific to your proposed project.
- 3.5 Your project will benefit the economy and/or liveability of the Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu Peninsula or Kangaroo Island.
- 3.6 An application from a consortium is welcome, however one organisation will need to submit the application form and be the lead party that enters into a grant agreement if successful.
- 3.7 The proposed project must be completed by 31/12/2021.

### **4. Application**

- 4.1 All applications must be made using the application form and be complete.
- 4.2 Project proponents must provide evidence of the costs associated with proposed project.
- 4.3 Completed applications must be submitted by **5:00PM Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2021** by email to: [info@rdahc.com.au](mailto:info@rdahc.com.au)

### **5. Assessment of Applications**

- 5.1 Assessment of Applications



Eligible applications will be assessed against:

- a) The fund Assessment Criteria in the fund application form.
- b) Completeness of application.
- c) Value.

5.2 Process

- d) Shortlisted applicants may be invited to make a short presentation to the RDA AHFKI Board.
- e) Final selection of applications will be determined by the RDA AHFKI Board.

5.3 All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application as soon as possible.

5.4 The selection panel may, but is not obliged to, seek further information or clarification.

5.5 All decisions are final and there is no appeal process for applicants.

## **6. Funding Agreements.**

6.1 Funding agreements will specify the funding provided and commit the applicant to any funding conditions including timeframes, outputs and outcomes, and matched contributions.

6.2 Successful applicants will be required to provide a project report by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

6.3 The Funding agreements may contain other conditions.

## **7. Further Information.**

Interested persons may obtain further information or clarification of eligibility or process by contacting Steve Shotton at RDA AHFKI on 0407 713 239 or [stephens@rdahc.com.au](mailto:stephens@rdahc.com.au)

