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RAA grants on offer for community organisations

South Australian community organisations can now apply for a funding boost, thanks to RAA's \$50,000 Grassroots Giving community grant program.

Non-profit community groups can apply for funding worth up to \$5,000 to assist with projects that support community safety, disadvantaged children and individuals, environmental sustainability, reconciliation activities and more.

RAA General Manager Community and Corporate Affairs Emily Perry said in the last five years the Grassroots Giving program had provided 76 community groups with grants totalling more than \$290,000.

"RAA's Grassroots Giving program is designed to support our members, their communities and the causes they're passionate about – all right here in SA," Ms Perry said.

"Since launching Grassroots Giving five years ago, we've been able to give back to non-profit organisations that make a real difference in their communities, such as wildlife rescue groups, SES units and education centres.

"Another previous recipient last year was The Village Co, a not-for-profit that supports new Mums with essential items and home-cooked meals when they return from hospital.

"On behalf of our more than 815,000 members, RAA is privileged to be involved with these programs and support the community at the grassroots level."

CEO and Founder of The Village Co Stephanie Malan said receiving a grant through the program had helped her organisation supply meals to 27 new mothers.

"As a not-for-profit that helps new mothers regardless of their background or disadvantage, we're always looking for further funding to help us extend our support to more families," Ms Malan said.

"RAA's support last year allowed us to provide 27 new mothers with the invaluable gift of a home cooked meal, through our program A Nourished Week and our partnership with Chefs on Wheels.

"The kindness of RAA has truly made a difference in the lives of these families and we are grateful for their support."

Community groups are encouraged to apply via the [RAA website](#). Applications close on Tuesday 12 March.

RAA Grassroots Giving areas of focus:

- helping disadvantaged and/or vulnerable South Australians
- supporting youth development
- supporting and celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and reconciliation activities
- reducing inequality in the community
- community safety
- innovation
- environmental sustainability.