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Hills & Coast Grant Finder Milestone

Regional Development Australia Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu & Kangaroo Island (RDA AHFKI) was delighted to see their Hills & Coast Grant Finder website exceed 1,000 registered users in January.

The site provides registered users with access to the latest grants and funding opportunities from local, state and federal government, as well as private entities and philanthropists. The site has some amazing statistics:

- generally more than 1,100 grants at any one time
- combined grant value over \$60 Billion
- each month between 7,000 and 10,000 grant alerts are sent out to registered users that let them know when new grants match their preferences.

Grants are sourced and vetted by staff members at Grant Guru, who ensure grants uploaded to the Hills & Coast Grant Finder site are relevant to the RDA AHFKI region, and presented in a consistent manner to make it easier for applicants to compare and understand grant details.

Helping connect businesses, communities and councils to capital and funding opportunities forms a core part of RDA AHFKI's purpose of strengthening economic growth and prosperity across the Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island. Encouraging use of digitisation and online tools, such as the Grant Finder site, is part of a strategy to help local stakeholders expand their access to information to increase productivity and economic output.

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The RDA AHFKI team is available to provide expert advice and letters of support where appropriate to help applicants get grant ready, navigate eligibility and improve their applications. With significant new state and federal funding programs due for release, RDA AHFKI encourages anyone who may need access to funding to register on the Hills & Coast Grant Finder site.

The Hills & Coast Grant Finder is an initiative of RDA AHFKI and sponsored by the regions' councils: Adelaide Hills Council, Mount Barker District Council, Alexandrina Council, City of Victor harbor, Kangaroo Island Council, and District Council of Yankalilla.

For more information, visit **rdahc.grantguru.com.au** or call 8536 9200.

Director of Regional Development at RDA Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island, Mr Stephen Shotton;

"Access to funding is a significant barrier for our community groups, businesses and industry organisations to progress their projects. Hills & Coast Grant Finder is a one-stop shop to find that grant needle in the haystack and, best of all, it automatically sends grant alerts straight to your email. I urge anyone that would benefit from funding to register".

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