

**DISTRICT COUNCIL OF
KIMBA**



NEW VENTURE GRANTS PROGRAM 2026-27

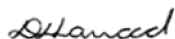


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Introduction

The District Council of Kimba is committed to fostering economic growth by supporting new business ventures that align with local market needs and contribute to the region's sustainability. The New Venture Grants Program has been established to provide financial assistance to entrepreneurs and start-ups seeking to establish or expand their operations within Kimba. This initiative aims to encourage innovation, diversify the local economy, and fill identified service gaps to enhance the community's economic resilience.

Eligibility Criteria

Businesses must fulfil the following conditions to be eligible for funding:

- Be establishing a new business or significantly expanding an existing business in Kimba
- Hold a current Australian Business Number (ABN) or be in the process of obtaining one
- Demonstrate how the business aligns with the needs of the Kimba market and contributes to economic growth
- Provide a clear business plan outlining objectives, market research, financial projections, and growth strategy
- Hold all appropriate permits and licences, including building, planning, health, and any other statutory requirements
- Be up to date with Council rates or have a payment plan in place (if applicable)
- Hold current public liability insurance and provide evidence of insurance
- Demonstrate financial commitment to the venture by contributing at least 50% of the total project cost through personal investment, in-kind contributions, or other funding sources

Eligible Projects

Projects must support the establishment or growth of a new business venture in Kimba or bring a new event to Kimba that attracts visitors and new economic activity. Examples include:

- Establishing a new business in Kimba that addresses a local market gap
- Expanding an existing business with a new product line, service, or operational model
- Investment in essential equipment, technology, or infrastructure required to establish or launch the new business
- Fit-out costs for a new commercial space required specifically to open the new business
- Marketing and branding initiatives to launch and establish the business in the local and regional markets
- Business innovation projects that contribute to economic diversification
- New events delivered in Kimba that are new to the region, attract visitors from outside the district, and generate new economic activity for local businesses (see New Event Projects below)

Ineligible Projects

The following projects have been deemed ineligible to access the Small Business Grant funding:

- Businesses operating outside the District Council of Kimba, except where applying under the New Event Projects category (see below)
- Projects that have already commenced prior to grant approval
- General operating expenses such as rent, utilities, and salaries
- Political, fundraising, or sponsorship activities
- Academic or conference-related expenses
- Interstate or overseas travel

Funding Details

A total pool of \$10,000 is available, with **individual grants of up to \$10,000** are available, with an organisation eligible to receive only one grant per annual funding round. **The Grant does not include GST and will not cover GST expenses.**

Business Contribution Requirement

Applicants must demonstrate their financial commitment by matching at least 50% of the total project cost. Contributions can include:

- Personal financial investment
- In-kind contributions (e.g., provision of services or materials)
- Other funding sources supporting the business venture

Documenting Your Contribution

Provide a clear and detailed list of all contributions, including the type, value, and how each directly supports the project objectives.

Attach relevant supporting documents, such as receipts, quotes, valuations, or signed declarations of intent to contribute specific goods or services.

Ensure the total value of your contribution meets or exceeds the required match for the grant, showing your commitment to the project's success.

Include this breakdown in your application form, under the project information section. Ensure all documentation is clear, legible, and adequately supports the contributions claimed.

How to apply

Applications are available at the Council office or via Council's website – www.kimba.sa.gov.au. Completed applications should be forwarded via email to mel.garibaldi@kimba.sa.gov.au, or via post to PO Box 189, Kimba SA 5641, or in person to the Council office.

Current Grant Round

Round opens:	Monday, 16 th March 2026 at 9 am
Round closes:	Open until funds are fully allocated
Assessment date:	Ongoing, subject to the adoption of the 2026–27 budget at the June Ordinary Meeting of Council
Outcomes advised:	Advised progressively
Project Completion:	All successful projects must be completed by 30 June 2027
Funding Acquittal:	Must be completed by 30 June 2027

Assessment of Applications

Applications will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- Alignment with identified needs in the Kimba market
- Business viability and potential for long-term sustainability
- Demonstrated financial contribution and overall feasibility of the venture
- Potential impact on business growth, employment, and economic development in Kimba
- Innovation and uniqueness of the business concept

New Event Projects

This grant can support an event organiser or business based outside the District Council of Kimba, provided all of the following conditions are met:

- The event is held within the District Council of Kimba
- The event is new - it has not previously been held in Kimba or the region
- The event is expected to attract visitors from outside the district and generate new economic activity for Kimba businesses
- The applicant can demonstrate a clear plan for delivering the event, including budget, marketing approach, and post-event acquittal

Council retains discretion to assess the likely economic benefit to Kimba when evaluating New Event Project applications from outside the district.

Council Discretion

Council reserves the right to determine which applications best align with the needs of the Kimba community and broader economic objectives. This discretion ensures that funding is directed towards ventures that provide the most value to the local market and long-term economic development.

Further Information

Please contact the Economic Development Manager if you require further information, assistance with completing your application, or if you would like to discuss any aspect of your project on 08 8627 2026 or email mel.garibaldi@kimba.sa.gov.au.

Funding Acquittal

A funding acquittal form is required to be completed upon finalisation of the project. This form verifies that the funds have been used in accordance with these guidelines and the project budget in the application form. It also provides Council with valuable feedback on how your project and the community have benefited from the Community Grants Program. In addition, any unspent funds are required to be returned to Council.

Organisation Information of the Applicant	
1. BUSINESS DETAILS	
Legal Entity Name:	
ABN Number (or application status):	
Industry Sector	
Business Location:	
Proposed Opening Date:	
2. CONTACT PERSON DETAILS (this is the address that all correspondence will be sent)	
Name: (first Name and Surname)	Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Dr ☐ Other ☐
Title (your role with the group/organisation):	
Address:	
Phone:	Home/Work: Mobile:
Email:	
3. BUSINESS DETAILS	
What is your organisation's estimated annual operating budget? \$	
How many registered employees will you have?	
a) Full-Time:	
b) Part-Time:	
c) Casuals:	
4. IF THE BUSINESS IS AN ACCOMMODATION BUSINESS	

Accommodation Type:	
Capacity:	

Organisation Information (continued)

5. BANKING INFORMATION

Full Account Name:	BSB:
Financial Institution Name:	Account Number:

6. INSURANCE DETAILS (You must supply a copy of your insurance certificate)

Type of Cover	Insurer	Expiry Date	Amount of Cover

GST Declaration

I agree upon signing of this document that I will provide Council with the following information in regards to my Australian Business Number and Goods and Services Tax registration status.

Does your business have an ABN ABN Number - - - - -	Yes ☐	No ☐
Is your business registered for GST	Yes ☐	No ☐

Financial Information

Total cost of Project (Ex GST)	\$
Amount of Small Business Grant Funding Requested (Ex GST)	\$

EXPENSES BREAKDOWN Itemise your proposed expenses for the project, clearly specifying each expense. Where available, include quotes to support these cost estimates.	\$ AMOUNT to the nearest whole dollar (excluding GST) Quotes of expenses need to be submitted with the application
Item	\$
Item	\$
Item	\$
Item	\$
Item	\$
Item	\$
Item	\$
TOTAL (excluding GST):	\$

Please provide a breakdown of your organisation's contribution to the project:

DESCRIPTION	\$ AMOUNT (excluding GST)
Cash	\$
Materials	\$
Service	\$
TOTAL (excluding GST):	\$

NON-CASH CONTRIBUTION BREAKDOWN For each non-cash contribution (material and service) your organisation is making to the project, please provide a detailed breakdown of its estimated value. Ensure to describe how you calculated these values to	Materials
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help us accurately assess your commitment and the total investment in the project.	Service
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Business Model and Market Positioning

Describe your business and the products/services it will offer:

Outline how your business meets an identified need in the Kimba market:

Explain your short and long-term business goals:

Attachments

- ☐ There are no attachments
- ☐ The following documents are attached relating to the Project Scope:
 1. Document Name
 2. Document Name
 3. Document Name

Application Declaration

Please read, tick the boxes and sign:

- ☐ I acknowledge that I am authorised to make this application on behalf of the Organisation.
- ☐ I acknowledge that the information provided in this application is true and correct.
- ☐ I acknowledge that our Organisation may be required to supply further information prior to consideration of this application by the District Council of Kimba Small Business Grants Program.
- ☐ I acknowledge that, should this Application be successful in obtaining Small Business Grant funding, our Organisation must complete the acquittal and reporting requirements.
- ☐ I acknowledge that any changes in circumstances with regard to this Application must be notified in writing and the District Council of Kimba Business Grants Program may request further information.
- ☐ By signing this form this organisation gives the District Council of Kimba permission to use details of this project and photos in any media or publicity pertaining to the Small Business Grants Program
- ☐ I have enclosed a copy of my business insurance certificate and any quotes required.

On behalf of _____ (Business Name)

(Name)

(Position)

(Signature)

(Date)