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Helping Local Manufacturers Grow – RDA Grant Open!

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Small and medium-sized manufacturers in the Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu Peninsula, and Kangaroo Island have a new opportunity to expand, with applications now open for the Hills & Coast Business Grant 2025.

With funding between \$2,500 and \$20,000, this grant from Regional Development Australia, Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island (RDA AHFKI), is a key initiative to strengthen the economic prosperity of our region. Designed specifically for local manufacturers who may not qualify for larger grants state and federal grants, it reduces financial barriers, enabling our region's manufacturing businesses to invest in new equipment and address key challenges to growth and productivity.

Since 2021, the Hills & Coast Business Grant has resulted in over a \$million invested in productivity improvements in small regional businesses. Now in its fifth year, the grant continues to drive regional economic resilience by fostering innovation, supporting job creation, and encouraging business expansion. Thanks to ongoing corporate partnerships, the program delivers critical financial assistance to businesses looking to scale their operations and enhance local industry capabilities.

Grant recipients report significant changes in all aspects of their businesses, such as:

- “Doubling output with the same staff levels”
- “10% drop in production losses”
- “400% increased throughput”
- “23% increase in turnover”
- “20% reduction in costs of product development”

RDA Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island encourages eligible businesses to apply and take advantage of this funding opportunity. Successful applicants must demonstrate how their proposed project will boost productivity, create efficiencies, and contribute to the long-term economic sustainability of the region.

Applications opened 03 March 2025, and close Friday, 02 May 2025.

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