

SEXUAL HEALTH WEEK

It's Your Right

Community small grant information

This year Sexual Health Week is celebrated from 7-13 September and aims to raise awareness of sexual health and rights and relationship wellbeing.

Our theme this year is 'It's Your Right,' focusing on how our rights shape our sexual health and wellbeing. Sexual health rights are fundamental human rights and an essential part of health, dignity and justice.

What is the Community Grant Program?

SHINE SA wants to support your organisation or community group to get involved in Sexual Health Week!

SHINE SA will provide five successful organisations with a \$2,000 grant (inc gst) to host an event that raises awareness of sexual and reproductive health.

SHINE SA can also support your organisation by providing resources (such as posters, condoms, Fact Sheets) and information.

All applications must be submitted by **COB 25 July 2026**.

The meaning behind 'It's Your Right'

This year's theme, 'It's Your Right', highlights everybody's right to accurate information, inclusive healthcare and relationship wellbeing. By promoting inclusive and accessible conversations about sexual health, we can reduce stigma, empower individuals to embrace sex positivity, and support informed decision-making about their sexual health and wellbeing.

There are many topics that fit within this theme, including:

- Consent
- Safer sex
- Contraception (feeling confident about the choices that are available)

- Respectful relationships
- Bodily autonomy
- Communication.

Each organisation can focus on a single topic or several, depending on their clients/community and what they feel will be most beneficial.

What could an event look like?

There are all types of events that can help start conversations around sexual health and relationship wellbeing. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- **Host a workshop or morning tea** where you chat about respectful relationships and sexual health facts.
- **Run a trivia session** with myth-busting questions about STIs, consent, and contraception.
- **Create a youth scavenger hunt or quiz** focused on safety, respect, and sexual health knowledge.
- **Hand out 'knowledge kits'** with resources, condoms, and helpful links at your workplace or school.
- **Invite a speaker or show a short video** for a lunchtime info session on a sexual health topic.
- **Host an event inviting people to share** "one thing they wish they'd learned earlier" about sexual health.
- **Host an art workshop** with a session on consent and communication in relationships.

These events could have a theme, for example: 'contraception options – the choice is yours' highlighting the various options for contraception and their benefits.

We ask that some photos (with permission) are captured during the event/s for promotion and reporting purposes.

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Who can apply for a Community Grant?

Anyone with an ABN (South Australia only) can apply for a grant. This does not mean that everyone will be successful, as the number of grants is limited.

Preference will be given to applicants that meet the following criteria:

- Targets 18–30 year olds
- Broadens an understanding of sexual health and in particular safety, pleasure and respect
- Empowers young people to participate.

Priority will also be given to applicants working with young adults who are culturally and linguistically diverse, are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, LGBTIQ+, have a disability, or live in economically marginalised areas.

Organisations must also agree to the following: The planned event will:

- Respect diversity and inclusion, including LGBTIQ+ inclusion
- Offer a positive and open view of relationships and sexuality
- Share evidence-based information and be contextually appropriate for the audience.

What happens after we apply?

Organisations will be contacted by **31 July 2026** with the outcome of their application. A confirmation letter will be sent and discussion around support, ordering resources and marketing will be liaised between the point of contact of the organisation and the SHINE SA team.

Upon conclusion of Sexual Health Week, organisations will be required to complete a feedback form.

How do we receive the \$2,000 (inc GST) if successful?

Successful organisations will be required to send SHINE SA a tax invoice. The payment will then be forwarded within 30 days.

Have further questions?

Don't hesitate to get in contact with our team, email marketing@shinesa.org.au

How do we apply?

Community groups and organisations will need to apply for their grants through the online application form, if successful a confirmation email will be sent.

Find out about selection criteria and access the application form:

<https://shinesa.org.au/shw-grant-form/>