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INCENTIVE GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

The Rann Government is building on its recycling effort with today's announcement of grants allocated to 10 community groups that will further progress recycling and resource recovery activities at the grass roots level.

Minister for Environment and Conservation Gail Gago says almost \$70,000 in funding will help the community-based organisations improve their recycling efforts in a win win for South Australia.

The Social Enterprise Incentive Grants program targets not-for-profit organisations such as progress associations, charities and Scout groups, which raise money from resource recovery activities to support worthwhile community projects.

“The Government wants to recognise the important role these community organisation play in collecting materials for re-use and recycling, which would otherwise be disposed in landfill,” Minister Gago said.

“Many of these groups are supported by the tireless efforts of volunteers who selflessly contribute for the benefit of the broader community and our State.

“A total of \$68,278 has been granted for projects targeting a diverse range of materials, including household whitegoods, clothing, mattresses, scrap metal and manufacturing off cuts.

“The funding assists each organisation's social goals by supporting projects which improve the storage, handling, processing and marketing of recyclable materials.”

The following projects have been approved:

- Dreamsafe Recycling SA (Kidman Park) for a mattress recycling foam compactor (\$13,000)
- RSPCA (SA) Inc (Adelaide) for a shed to store reusable goods (\$1,078)
- That's Not Garbage (Beverley), to develop the 2008 marketing strategy (\$5,811)
- Salt Services Group (Gawler), for a second hand furniture and white goods reuse project – ‘Walk in Robe’ (\$6,240)
- Wirrulla Sport & Recreation Centre Inc (Streaky Bay) for a trailer to enable community recycling (\$6,965)
- Lifeline South East (SA) Inc (Mt Gambier), for a cutter which will turn unsaleable clothing into useful rags (\$2,500)
- Murray Bridge Scout Group, to purchase a trailer for a Scout scrap metal recycling prog.(\$8,483)
- Balgowan Progress Association (Yorke Peninsula) - for a tandem box trailer and sorting table (\$5,150)
- Marion Bay Township Committee Inc (Yorke Peninsula), for a recycling shed upgrade for community members (\$12,800)
- Port Julia Progress Association Inc (York Peninsula), for a recycling storage shed (\$6,250)