



RAA CFS Brigade Small Equipment & Wellbeing Grants Program

A Joint Initiative of the CFS Foundation and RAA

Program Overview

The **RAA CFS Brigade Small Equipment & Wellbeing Grants Program** is a dedicated grant initiative designed to provide practical, grassroots support to Country Fire Service (CFS) volunteers across South Australia.

Underwritten and sponsored by **RAA**, this program enables brigades to apply for grants of up to **\$2,000** to fund small equipment purchases for brigades or volunteer wellbeing initiatives that strengthen operational capability, safety and resilience.

This partnership reflects a shared commitment by RAA and the CFS Foundation to enhance community safety, support regional communities and invest in the volunteers who protect South Australians every day.

The RAA CFS Brigade Small Equipment & Wellbeing Grants Program will:

- Strengthen volunteer wellbeing and morale
- Support volunteer retention
- Provide direct, practical support to brigades
- Enhance volunteer safety and operational capability
- Strengthen mental health and wellbeing at a local level
- Support safer and more resilient volunteers.

The RAA CFS Brigade Grants Program is designed to respond directly to these needs.

Grant Structure

RAA Grant: Total \$75,000 + gst

Value: Up to \$2,000 per brigade

Eligibility: Open to all CFS brigades across South Australia.

Occurrence: The program will operate as a once off grants round in 2026 funded and underwritten by RAA.

Opening Date: Monday 20 April 2026

Applications Close: Monday 4 May 2026



Funding Streams:

1. Small Equipment

Examples include:

- Specialist tools and minor operational equipment (not supplied by the SACFS)
- Training aids and simulation resources
- Communications or IT enhancements
- Station safety improvements
- General equipment (as approved by the SACFS)
- Station kitchen or common area items
- Physical wellbeing equipment
- Brigade family engagement initiatives

Applications will be assessed against clear criteria including demonstrated need, impact, safety outcomes and benefit to the brigade/volunteers.

Program Delivery

The CFS Foundation will manage all aspects of program administration, including:

- Call for applications
- Simple and accessible online application process
- Independent assessment process
- Funding approvals and distribution
- Acquittal and impact reporting

Project Promotion

The CFS Foundation and RAA will collaborate to promote successful projects through a coordinated joint communications plan, leveraging each organisation's own channels and platforms.



RAA CFS BRIGADE SMALL



CFS FOUNDATION
Supporting Volunteer Firefighters

EQUIPMENT & WELLBEING GRANTS PROGRAM APPLICATION

Applicant's Name: ----- CFS Brigade Name:	Brigade Captain's name: ----- Brigade Captain's phone number: ----- Brigade Captain's email address:
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Grant Request Details

Item Requested:

Do you have a quote?

Yes No

(If yes, please attach the quote to your application)

Estimated Cost: _____

Additional Information

Thank you for submitting your Small Equipment and Wellbeing Grant application.

All applications will be carefully reviewed and successful applicants will be contacted to discuss the next steps.

If your application is approved, a formal quote will be required to finalise the process and all approved purchases will be made directly by the CFS Foundation.

Please return this completed form, along with any supporting documentation (including quotes, if available), to: **office@cfsfoundation.org.au**

Submission Deadline: _____

Thank you and good luck with your application.