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Stand Like Stone Grants its One Millionth Dollar

Stand Like Stone will deliver its *one-millionth dollar* to the Limestone Coast community as recipients of Grant Round 21 are announced. Grant Round 21 will deliver funding to eighteen charitable projects that will share in just over \$57,374, bringing the total amount of grants given through the Stand Like Stone “Small Grants” program to just over \$213,000 and Total Grants provided to the Limestone Coast region to \$1,056,675

The following projects will receive support:

ORGANISATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT	SUB FUND
MT GAMBIER HIGH SCHOOL	MGHS Transition Music Program	\$5,000	L Humphreys
Country Health SA Local Health Network Inc	Pinchunga Chattervox	\$515	Penola Coonawarra
PENOLA HIGH SCHOOL	DRIVER EDUCATION	\$5,000	Focis on Youth & Penola Coonawarra
MULGA STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL	I AM WOMAN PROGRAM	\$3,000	Focis on Youth
AUSTRALIAN MIGRANT RESOURCE CENTRE	TALK THE TALK HOW TO TALK ENGLISH	\$3,000	Naracoorte & Districts
PENOLA WOMENS WELLNESS GROUP	2018 WELLBEING MENTAL HEALTH SESSION	\$5,000	Penola Coonawarra & Balnaves
The Keith Men's Shed Incorporated	KITCHEN FOR THE KEITH MENS SHED	\$2,500	
MILLICENT UNITED SOCCER CLUB INC	DEFIBRILLATOR	\$2,500	
LIFELINE SOUTH EAST (SA) INCORPORATED	MESSAGE STICKS PRODUCTION STATE 2	\$3,000	Agri-Links

LIMESTONE COAST FAMILY VIOLENCE ACTION GROUP	PRODUCTION OF SAFETY CARDS	\$368	
COONAWARRA COMMUNITY CLUB	PROJECT 100	\$2,500	
MILLICENT HIGH SCHOOL	ART IN THE CITY	\$3,600	L Humphreys
Mayfair Singers Incorporated	ESTILL VOICE TRAINING	\$1,000	L Humphreys
LUCINDALE AREA SCHOOL	LAS ART EXHIBITION	\$5,000	Focis on Youth & L Humphreys
PENOLA FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION INC	WRITER IN RESIDENCE	\$3,500	Focis on Youth
Limestone Coast Opera Inc	FESTIVAL OF VOICE 2018	\$2,500	L Humphreys
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE	DEFIBRILLATORS FOR CFS VEHICLES	\$5,000	Steven Noble Memorial
Keith Hospital	Full allocation to Keith Hospital	\$4,391	Keith Hospital Future Fund
	Total Granted	\$57,374	

Since its inception the Foundation has delivered over \$312,874 in grants, \$98,600 in scholarships, \$385,000 Back to School vouchers (in partnership with FRRR), \$182,500 Stay at School vouchers (in partnership with Wyatt Trust) and leveraged a further \$77,000 in external grants into the Limestone Coast community of South Australia, benefits of over \$1.05 million to the local community.

“We are excited to grant our millionth dollar! Giving back to the local community is the very reason that the Stand Like Stone was established and to provide \$1million to the local community is an incredible achievement,” said Sue Charlton AM who was the founding Chair of Stand Like Stone and is a current Director and Patron.

Stand Like Stone was established in 2004 by a passionate group of people from across the Limestone Coast region seeking to create a community fund, or endowment, to benefit the region in perpetuity. Donations to Stand Like Stone are never spent, but are held in trust and invested to maximise income. Income earned is then granted in the form of grants for charitable projects and scholarships to local individuals. Stand Like Stone works in partnership with donors, local organisations and community leaders to strengthen communities and increase opportunities. The community foundation aims to build relationships and networks to understand and respond to the immediate and long-term needs of the community

Stand Like Stone’s operations are funded through generous sponsorship arrangements with local councils and organisations. This generosity of sponsors enables community confidence that donations to Stand Like Stone are not spent on administration and will deliver maximum benefit to the local community.

“With over \$4 million in trust Stand Like Stone is well placed to continue to make a difference and grow our impact. We work with local people, schools and organisations to create awareness of the scholarships and grants and to target individuals, families and organisations that will derive the greatest benefit from funding,” said Bill DeGaris, Chair, Stand Like Stone.

In February 2018, Stand Like Stone will invite applications for the OneFortyOne Community Capacity Building Grants program, which thanks to a recent funding boost from OneFortyOne Plantations Ltd will now offer grants of up to \$50,000 for charitable projects. Guidelines and application forms will be available from the Stand Like Stone website, www.standlikestone.com.au.

In August 2018, small grants of up to \$5000 will be available to the community when Stand Like Stone will invite applications for its twenty-second round of grants. Scholarships for study to be undertaken in 2019 will also open in August 2018.

For more information on the Stand Like Stone Foundation or the granting and scholarship programs contact Executive Officer, Georgie McKay on (08) 87210480, or visit www.standlikestone.com.au

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About Stand Like Stone Foundation

The Stand Like Stone Foundation, established in 2004, is a dynamic community foundation serving the Limestone Coast (in the South East of South Australia).

Stand Like Stone offers individuals, families, groups, corporations and not-for-profit organisations an easy and satisfying way of giving something of real value back to the community that they care about.

All donations to Stand Like Stone are pooled and invested. The income generated from this investment is used over time to support charitable projects and organisations and to give educational scholarships.

Stand Like Stone offers grants twice a year for charitable projects benefitting the Limestone Coast and offers educational scholarships once a year. Stand Like Stone also facilitates projects which contribute to the community in many ways, resulting in both financial and social benefit, such as the Back to School and Stay at School programs.

Stand Like Stone is one of four South Australian based community foundations that serve specific geographic regions;

- Fleurieu Community Foundation – serves the Fleurieu Peninsula as defined by the local government areas of Yankalilla, Victor Harbor and Alexandrina.
- Foundation Barossa – serves the Barossa Valley incorporating the communities of the Barossa & Light areas
- Eyre Peninsula Community Foundation serves the people of the Eyre Peninsula

<http://www.standlikestone.com.au>

What is a Community Foundation?

The concept of a Community Foundation is simple.

They make it easy for people to contribute to a pool of funds, which is used to support charitable projects through purposeful grant making.

They are governed by independent volunteer trustees that steward the growth of the fund, or endowment, to benefit the community in perpetuity.

Community Foundations work in partnership with donors, local organisations and community leaders to strengthen communities and increase opportunities.

They are uniquely placed to understand and respond to the immediate and long-term needs of the community.

Community Foundations:

- respond quickly to critical community issues
- address community needs in a particular location or cause area
- enable collaborative philanthropy by making powerful connections between donors and community organisations for the long-term benefit of the community

- make it easy for people to give back to the community and support the causes they care about
- provide knowledgeable and effective grants to community organisations and projects
- provide leadership by advocating for and supporting important social issues.

Community Foundations mobilise leadership and, because of their deep local knowledge, are uniquely placed to bring people, ideas, and resources together to address important issues effectively. They deliver funding, support local organisations doing great work, and encourage innovation and new ways of doing things.

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