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VARIETY – SA's children's charity – has launched phase two of its successful grant initiative introduced in 2018, Variety Sprout Fund 2, and is calling for applications.

Over three years, an additional \$900,000 will be injected into the state to individuals and organisations for innovative programs that support children in need.

Since 1983, Variety has granted more than \$67 million to distribute to children in need in the state, including schools, hospitals

and other children's charities. Variety Sprout Fund 2 aims to support organisations to achieve a greater impact on children. The goal is to enable each successful organisation to grow or innovate in its area of expertise without the pressure of sourcing funds.

Six SA organisations, selected by an independent panel, will receive \$150,000 each over three years. Variety will allocate funding to successful applicants over three years; this may include wages and other costs not currently considered under the

existing Variety grant criteria, enabling them to concentrate on helping more children.

"Variety remains singularly focused on increasing our impact on children in need in our state, and we know this will be achieved in part through the Variety Sprout Fund 2 project," Variety SA chief executive Mark McGill said.

Anyone with an innovative program or initiative to support children in the state is encouraged to apply. Applications close on Wednesday, March 9.