Government of South Australia
Department of the Premier and Cabinet

Matched funding

Introduction

Welcome to the Multicultural Grants Program online Grant Tutorials.

In this video, we will discuss what is matched funding, how to find your minimum matched funding requirement, and how to provide evidence for eligible funding sources.

For more information on the Multicultural Grants Program, you can view the online Grant Tutorials, read the Frequently Asked Questions, download the Funding Guidelines, or contact the Multicultural Affairs Grants Team.

What is matched funding

Large grants available through the Multicultural Grants Program have a matched funding requirement.

This means that applicants requesting a Large grant must self-fund a set amount for every dollar of South Australian Government funding.

In most cases, the matched funding requirement will be 1:1, or one dollar of matched funding for every dollar of government funding.

In this example, the total project cost is $60,000. The minimum matched funding required is $30,000, and the maximum grant request is also $30,000.

In special circumstances, the matched funding requirement may change. Regional and rural Expand Together applicants have a 1:2 matched funding requirement, or one dollar of matched funding for every two dollars of government funding.

Regional and rural South Australia refers to the Greater Adelaide region (including Adelaide Hills, Barossa Light and Lower North, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island), as well as country regions (Eyre and Western, Far North, Limestone Coast, Murray and Malley, Yorke and Mid North).

Minimum matched funding

The online application form will automatically calculate the minimum matched funding you need based on the information you provide.

It is important to select the correct grant category in your application. Be sure to select 'Large grant' so the form loads the matched funding fields. If you select 'Small grant', these fields will not appear and the maximum grant amount you can apply for will be less.

For Expand Together Grants, it is also important to correctly identify your location. The online application form will prompt you to select the primary State Government Region. For Infrastructure grants, select the region where the building or facilities being upgraded are located. For Equipment grants, selection the region where the equipment will be stored.

You must complete the budget table by entering the total project costs. This means including every eligible budget item required to complete the project.

Remember, every budget item must meet the grant's eligibility requirements and quotes must be provided for all items of $100 or more. Ineligible budget items or items without a quote will be deducted from the total project costs.

For more information on eligible budget items, check the Funding Guidelines or watch the online Grant Tutorial 'Eligible Projects'.

The total project cost will be automatically calculated from the budget table. The application form will show you the minimum matched funding requirement.

Eligible matched funding sources

To be eligible for grant funding, applicants must show they have the available funds to meet the matched funding requirement.

The application form will ask you to provide a list of matched funding sources. Matched funding must be funds in your possession at the time of applying. Eligible matched funding sources include:

- Your organisation's core funds or cash in bank, and
- Confirmed grants or sponsorships.

Matched funding sources not eligible to meet the matched funding requirement include:

- Predicted revenue from the project (such as ticket sales or stall holder fees)
- Future fundraising projects
- Unconfirmed grants or sponsorships
- Grants or sponsorships not specific to the project.

You must provide evidence for all matched funding sources. Examples of evidence include:

- A copy of your organisation's most recent bank statement showing the bank name, account name, amount and date
- A copy of a grant or sponsorship agreement, signed by both parties, and showing the name and date of the project.

It is important to be aware of the total matched funding amount, as this will impact your grant request.

You are only required to provide evidence of matched funding to equal the minimum matched funding requirement.

The application form will automatically calculate your grant request by subtracting the total matched funding from the total project cost.

In this example, the total matched funding is equal to the minimum matched funding requirement. The total project cost is $60,000. Minus the total matched funding of $30,000, the final grant request is also $30,000.

If the total matched funding is more than the minimum matched funding requirement, the final grant request will be reduced.

In this example, the total project cost is the same, but the total matched funding is $40,000. The total project cost minus the total matched funding leaves a final grant request of $20,000.

Reviewing the Funding Guidelines

It is important to always read the Funding Guidelines.

Every grant round in the Multicultural Grants Program will have its own guidelines. These can be downloaded from the Multicultural Affairs website from the date the round opens.

The matched funding requirements change depending on the grant stream and category. Look in the table of contents for 'Large grant matched funding requirements'.

Requesting feedback

Anyone applying for grant through the Multicultural Grants Program can request feedback on their application before they submit.

The Grants Team can review your application against the eligibility requirements and provide advice to help ensure your application is complete and ready for the next stage.

To request feedback on an application in progress, contact the Grants Team at least one week before the closing date.

Contacting the Grants Team

The total project cost and matched funding sources you provide in your application will determine your final grant request. Entering this information correctly and providing sufficient evidence is essential for a successful application.

Contact the Grants Team to discuss your project's matched funding requirements. The team is available to answer your questions from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

You can reach the Grants Team by email at MulticulturalAffairs@sa.gov.au or by phone on 1300 239 468.

For more information: **T** 1300 239 468

Grants Team   **E** MulticulturalAffairs@sa.gov.au

Multicultural Affairs   **W** multicultural.sa.gov.au

Department of the Premier and Cabinet