

# Flinders Foundation

## Monthly Discretionary

### Grants Program

February 2026



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## Applicant Grants Pack 2026

The Flinders Foundation Monthly Discretionary Grants Round is designed to provide responsive funding to support care outcomes for patients, families, and carers across the Southern Adelaide Local Health Network.

This grant round focuses responsive philanthropic funding where it can add value beyond core services.

Funding will prioritise initiatives that:

- Align with SALHN's Strategic Plan
- Align with Flinders Foundation's Theory of Change
- Demonstrate measurable improvements in patient-centred care, equity, and wellbeing
- Can be delivered within 12 months

The process emphasises equity, transparency, and patient-centred innovation, reflecting the shared commitment of SALHN and Flinders Foundation to delivering exceptional care, without exceptions.

### **Funding Available**

- Up to \$1,500 monthly (GST exclusive). Unsuccessful but eligible applications will remain in the monthly grant round pool for 12 months for future consideration.

### **Program Purpose**

To accelerate access to initiatives that enhance the patient and family experience, support recovery, and address disparities in healthcare access.

### **Outcomes We Seek**

Successful projects will contribute to one or more of the following outcomes:

- Enhanced patient comfort, satisfaction, and care experience
- Faster recovery and improved clinical outcomes
- Reduced barriers to timely and equitable care
- Greater wellbeing for patients and families during hospital stays

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## Eligibility

### Eligible Applicants

Applications are open to:

- SALHN services and departments, including hospital and community settings
- VollieCare
- University staff in joint roles, when applying under their SALHN responsibilities
- All applications must be endorsed by the relevant Clinical Director or Co-Director.

### What Can Be Funded

Eligible requests include initiatives such as:

- Patient wellbeing and comfort initiatives (e.g. waiting area improvements, therapeutic equipment, creative therapy programs, volunteer-led initiatives)
- Initiatives that enhance hospital environments, recovery experiences, and family support
- Practical projects that demonstrate clear patient, family, or carer benefit and can be delivered within 12 months
- Projects that demonstrate a clear alignment to the SALHN Strategic Plan and Flinders Foundation Theory of Change
- Fulfil all other application requirements as per the Expression of Interest

### What Cannot Be Funded

Funding will not support:

- Retrospective purchases or completed projects
- Everyday consumables, ongoing operational costs, or staff salaries
- Like-for-like replacements with no net improvement in care
- Major building works or non-integrated IT infrastructure
- Standalone software not intrinsic to the project
- Professional development or training activities
- Core SA Health responsibilities

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Milestone	Date
Applications Open	2 Feb 2026
Applications Close (5pm)	28th of each month
Grants Announced	Mid each month
6-Month Check-In	6 months from project approval
Final Acquittal Report Due (or within one month of project completion, whichever is the earliest)	12 months from project approval

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## Assessment Criteria

Your application will be reviewed against the following:

Criteria	Description	Metrics and Evidence Required	Weighting
<b>1. Quality of Care Impact</b>	Demonstrates alignment with Flinders Foundation Theory of Change and SALHN's Strategic Priorities (Enhancing patient care; Expanding access & equity). Improves patient comfort, wellbeing, care quality, recovery outcomes, or prevention.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Evidence of patient-centred approach</li><li>• Alignment to SALHN priority areas</li><li>• Anticipated improvements in care, satisfaction, or outcomes</li><li>• Equity focus</li></ul>	50%
<b>2. Evaluation &amp; Learning</b>	Strong rationale with clear objectives and capacity to measure outcomes. Demonstrates patient, family and carer engagement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clear objectives</li><li>• Described evaluation methods (feedback, surveys, wellbeing metrics, service data)</li><li>• Evidence of patient and family involvement</li></ul>	15%
<b>3. Initiative Feasibility</b>	Demonstrates realistic delivery, value for money, and sustainability.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Delivery feasible within 12 months</li><li>• Risks identified and mitigated</li><li>• Budget up to \$1,500 supported with quotes</li><li>• Potential for sustainability or replication</li></ul>	25%
<b>4. Innovation</b>	Introduces a novel or creative approach to patient care, prevention, or recovery that adds value beyond standard practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Description of what is new or different</li><li>• Potential to scale, replicate, or influence other departments/sites</li><li>• Contribution to culture of continuous improvement and learning</li></ul>	10%

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## 7. How to Apply

### Step 1: Review this pack

Ensure your project aligns with the goals and criteria outlined.

### Step 2: Complete your EOI

Fill out the online Expression of Interest form and attach endorsement and all required supporting information on the Flinders Foundation website.

### Step 3: Submit your application

 Deadline: 5pm on the 28th of each month

## 8. Support Available

If you need assistance, including accessibility support, contact:  
[grants@flindersfoundation.org.au](mailto:grants@flindersfoundation.org.au)

## 9. If You're Successful

You'll be:

- Assigned a Relationship Manager from Flinders Foundation.
- Asked to participate in a 6-month check-in and an acquittal within 12 months (or within one month of project completion, whichever is earliest).
- Invited to share impact stories for donors and staff audiences
- Acknowledging support from Flinders Foundation and SALHN in communications.

## 10. If You're Unsuccessful

You'll receive:

- A notification with consolidated feedback.
- If your application is deemed eligible, it will be included in future grant round considerations for 12 months.

## **11. Communications and Recognition**

Grants will be announced publicly during Flinders Foundation Annual Impact Event and promoted jointly by Flinders Foundation and SALHN. You may be invited to:

- Participate in a media opportunity, newsletter, or video story
- Attend a celebration event with donors and staff

## **12. Contact Us**

### **Application and Accessibility Support**

**Megan Lapere, Head of Business Performance and Operations**

Email: [grants@flindersfoundation.org.au](mailto:grants@flindersfoundation.org.au)

## Flinders Foundation Monthly Discretionary Grant Round Endorsement Form

### Project Information:

Project Title:	
Org / Division Name:	
Contact Name:	
Contact Position:	
Contact Email:	
Contact Phone:	
Signature:	
Date:	

Endorsed by Manager / Head of Unit /  
Nursing Director:

Signature

Name (print)

Position title

Date

Endorsed by Clinical Director /  
Co-Director:

Signature

Name (print)

Position title

Date

# SALHN STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2027

Excellence in healthcare and research

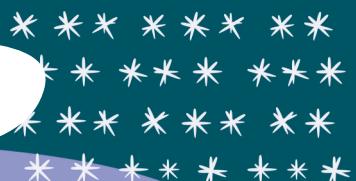
## VISION

Striving for exceptional care



## PURPOSE

Working together to improve health and wellbeing for the communities we serve



## VALUES



### EMPATHY

Compassion, communication and connection is central to how we care

### TRUST

We do what we say, and deliver on our commitments

### INCLUSION

We are part of the communities we serve and we work with others to do our best



# PRIORITIES

## Deliver equitable services

We strive to understand the unique needs of diverse communities to provide the equitable and accessible care they value. We work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to Close the Gap. We aim to provide services free from discrimination to all, including Culturally and Linguistically Diverse, Disability and LGBTQI+ communities.

## Provide quality care

We are committed to the delivery of safe, appropriate, accessible care, from the first 1000 days to the last 1000 days, across our services. We continually improve practice to provide acceptable, efficient and effective services to achieve person and family-centred care.

## Drive innovation and research

We are at the forefront of discovering new ways to deliver better care through critical enquiry and research informed by lived experience. New knowledge and innovation informs the continued improvement, development and transformation of services.

## Look after the workforce

We are committed to providing a workplace where people grow, excel and exceed their career aspirations, by embedding a culture of collaboration, supportive leadership and continuous learning. We support the health, wellbeing and safety of the diverse workforce, empowering them to care for each other and the communities we serve.

## Inspire through education and learning

We inspire through teaching and education to build an agile learning organisation for all to continuously improve the way we deliver care. We continue to support partnerships with tertiary institutions to empower the future workforce. We seek opportunities to promote health literacy in the community.



## Grow cooperative partnerships

We are growing our partnership capability. We are connecting care by strengthening existing relationships and forging new partnerships to extend the reach of services and increase our collective impact in the community.

## ENABLERS

### TECHNOLOGY

People-centred technology that is driven by user experience

### INFRASTRUCTURE

Infrastructure for today and the future

### SUSTAINABILITY

Workforce, environmental and financial sustainability

## Our Theory of Change

At Flinders Foundation, we begin with a simple but powerful belief: everyone deserves exceptional healthcare, without exception.

Flinders Foundation supports a thriving health and medical research precinct anchored by Flinders Medical Centre and Flinders University. From Southern Adelaide to the mid corridor of South Australia and into the Northern Territory, this network delivers vital care, education, and research that reaches some of the most geographically and socially diverse communities in the country.

But this region is also under pressure, which can limit the care patients receive and slow the translation of life-changing research into real-world impact.

We exist to be part of changing that.

We bring people together, donors, partners, fundraisers, researchers, clinicians, and communities near and far, to bridge the critical gaps that hold our healthcare system back.

Together, we can create the conditions for a healthier and more resilient future where no one is left behind, where care reaches every person, and where every discovery has the chance to change and save lives.

## Our Approach

Our approach is both strategic and human-centred. We focus our investment on six interconnected pillars:

### **Expanding Access and Equity**

We fund infrastructure, technology, and programs that reduce barriers and close the gap in access to care, ensuring that no matter who you are or where you live, your health matters.

### **Advancing Research and Innovation**

Through seed funding and precinct partnerships, we accelerate the journey from scientific discovery to real-world application—fuelling breakthroughs that improve lives near and far.

### **Enhancing Patient Care and Experience**

We invest in environments, services, and wellbeing programs that elevate the patient journey, supporting recovery, dignity, and whole-person health.

### **Empowering the Healthcare Workforce**

We back the people behind the care through grants that support wellbeing, development, and retention of healthcare professionals to support a resilient and motivated workforce.

### **Investing in Emerging Researchers**

We nurture the next generation of innovators, offering scholarships and fellowships that build capacity and leadership for the future of healthcare.

### **Strengthening Community and Partnerships**

We foster multi-year relationships and collaborative funding efforts to build sustainable, system-level change, helping to transform healthcare from the inside out by investing in innovation and patient centred support.

**Our ultimate goal? A world-class, patient-centred health system where no one is left behind and every discovery has the chance to save and change lives.**

## *Our partners make our support possible*

Flinders Foundation exists to support exceptional healthcare and groundbreaking research, and we couldn't do it without our community. That includes you.

If you've seen first-hand the difference that giving makes through grants, equipment, or research funding, and you would like to get involved we encourage you to reach out to our Foundation team.

To find out more or to explore how you can help, pop into our Foundation office, visit [flindersfoundation.org.au](http://flindersfoundation.org.au) or email our team at [supporters@flindersfoundation.org.au](mailto:supporters@flindersfoundation.org.au).

Together, we can ensure exceptional care for our community, without exceptions.

# *Thank you*

