



South Deep Community Trusts – Discretionary Grant Fund Applications

The South Deep Education Trust (SDET) and the South Deep Community Trust (SDCT) work towards a stable, connected, and thriving community in the South Deep host areas. Guided by their respective development pathways, SDET advances a cradle-to-career education journey, while SDCT supports holistic community wellbeing and economic inclusion.

Alongside the Trusts' structured, long-term programme investments, there is a recognised need to support smaller, community-driven initiatives and emerging opportunities that contribute to improved learning, wellbeing, and social cohesion at a local level. To enable this, the Trusts have established a discretionary grant fund.

Purpose of the discretionary grant fund

The discretionary grant fund exists to support community-led, responsive and catalytic initiatives that strengthen education, wellbeing and social cohesion, and address small but meaningful barriers to opportunity and participation in the South Deep host communities.

The fund is designed to:

- enable grassroots responses that enhance local agency and participation;
- support emerging needs or time-sensitive opportunities that fall outside the Trusts' core grant cycles;
- provide light-touch, high-impact contributions that can seed, test, or enhance promising community initiatives;
- foster shared ownership and responsibility for community development; and
- strengthen the connection between residents, local structures and the Trusts' broader development vision.

The discretionary grant fund is not intended to finance large-scale projects, infrastructure development or core programme delivery, which are resourced through the Trusts' primary social investment funding streams.

Scope of Support

The Fund supports **short-term or once-off initiatives** that deliver clear and plausible community benefit within the South Deep host communities.

Support may include, but is not limited to:

- community wellbeing and social cohesion initiatives (including arts, culture, recreation and psychosocial support);
- initiatives that promote dignity, inclusion and community safety; and

- education-supporting or youth development activities that complement existing interventions.

All supported initiatives must remain proportionate in scale, duration and budget, consistent with the Fund's role as a small-grants mechanism.

Who Can Apply

The Fund may support **individuals and organisations** that are located in, or directly serve, the South Deep Mine host communities within the West Rand Municipality.

Note: Individuals seeking **Full bursary funding** should not apply through this Fund. Bursaries are administered through a separate application process during the official bursary window.

Grant Size and Proportionality

Grant allocations must reflect the **small-grant, light-touch nature** of the Fund and remain proportionate to the initiative's scale and expected benefit.

Indicative grant ranges are:

- **Individuals:** Maximum – R50 000
- **Organisations:** Maximum – R150 000

Submission of an application does not guarantee funding, and the Trustees reserve discretion to approve amounts lower than requested.

How to Apply

All applications must be submitted via the **online application platform**. No applications submitted by email or hard copy will be accepted.

Organisation Applications – Minimum Requirements *(Applicable to certain entity types)*

- Legal registration documents (NPO, NPC, Trust, Co-operative, etc.)
- SARS Tax Compliance PIN
- SARS PBO certificate (if applicable)
- Constitution, MOI or Trust Deed
- B-BBEE affidavit (where applicable)
- Proof of business address
- Bank confirmation letter
- Audited annual financial statements
- Latest management accounts
- Bank statements (last six months)

- FICA documentation for board members and management
- **Project proposal**

[Click here to access the organisation application](#)

[Organisation System Application Guide](#)

Individual Applications – Minimum Requirements

- Copy of South African ID
- Recent proof of residence
- Invoice or quotation (where available)
- **Funding request letter** outlining:
 - purpose of the request;
 - project timelines; and costs breakdown

[Click here to access the individual application](#)

Assessment Criteria

Applications are assessed against the following criteria:

- **Community benefit:** contribution to wellbeing, social cohesion or inclusion;
- **Feasibility:** realistic implementation within capacity, timeframe and budget;
- **Proportionality:** request aligned to scale and duration of the initiative;
- **Catalytic value:** ability to unlock participation, address a gap or test a promising idea;
- **Responsible use of funds:** reasonable costs and ability to account for expenditure;
- **Compliance:** successful completion of due diligence and risk screening.

Funding Decisions are made on quarterly basis.

Enquiries

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