Adelaide Hills Independent Living Grant Guidelines



Community Living Australia is a non-government, not-for-profit organisation with over 30 years' experience in providing quality services to both children and adults living with disability throughout South Australia.

With more than 500 clients and over 500 staff across South Australia, we have a strong connection with the communities in which we serve.

We work with local partners in our communities knowing that together we can make a greater impact in the lives of our clients and people living with disability.

In our lifetime, it is our mission to create an Australia where our clients and all people living with disability are valued and equal members of their community and are provided with the opportunities to achieve their goals.

We are the local, community based organisation in our regions that is passionate about supporting both children and adults living with disability to live as independently as possible, to be valued members of their community, to reach their goals and to live rewarding and fulfilling lives.

About the Grant

The Adelaide Hills 'Independent Living Grant' is made possible through the generous donation of the Hills Disability Housing Inc. The Grant will provide funding for successful applicants to support them to live independent lives.

Four \$1,000 grants will be awarded each calendar year (a total of \$4,000 per annum).

Grants must be utilised to fund equipment that supports independent living and community inclusion.

Eligible Applicants

All current Community Living Australia clients who reside in the Adelaide Hills, Mt Barker and Alexandrina local council areas are eligible to apply for the grant.

Application Assessment Process

All applications will be assessed on merit, based largely on the written information provided and will consider the following:

- If the application meets the eligibility criteria.
- Evidence of need for the project.

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- Extent of benefit or outcomes to support the applicant with their goal for independent living.
- Cost effectiveness.
- Links to the community.
- The number and range of applications received and funds available to distribute.

Grant Funding Timeframes

Grants can be applied for year-round, with no opening or closing dates. Grants will be assessed as they are received.

What cannot be funded?

- Fundraising purposes.
- Reimbursement of money already spent.
- Projects that have already occurred or will occur before being advised of the outcome of the application.

Application Procedure

Grant making rounds are publicly announced through the Community Living Australia newsletter, website, social media accounts and in local media outlets.

Applications must be on the Community Living Australia Independent Living Grant Application Form or made online through the Community Living Australia website – <u>www.claust.com.au/independentlivinggrant</u>. It is essential that applicants read the Grant Making Guidelines prior to filling in the Grant Application Form.

The Grant Application form can be obtained by contacting Community Living Australia on 08 8536 5888, <u>info@claust.com.au</u> or by visiting the website – <u>www.claust.com.au/independentlivinggrant</u>.

Grant applications may be lodged by mail or email and must be received or postmarked no later than the closing date. The completed Application together with any additional information and supporting documentation should be sent to:

info@claust.com.au

or

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To ensure that informed decisions are made, on occasions, applicants may be requested to provide further information.

The Grant Assessment Panel will make the final decision for the distribution of grants.

Applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of their application.

Community Living Australia will publicly inform the community about grant making decisions in newsletters, online and via media releases.

Points to note

If the requested grant represents only part of the total funding required, details of how the balance is to be realised must be provided. The balance could include fundraising, other grants, donations, and existing funds, volunteer or in-kind support.

It is expected that projects would normally be completed within twelve months of funding being received.

Successful applicants will be required to sign a Grant Agreement.

Questions

If you have any questions, regarding the Community Living Australia Independent Living Grant, please email: <u>info@claust.com.au</u>