



Coastal Research and Development Grants

Application Guidelines

The South Australian Government is investing in research and development to improve management of our beaches and enhance our coastal environment through the *New life for our coastal environment* commitment.

Many coastal communities are at risk from current and future hazards, such as erosion, flooding and sand dune drift. Local authorities, businesses and community groups are already taking practical action to address risks to coastal areas.

Funding is available for practical research and development projects to address current and future coastal risks, that will lead to better on-ground management and protection of our coastline into the future.

Objectives

The purpose of the grants are to fund research and development demonstration projects that:

- Examine risks to coastal assets, infrastructure and communities.
- Support coastal adaptation.
- Develop innovative approaches to coastal management to sustain assets and the environment.

Eligibility

The grants are open to local government, business, community groups and research institutions.

Applicants are encouraged to partner with other locally-based stakeholders. It is important that applicants work closely with potential project partners and supporters.

Proposals should outline how project outcomes can progress to practical, on-ground applications, and include an expression of support from the partners who would be responsible for doing so.

Funding

Grants can fund up to 50% of the total project value.

Projects must be able to be completed and final reports submitted before **Friday 28 May 2021**.

Applications

Please contact DEWCoasts@sa.gov.au for an application form to apply for grant funding.

Applications will be accepted until midnight 28 February 2020.

Assessment

Grant proposals will be assessed against the following criteria:

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1. Investigate and develop practical actions to improve coastal management
2. Seek to address high or significant coastal risks
3. Use the best available knowledge and practices in coastal management
4. Sustainable and maintained into the future, with opportunities for implementing outcomes identified
5. Demonstrated capacity of the applicants/ partners to complete the project
6. Involves collaboration including partner engagement, contributions and co-funding



Here are some practical examples:



Estuary Care Foundation's living shoreline trial

The Estuary Care Foundation are undertaking a community-led trial to restore seagrass and shellfish at Snowden's Beach in Port Adelaide. The project is trialling the use of 'living shorelines', using hard and soft infrastructure in conjunction with the existing seawall to enhance local biodiversity and water quality while protecting local properties and assets. Led by volunteers and community members who want to contribute to a better future for the Estuary, the project is being delivered with support from the City of Port Adelaide Enfield, Renewal SA and the Coast Protection Board.



Fine-scale elevation data collected for Eyre Peninsula coast

Eyre Peninsula region has recently collected precision coastal elevation data via LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) to deliver a comprehensive 3D map of the coastline. This was done as part of a climate adaptation project led by Natural Resources Eyre Peninsula, and supported by Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula, the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association, Eyre Peninsula Climate Change Agreement Committee, Department for Environment and Water, Coast Protection Board and SA Water.



Wattle Range Council's coastal adaptation strategy for Southend

The Wattle Range Council worked with their local community to develop a coastal adaptation strategy for Southend, creating a plan for the future with strong community ownership. The council partnered with the community to review future risks to local coastal assets and infrastructure and identified adaptation options, resulting in practical adaptation for the future. This local approach had community acceptance of difficult decisions, including managed retreat. The council were awarded the 2018 South Australian Climate Leaders Award.

Types of projects

The types of research and development that may be funded include, but are not limited to:

- Coastal hazard adaptation strategies.
- Design or testing of new approaches to coastal management to combine ecological and asset protection benefits.
- Collection of data and information to improve knowledge of the coast that will lead to improved coastal adaptation, health and resilience.

Agreements

DEW may work with applicants and proponents to refine proposals before entering into grant agreements. Successful applicants will be required to enter into a grant agreement with DEW, setting out key outcomes, milestones, intellectual property arrangements, payment dates and other terms and conditions in relation to the project.

All project variations such as a proposed extension of time or a variation to the approved project outcomes must be approved in writing by DEW.

Successful applicants must provide a final report within 60 days of project completion, or by 28 May 2021 (whichever is sooner), demonstrating project outcomes, achievements and financial acquittal of funds.

DEW reserves all rights to issuing grants under this program. The number of grants funded and the value of these grants will be at the discretion of DEW.

***Note for unincorporated organisations**

If your organisation is not incorporated, you need to gain sponsorship of an incorporated organisation to facilitate the project. It is up to unincorporated applicants to negotiate a sponsoring body. Sponsoring organisations will receive the funding and take full responsibility for the legal and financial accountability of the proposed project. A letter of agreement defining the terms of the sponsorship must accompany the application.

Further information

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