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Red Cross drought relief grants available in South Australia

Australian Red Cross has partnered with the South Australian Country Women's Association to distribute financial assistance of up to \$3,000 to farmers in drought affected regions of the state.

South Australian Red Cross Emergency Services Manager Jai O'Toole says with many farmers in South Australia experiencing drought conditions similar as those in New South Wales and Queensland, it was timely to also follow with grants in the state.

"Today Red Cross extends our partnership to the South Australian Country Women's Association, distributing grants to help alleviate financial pressures on farming families and communities, given the serious impacts a dry season has had across many farming communities.

"We are pleased that farmers have come forward in NSW and QLD, and now we encourage South Australian farmers to do the same. Communities across Australia have generously donated to the Australian Red Cross Help Aussie Farmers Appeal. We encourage all drought affected farmers to come forward for the financial support that is there for them."

Roslyn Schumann, State President, South Australian Country Women's Association says, "For those have endured tough conditions, these grants of up to \$3,000 can ease some of the burden of everyday living expenses like rates, school fees and groceries."

The South Australia Country Women's Association are working with Rural Business Support to facilitate and coordinate grant applications. To apply for a grant, contact Rural Business Support to speak with a Financial Assistance Counsellor. Call 1800 836 211 or email admin@ruralbusinesssupport.org.au or for more information visit www.ruralbusinesssupport.org.au.

Grants are available to help rural farming families with day-to-day living expenses.

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