



TRANSPORT & DISTRIBUTION INDUSTRY GRANTS

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2. ABOUT THE GRANT LISTING

The NatRoad Transport and Distribution Industry Grant Listing is available to NatRoad members as part of their membership on the [NatRoad website](#). It is produced monthly.

All listed grants are sourced from GrantGuru that are identified as being related to the Transport and Distribution Industry.

Grants are categorised as being:

Open: Grants that are open for applications at the time the grant listing is produced.

Opening Soon: Grants that are closed at the time the grant listing is produced but expected to open within a few weeks.

Pending: Grants that are closed at the time the grant listing is produced but may open at some point in the future.

For more information about any listed grant please contact NatRoad.

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3. SUMMARY

Program name	Status	Max Funds	Opens	Closes	Priority	Difficulty Rating
Regional Growth Fund	Pending	\$	2 Mar 2018	27 Apr 2018	Nice to have	Might Need Help
Value-Add Agribusiness Investment Attraction Fund	Pending	\$300,000	24 Aug 2018	19 Oct 2018	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
American Express Shop Small Business Grant	Pending	\$	15 Oct 2018	25 Nov 2018	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative Program	Pending	\$	8 Nov 2018	22 Feb 2019	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
iAwards	Pending	\$	30 Aug 2018	6 Mar 2019	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Indigo Shire Council – Good Access = Good Business Program	Pending	\$4,000		12 Mar 2019	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
VicRoads – Innovation Grants Program: Towards Safe Speeds	Pending	\$50,000	4 Feb 2019	25 Mar 2019	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Bus Driver Safety Scheme	Pending	\$2,400	19 Nov 2018	31 Mar 2019	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
VicHealth – Men's Risky Drinking Grants	Pending	\$150,000	4 Mar 2019	8 Apr 2019	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Westfield Local Heroes Australia	Pending	\$10,000	19 Mar 2019	8 Apr 2019	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Boost Your Business Voucher Program – Entrepreneurs with Disability Voucher Stream	Pending	\$25,000		12 May 2019	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory – 2018 Drought Assistance	Pending	\$		16 May 2019	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
City of Bunbury Council – Grant Funding Program	Pending	\$40,000	3 Apr 2019	20 May 2019	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
ACT Road Safety Fund	Pending	\$100,000		31 May 2019	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Managing Farm Risk Program	Pending	\$2,500		31 May 2019	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Food Source Victoria Grants	Pending	\$		30 Jun 2019	Nice to have	Might Need Help
Create the Future Design Contest	Pending	\$	1 Mar 2019	1 Jul 2019	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Rural Finance – Farm Business Assistance	Pending	\$3,500		31 Jul 2019	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
QRIDA – Taxi and Limousine Business Support Grants	Pending	\$20,000		31 Oct 2019	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Skills Tasmania – Adult Learning Fund	Pending	\$		12 Nov 2019	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Regional Recycling Transport Assistance Package	Pending	\$250,000	8 Oct 2019	29 Nov 2019	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund – Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF)	Open	\$	6 Nov 2019	18 Dec 2019	Nice to have	Might Need Help
Boost Your Business Voucher Program (Overview)	Open	\$50,000		22 Dec 2019	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Automotive Transformation Scheme (ATS)	Open	\$		31 Dec 2019	Nice to have	Might Need Help

Remote Passenger Transport Program	Open	\$	29 Nov 2019	24 Jan 2020	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
City of Wodonga Council – Community Sponsorship and Donations Program	Open	\$		30 Jun 2020	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Country Women’s Association (CWA) of Victoria – Drought Relief Program	Open	\$3,000	2 Oct 2019	30 Jun 2020	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Town of Port Hedland Council – Community Grants Program: Space Activation Grant	Open	\$1,000		30 Jun 2020	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Agriculture Infrastructure and Jobs Fund (AIJF) – Overview	Pending	\$			Nice to have	Might Need Help
Apprentice and Trainee Rebate for Payroll Tax	Open	\$			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
City of Joondalup Council – Sponsorship, Contributions and Donations	Open	\$			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
CWA of NSW Drought Aid Grants	Open	\$3,000			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Drought Angels	Open	\$			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Drought Assistance Fund	Open	\$50,000			Nice to have	Might Need Help
Drought Assistance Package – Transport-Related Drought Assistance Measures	Open	\$			Nice to have	Might Need Help
Drought Relief Assistance Scheme (DRAS)	Open	\$50,000			Nice to have	Might Need Help
Emergency Drought Relief Package	Open	\$			Nice to have	Seek Help
Emergency Drought Relief Package – Drought Transport Subsidies	Open	\$40,000			Nice to have	Might Need Help
Emissions Reduction Fund	Open	\$			Nice to have	Seek Help
Enterprise Centres Tasmania (ECT) Program	Open	\$			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Farm Debt Mediation Scheme	Open	\$			Nice to have	Might Need Help
Freight Subsidies – Primary Producers	Open	\$5,000			Nice to have	Might Need Help
Future Industries Fund (Overview)	Pending	\$2,000,000			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Industry Capability Network (ICN) – ACT	Open	\$			Nice to have	Might Need Help
Industry Capability Network (ICN) – NSW	Open	\$			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Jobs for NSW – Loan Guarantees	Open	\$5,000,000			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Northern Grampians Shire Council – Business Assistance Scheme	Open	\$25,000			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
NSW Rural Assistance Authority – Transport Subsidy (Animal Welfare)	Open	\$20,000			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
NSW Rural Assistance Authority – Transport Subsidy (Donated Fodder)	Open	\$			Nice to have	D.I.Y.

NSW Rural Assistance Authority – Transport Subsidy (Natural Disaster)	Open	\$15,000			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
QRIDA – Exceptional Disaster Assistance Loans: Primary Producers and Businesses	Open	\$1,000,000			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
RDA Murraylands and Riverland – Experts in Residence Program	Open	\$			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Regional Investment Corporation – Drought Loans	Open	\$2,000,000			Nice to have	Might Need Help
Regional Investment Corporation – Farm Investment Loans	Open	\$2,000,000			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Rural Business Tasmania – Rural Financial Counselling Service	Open	\$			Nice to have	Might Need Help
Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme (TFES)	Open	\$			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Tax Incentives for Early Stage Investors	Open	\$			Nice to have	Might Need Help
Town of Claremont Council – Community Funding Program	Open	\$			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Town of Port Hedland Council – Community Grants Program: Business and Tourism Innovation Grant	Open	\$2,000			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Vehicle Rebates for Farmers (TAS)	Open	\$			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
West Wimmera Shire Council – Economic Development Incentives	Pending	\$			Nice to have	D.I.Y.

4. REGIONAL GROWTH FUND

Status:	Pending	Funding Amount:	Min \$10,000,000 - Max: \$
Closes:	27 Apr 2018	Difficulty Rating:	Might Need Help
Opens:	2 Mar 2018	Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	National
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to provide funding for major transformational projects, which support long term economic growth and create jobs in regions, including those undergoing structural adjustment.

The program will fund projects across a range of key economic categories including, but not limited to:

- -Transport and communications
- Tourism
- Manufacturing
- Primary industries

Minimum grants of \$10 million are available. Proponents or other contributors are required to contribute at least 50% cash funding to the project. The total project costs must be at least \$20 million (GST exclusive).

There is no cap on the maximum amount that may be applied for.

A total funding pool of \$272.2 million is available over four years from 2018-19 to 2021-22.

The application is a two-stage process:

- Stage 1: Submission of an initial application for competitive assessment
- Stage 2 (by invitation): Submission of a full business case for those that are successful in Stage 1

Applicants are encouraged to contact the program administrator prior to submitting an application.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must be a legal entity, have an Australian Business Number (ABN) or Australian Company Number (ACN), and be one of the following entities:

- A private sector business (i.e. for-profit businesses that are not owned or operated by the government)
- A State or Territory government
- A local governing body as defined by the local government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995
- A not-for-profit organisation that has been established for at least two years. As a not-for-profit organisation, applicants must demonstrate the not-for-profit status through one of the following:
 - a) Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission's (ACNC) current registration
 - b) State or Territory Incorporated Association status

- c) Constitutional documents and/or Articles of Association that demonstrate the not-for-profit character of the organisation

Please refer to the Guidelines for the list of organisations considered to be local governing bodies.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible projects are those that are for 'common-use' infrastructure or private use infrastructure that will deliver significant and sustainable benefits to the region by creating jobs and flow-on benefits to the economy. Examples of projects include:

- Freight hubs
- Roads
- Ports and terminals
- Medical hubs
- Communication infrastructure
- Integrated tourism activities and assets that enhance and support Australia's regional tourism experience

Private use infrastructure will be considered where a strong economic case has been made and where the Australian Government's investment will not crowd out private investment that would have otherwise occurred.

The project must be located in Australia and in an eligible area or, if the project is located in an excluded area, applicants must clearly demonstrate how ongoing economic benefits flow directly into an eligible area.

Projects must be completed and acquitted by 30 June 2022.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the list of eligible and excluded areas.

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

- Create jobs: Job creation as a result of the project including direct employees during and post construction and indirect employees post construction. (20 points)
- Drive economic growth: The economic benefit the project will deliver to the region during and beyond the construction phase. (20 points)
- Build stronger regional communities: How the project will increase a regional community's resilience. (10 points)

Closing Information

This program is available annually. The next funding round is yet to be announced.

Provided By:

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5. VALUE-ADD AGRIBUSINESS INVESTMENT ATTRACTION FUND

Status:	Pending	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$300,000
Closes:	19 Oct 2018	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:	24 Aug 2018	Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	WA
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to assist agribusinesses to confidently invest in new projects, expansion opportunities and adoption of innovative technologies that will build competitiveness and create jobs. It is targeted at businesses investing in projects that undertake value added processing and can demonstrate benefits to regional Western Australia.

The objectives of the fund are to:

- Attract and facilitate agribusiness investment in value added processing.
- Support high growth agribusinesses that can create jobs.
- Support agribusiness diversification.
- Provide benefits to regional Western Australia.

There are two streams of funding available:

1. Capital investment funding

- Towards capital expenditure that supports agribusinesses to invest in expansion or diversification of business operations or new projects and facilities that add value through processing.
- Grants up to \$300,000 are available. Applicants will be required to make a cash contribution which should match or exceed the amount of the requested grant.
- Projects funded under this stream must be completed by 30 June 2020.

2. Approvals, feasibility and business plan funding

- towards the cost of de-risking potential agribusiness investments in expansion or diversification of business operations, or new projects and facilities that add value through processing.
- Grants of up to \$100,000 are available.
- Feasibility studies funded under this stream must be completed by 30 June 2019.

A total funding pool of \$1.5 million is available, allocated as follows:

- Capital investment funding: \$1 million
- Approvals, feasibility and business plan funding: \$500,000

Applicants can only apply for one of the above grant streams.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include WA, interstate and international agribusinesses looking to invest, expand or relocate value adding processing or food and beverage production facilities in Western Australia and must:

- Be an Australian private sector businesses with an Australian Business Number (ABN), registered for GST and that are capable of entering into a legally binding agreement with the Western Australian Government.
- Have a main source of revenue (50% or more) that should be derived from the production or processing of agriculture, food or beverage products.
- Have been in operation for a minimum of two years.

Business clusters are also encouraged to apply where a lead business that meets the above criteria applies and accepts responsibility for contractual obligations on behalf of the business group.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include:

1. Capital investment funding

- New investment or bringing forward investment in value added processing located in WA that creates jobs.
- Investment that enables expansion or diversification of business operations that add value through the production process.
- Investment in new manufacturing capability, processing or production facilities, new technology or plant modernisation which results in business growth and jobs creation.
- Businesses to move to, or expand into, regional Western Australia.

2. Approvals, feasibility and business plan funding

- Technical consultants.
- Professional services including, accounting, tax, legal and other services.
- Property related services including architects, planners, designers and valuers.
- Product or market analysts and advisors.
- Specialist reports and data services as may be applicable.
- Other advisors or relevant service providers.
- Obtaining regulatory approval.
- Obtaining licences necessary to grow operations.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the list of ineligible activities.

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

- Project summary
- Direct economic benefits
- Indirect economic benefits
- Regional benefits
- Other benefits
- Project feasibility
- Viability of applicant

Applications that can demonstrate how the project will contribute to long-term benefits will be regarded more favourably than those with short-term benefits.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete list of the assessment criteria.

Closing Information

This program is available annually. The next funding round is yet to be announced.

Provided By:

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6. AMERICAN EXPRESS SHOP SMALL BUSINESS GRANT

Status:	Pending	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:	25 Nov 2018	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:	15 Oct 2018	Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	National
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This competition aims to give Australian businesses with an annual turnover of \$10 million or less the chance to accelerate their success story.

The winner will receive \$50,000 plus 3x2-hour mentoring sessions over three months.

To enter, entrants must, during the promotion period:

- Log into www.shopsmallgrant.com.au.
- Follow the links to the competition page to register their details, including first and last name, state, age, and e-mail address, phone number.
- Answer the entire set of questions set out on the entry page themed around small businesses.

Each valid entrant who has entered the competition during the promotion period will be entered into the draw.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include Australian business owners, aged 18 years or older, who reside in an Australian State.

Directors, management, employees, officers and contractors (and their immediate families) of the promoter or of the agencies or organisations associated with this promotion are ineligible to enter.

Eligible Activities:

Once the grant has been transferred to the winner's account, it will be up to them to choose how they'd like to spend it on their business.

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

- How well can the entrants demonstrate innovation.
- Service and hard-work.
- Three values American Express believe are vital to businesses of any size.

Closing Information

This program is available annually. The next funding round is yet to be announced.

Provided By:

Name: Fairfax Media Publications Pty Limited

Ph: 0292822678

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7. HEAVY VEHICLE SAFETY INITIATIVE PROGRAM

Status:	Pending	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:	22 Feb 2019	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:	8 Nov 2018	Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	National
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to support projects that deliver tangible improvements in heavy vehicle safety. It seeks to support implementable, value-for-money projects that will deliver significant heavy vehicle safety benefits.

There are no set minimum and maximum funding limits. Applicants are required to demonstrate some in-kind or cash contribution.

A total funding pool of \$3.92 million is available for Round 4, 2019-20.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include Australian heavy vehicle industry participants and stakeholders.

Submissions that are supported by a broad group of stakeholders are encouraged.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include:

- Programs and projects that deliver heavy vehicle safety outcomes.
- Materials to support industry to increase safety awareness and compliance.
- Heavy vehicle safety education and awareness campaigns.

Initiatives should be able to be commenced in the 2019-20 financial year.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the list of ineligible activities/costs.

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

- Demonstrate capacity
- Demonstrate how the project is evidence-based
- Scope of the initiative and its benefits
- Show the location and spread of the project
- Project budget and timeline for delivery
- Value for money/SWOT analysis

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete list of the assessment criteria.

Closing Information

This program is available annually. The next funding round is yet to be announced.

Provided By:

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8. IAWARDS

Status:	Pending	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:	6 Mar 2019	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:	30 Aug 2018	Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	National Overseas
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

These awards aim to discover, recognise and reward the technology innovations that have the potential to, or are already having a positive impact on the community – at home, in the office and on a global scale.

The award categories are:

1. Core Categories

- Consumer Markets
- Community Service Markets
- Industrial & Primary Industries
- Public Sector & Government
- Business Service Markets

2. Cross Technology Categories

- Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Innovation of the Year
- Infrastructure & Platforms Innovation of the Year
- Big Data Innovation of the Year

3. Cross Industry Categories

- Startup of the Year
- Research & Development Project of the Year

4. AIIA Innovation of the Year iAward (National iAwards only)

The standard fee per iAwards nomination is \$450 (excluding GST). For AIIA members, the nomination fee is \$350 (excluding GST). Student and startup nominations are free.

The 2019 closing dates are:

- Early bird entries: 11 January
- Entries close: 6 March

Who Can Apply:

Eligible entrants include companies or organisations that must be:

- Registered and operating in Australia during the Entry Period which have an ABN (Organisation).
- Own the intellectual property (IP) of the Innovation.
- Have at least 51% of their organisation's value-add in the innovation included in their entry (Innovation) (including design, and which can exclude major components

such as hardware, operation system and database) must have taken place in Australia (Australian Content).

- Be an authorised representative of the organisation in order to submit the entry form on behalf of that organisation.

In order to receive free entry to the iAwards as a startup, organisations must meet the following criteria:

- The organisation was registered as a company on or after 1 January 2015.
- The founder of the company and/or the product developers must still be the significant shareholder(s) of the company.
- The company must not be a subsidiary of a well-established parent company.

Eligible Activities:

Please refer to the website for the specific eligible activities of each category.

Assessment Criteria:

Please refer to the website for the specific assessment criteria of each category.

Closing Information

This program is available annually. The next funding round is yet to be announced.

Provided By:

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Web: <https://www.iawards.com.au>

9. INDIGO SHIRE COUNCIL – GOOD ACCESS = GOOD BUSINESS PROGRAM

Status:	Pending	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$4,000
Closes:	12 Mar 2019	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	VIC
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to engage with as many local businesses as possible across the shire to assist them in completing the Good Access = Good Business check list. This checklist will help local businesses identify what level of accessibility they have and what changes both small and/or large they might be able to make, to ensure their business is working towards accessibility for all people.

Its priority focus is to identify opportunities to deliver shared outcomes for people with a disability; that disability friendly practices are embedded locally and are sustainable beyond the life of the funding; and ensure the outcomes and projects are owned by the community.

Funding of \$4,000 (excluding GST) is available. Payments will be made in instalments, 50% on commencement and 50% on completion and presentation of final document and report. It is expected to be approximately one to two days over eight week period (negotiable).

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include local businesses across the shire.

Closing Information

This program is available annually. The next funding round is yet to be announced.

Provided By:

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10. VICROADS – INNOVATION GRANTS PROGRAM: TOWARDS SAFE SPEEDS

Status:	Pending	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$50,000
Closes:	25 Mar 2019	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:	4 Feb 2019	Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	VIC
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program seeks to support new, creative, innovative and community-based behaviour change approaches to address a specific road safety challenge.

The 2019-20 key challenge is distraction and/or drowsiness. Distraction and drowsiness are leading causes of serious injury and lives lost on Victorian roads. The goal is to trial and evaluate a new behaviour change approach towards distraction and/or drowsiness in a chosen location.

One-off grants of up to \$50,000 are available.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to participate in the briefing session, as more information regarding the focus of this program will be provided. This will be held on 19 February 2019, 10:30am-12:30pm at the Road to Zero Complex, Melbourne Museum, 11 Nicholson Place, Carlton, Melbourne.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include organisations that must be:

- Incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) or the Associations Incorporations Reform Act 2012 (Vic) and have a current Australian Business Number (ABN) (or have proof they have applied for one) that is not for a commercial entity or individuals.
- A local government authority.
- A school or university.

If the organisation does not meet the eligibility criteria they must nominate an eligible auspice organisation to apply for the grant. Auspice organisations must meet the above criteria, and can include local councils.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible projects include those that develop and implement a behaviour change program aimed at promoting awareness around the risks of road user distraction and/or drowsiness to help improve community road safety.

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

- Contribution to improving local community road safety

- Evidence of need
- New way of thinking
- Value for money
- Evidence of community engagement/partnerships to support program delivery
- Project monitoring and evaluation

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete list of the assessment criteria.

Closing Information

This program is available annually. The next funding round is yet to be announced.

Provided By:

Name: VicRoads

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Web: <https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au>

11. BUS DRIVER SAFETY SCHEME

Status:	Pending	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$2,400
Closes:	31 Mar 2019	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:	19 Nov 2018	Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	QLD
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program seeks to assist bus operators delivering eligible bus services, offset the costs of acquiring and installing driver barrier and anti-shatter film safety measures on buses.

Rebate amounts available are:

- 50% of the total amount paid for acquiring and installing a driver barrier up to a maximum of \$2,000 per bus operating in a high risk area.
- The amount paid for acquiring and installing anti-shatter film up to a maximum of \$1,200 for a standard bus (or smaller bus) and up to \$2,400 for a large bus (articulated, double decker or long wheel base).

A total funding pool of \$5.47 million is available, allocated as follows:

- \$3.93 million for driver safety barriers
- \$1.54 million for anti-shatter film

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must:

- Hold a current public bus service contract with the Department of Transport and Main Roads which is not in breach.
- Be the operator of an eligible bus service.
- Provide detailed quotes and a proposed installation schedule for the designated safety measures on nominated buses.
- Propose to operate the bus for at least two years after the equipment is installed.

For anti-shatter film, an applicant must not have already acquired or installed the film.

For driver barriers, an applicant must:

- Not have already acquired or installed the barrier.
- Have completed the Risk Assessment and Workforce Consultation form, including an outline of consultation with their workforce regarding the perceived risks and treatments, actions to convey any final decisions to their workforce, and a clear assessment of the eligible bus service as providing services in a high risk area.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible costs must be:

- Related to the supply/purchase or acquisition of the driver barrier or anti-shatter film.

- Associated with installation up to the maximum value as specified in the Guideline.

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

- Whether the barrier or film reduced incidents or the severity of incidents (may require analysis to support the data).
- What on-going maintenance was required and what this cost.
- Whether the barrier or film performed as expected.
- Anything else to support whether barriers and film are worth investing in in the future.

Closing Information

This program is available annually. The next funding round is yet to be announced.

Provided By:

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12. VICHEALTH – MEN'S RISKY DRINKING GRANTS

Status:	Pending	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$150,000
Closes:	8 Apr 2019	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:	4 Mar 2019	Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	VIC
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to develop and deliver an intervention in social worlds where risky drinking by men is commonplace. It is part of the next stage of VicHealth's Alcohol Culture Change Initiative, which aims to change cultures of risky drinking within social worlds in Victoria.

The objective of the program is to identify the social worlds where men engage in risky drinking and understand the elements that influence this practice, and then test interventions which align with the Alcohol Cultures Framework within that social world to shift risky drinking.

Grants of up to \$150,000 are available over a period of two years.

The application is a two-stage process:

- Expression of interest: Closed 8 April 2019, 9am
- Full application (for shortlisted applicants): Closed 3 June 2019, 9am

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include any organisations who:

- Engage or work with men in any of the identified risky drinking social worlds.
- Demonstrate they have strong research insights about a men's risky drinking social world that can inform an intervention.
- Are with an Australian Business Number (ABN) and an incorporated association; a registered co-operative; local government; council; university or a registered company.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include those that target the two categories of the program:

1. Category one (Applicants are encouraged to select one or more social worlds from the list below and utilise the associated research insights outlined in the Summary Report to inform project proposals.)

- Rural and urban sports participants
- Rural non-playing supporters/members
- 'After-work' drinking cultures of hospitality staff and/or corporate workers in metropolitan Melbourne

2. Category two

- To deliver an intervention in a men's risky drinking social world that is not listed above. Applicants will need to demonstrate that they have research insights and evidence about the social world they wish to work with which can inform the design and delivery of the intervention.
- Projects should include the important elements of a culture change project outlined in the Alcohol Cultures Framework.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the list of eligible costs.

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

- **What:** Describe the project and how it will implement a prevention activity specifically addressing men's risky drinking cultures.
- **Who:** Specify the target social world from either Category 1 or Category 2.
- **Why:** Show a clear rationale to support the project and demonstrate why the organisation is applying for this grant.
- **How:** Detail how the applicant will implement this project and why they think it will work.
- **Sustainability and scale:** Demonstrate opportunities for how the project could be sustainable after the grant funding has ended.
- **Knowledge translation:** Describe how will the applicant share what they have learnt with others.
- **Evaluation:** Outline the ability to work with a third party to assist them to undertake impact and outcome evaluation of the project.
- **Budget:** Outline the proposed budget on the attached template.
- **Partners:** List any partners, and what role these partners will play to ensure a successful initiative.
- **Impact:** What is the anticipated participation and reach of the project?

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete list of the assessment criteria.

Closing Information

This program is available biennially. The next funding round is yet to be announced.

Provided By:

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13. WESTFIELD LOCAL HEROES AUSTRALIA

Status:	Pending	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$10,000
Closes:	8 Apr 2019	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:	19 Mar 2019	Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	National
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to discover and celebrate individuals who promote social wellbeing and/or harmony in the Westfield communities through their work, programs or activities, across one or more of the three social values of family, youth opportunity and inclusion.

Individuals are nominated and voted for by their communities, with three finalists per Westfield Living centre each awarded a \$10,000 grant to support their affiliated organisation's work, programs or activities.

The six shortlisted finalists per centre will be promoted on all Westfield communications channels and in-centre, and the community will be invited to vote for their preferred Westfield Local Hero. The voting period is between 30 July and 12 August 2019.

People can nominate themselves or other members of their communities, as long as they are affiliated with a registered entity or organisation. They can submit as many nominations as you like, so long as each one refers to different people.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible nominees must:

- Be affiliated with a registered entity or organisation whose work, activities or programs spans one or more of the three social values of family, youth opportunity or inclusion.
- Be volunteers, members or employees of their affiliated organisation in any sector, including business, government, education, sports, welfare, community and not-for-profit.
- Have work or activity that benefits the local community. Nominators will be asked to choose the Westfield centre that is located closest to where their nominee's work, program or activity occurs. If their work spans across multiple Westfield local areas, the nominator must choose the most relevant centre for the purposes of the nomination.

Nominators must have consent from the nominee and endorsement from the nominee's affiliated entity or organisation to nominate them (a Consent and Endorsement form is provided as part of the nomination process). As part of this consent, nominees agree that their name, photograph and the nature of their work, program or activity may be publicly promoted.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible work or activities must satisfy one or more attributes of social wellbeing and/or harmony, and benefit the local community across one or more of the three social values:

1. Family: Supporting families of all types in the Westfield communities, including (but not limited to):
 - New parent programs
 - Senior programs and domestic
 - Family violence prevention

2. Youth opportunity: Creating opportunities for young people (aged 0-25) in the Westfield communities, including (but not limited to):
 - Improving education, antibullying programs
 - Increasing employment opportunities
 - Encouraging positive behaviour and increasing social inclusion

3. Inclusion: Promoting inclusion and celebrating diversity across the Westfield communities, including (but not limited to):
 - Gender equality
 - Mental health support
 - Disability and access
 - LGBTI inclusion
 - Increasing equality
 - Cultural celebration

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

1. Social well-being: Creating connections, and improving the positive functioning and social welfare of a community by:
 - Promoting positive engagement and a sense of purpose among individuals and groups.
 - Promoting positive social behaviour.
 - Creating opportunities for individuals to learn, expand their skills and to thrive.
 - Helping reduce disadvantage and inequality.
 - Improving access to important community services and groups.
 - Creating a positive and enduring legacy for the community.

2. Social harmony: Building a safe, connected and accepting community by:
 - Creating a sense of belonging, connection, social inclusion and support.
 - Reducing social isolation and/or stigma.
 - Building positive, collaborative and trusted social networks in the community.
 - Raising awareness of and respect for diversity within society (i.e. race, gender, demographic, culture, identity).

Closing Information

This program is available annually. The next funding round is yet to be announced.

Provided By:

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14. BOOST YOUR BUSINESS VOUCHER PROGRAM – ENTREPRENEURS WITH DISABILITY VOUCHER STREAM

Status:	Pending	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$25,000
Closes:	12 May 2019	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	VIC
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program seeks to support the viability, sustainability and growth of businesses run by people with disability. It forms part of Boost Your Business Voucher Program which supports Victorian businesses to become more productive, employ more people, improve market access and in general, increase their size, diversity and profitability.

The objectives of this stream are to:

- Grow the number of businesses owned and operated by people with disability in Victoria.
- Enhance the future viability, sustainability and growth of businesses owned and operated by people with disability.
- Raise the profile of the contribution businesses owned by people with disability make to the Victorian economy.
- Contribute to the pipeline of investable Victorian businesses.

There are two types of voucher available:

- Innovation
- Business capability

Vouchers of up to \$25,000 (GST exclusive) are available. Applicants must contribute a minimum of 20% of the total costs of services.

Requests for split payments of vouchers may be made for vouchers with a minimum value of \$10,000 (GST exclusive).

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must:

- Have a disability.
- Be developing an innovative product, process or service.
- Meet the general eligibility set out in section three of the Guidelines.

Not-for-profits, charitable organisations and social enterprises are eligible to apply, on the proviso they are majority owned and operated by people with disability.

Businesses that employ less than 20 staff are eligible to apply.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible service activities include:

1. Innovation

- Product development
- Intellectual property
- Early stage feasibility & testing

2. Business capability

- Business process and systems improvements
- Business transformation
- Financial management planning
- Industry standards implementation & certification
- Tender guidance
- Marketing and branding strategy
- Market plan development
- Prepare for and attract investment

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

- How will the project support one or more of the program objectives and voucher stream objectives? (30%)
- How will the project benefit the company by reaching longer term outcomes (e.g. new jobs, access to new markets and customers, new products and services and increased revenue)? (30%)
- Demonstrate their capacity or capability to successfully implement the project or project findings (e.g. track record of company and resources to be allocated to the project). (20%)
- Why does the project need government support to proceed? Detail the risks to the project without government support. (20%)

Closing Information

This stream will not run during Round 4 of Boost Your Business Program. The next funding round is yet to be announced.

Provided By:

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15. THE SALVATION ARMY AUSTRALIA EASTERN TERRITORY – 2018 DROUGHT ASSISTANCE

Status:	Pending	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:	16 May 2019	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	National
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to support families and communities affected by the 2018 droughts.

People who are living in a drought-affected area and would like to find out what support is available are encouraged to contact the Salvation Army:

- Those based in Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Northern Territory or Tasmania must contact their local service.
- Those based in New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory or Queensland must complete an online assistance form.

Please visit the website for more information.

Closing Information

The next funding round is yet to be announced.

Provided By:

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16. CITY OF BUNBURY COUNCIL – GRANT FUNDING PROGRAM

Status:	Pending	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$40,000
Closes:	20 May 2019	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:	3 Apr 2019	Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	WA
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program seeks to provide funding for a range of programs, events and activities each year to enhance the community and economy. It aims to be thorough yet transparent and enable a range of quality and diverse projects to take place.

There are four funding categories available:

1. Community

- One-off projects
 - a) For community events or one-off projects that are run by and for the local Bunbury community.
 - b) Funding of up to \$5,000 and a maximum of 50% of the total activity budget is available.
- Capital or ongoing basis
 - a) Capital purchases for community organisations or ongoing programs that will have a long-lasting positive impact on the Bunbury community.
 - b) Funding of up to \$25,000 and a maximum of 50% of the total activity budget is available.

2. Arts

- Innovative projects that will contribute to arts development and benefit the community by building capacity and skills through arts participation and enhance Bunbury's profile as a creative city.
- Funding available are up to:
 - a) \$5,000 available and a maximum of 50% of the total activity budget for an incorporated not-for-profit organisation, business or individual auspice by an incorporated not-for-profit organisation.
 - b) \$1,000 available and a maximum of 50% of the total activity budget for an individual not requiring an auspice.

3. CBD Summer Events

- Funding of up to \$15,000 is available for three events that activate the Bunbury CBD connecting to Victoria Street, held during the months of December 2019, January 2020 and February 2020.

4. Events

- There are two types of events available:
 - a) Minor: Funding of up to \$15,000 or a maximum of 50% of the total activity budget is available for events run by and for the local community which draw visitors from the Bunbury Geographe region.

b) Major: Funding of up to \$40,000 and a maximum of 50% of the total activity budget is available for events that bring additional tourism to and promote Bunbury, and provide significant economic benefits.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include:

- Individuals
- Not-for-profit organisations
- Businesses

Please refer to the specific Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

Eligible Activities:

Please refer to the specific Guidelines for the complete list of eligible activities for each grant category.

Assessment Criteria:

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete list of the assessment criteria for each funding category.

Closing Information

This program is available annually. The next funding round is yet to be announced.

Provided By:

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17. ACT ROAD SAFETY FUND

Status:	Pending	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$100,000
Closes:	31 May 2019	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	ACT
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to fund projects and initiatives related to road safety research and education and road trauma prevention, in support of the government's road safety strategy.

Grants of up to \$50,000 are available. If there is funding available, a larger project (up to \$100,000) may be considered for funding.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include:

- Individual
- Community or private organisation
- University
- Government entity

Applications for funding from government agencies must explain how the proposed project:

- Falls outside its 'core business'.
- Directly deliver road safety benefits to the ACT community.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible functions and activities include:

- Road safety awareness activities including public awareness campaigns.
- Encourage and promote road safety education in the ACT community.
- Promote and stimulate research and investigation on road safety issues, and the implementation of accident and injury counter measures, especially in the area of accident prevention and injury minimisation.
- Support or facilitate the construction of any physical improvements to any land in the ACT to promote road safety, for example road safety audits, feasibility studies and research into road design and construction.
- Aid in the establishment of initiatives aimed at rehabilitating persons seriously injured or traumatised as a result of road accidents.

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

- The proposal is consistent with the purpose of the ACT Road Safety Fund and the Terms of Reference.
- The proposal falls under one of the current strategic priority areas agreed to by the Advisory Board.

- Project would contribute to body of road safety knowledge or support road trauma reduction.
- Value for money.

Please refer to Assessment Criteria and Guiding Principles for the complete list of the assessment criteria.

Closing Information

This program is available annually. The next funding round is yet to be announced.

Provided By:

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18. MANAGING FARM RISK PROGRAM

Status:	Pending	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$2,500
Closes:	31 May 2019	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	National
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This programme seeks to provide rebates for advice and assessments to help farmers prepare and apply for a new insurance policy that assists with the management of drought and other production and market risks. It aims to support farmers by encouraging a more diverse and mature insurance market in Australia to meet the varied needs of all farm businesses.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Improve the capability of farmers to manage drought and other production and market risks through use of agricultural insurance
- Provide a short-term boost to the multi-peril insurance market in Australia.

Rebates will be 50% of the costs incurred by the farm business (GST exclusive), up to a maximum of \$2,500. One rebate application per eligible farm business can be made for costs incurred from 1 July 2015. Applications must be submitted within 12 months of the first claimed costs being incurred.

A total funding pool of \$20.2 million is available over four years.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include farm businesses that must:

- Operate as a sole trader, trust, partnership or private company.
- Under normal circumstances, has at least one member who derives at least 50% of his or her income from the farm business.
- Be involved within the agricultural, horticultural, pastoral, apicultural or aquacultural industries.
- Be wholly located in Australia.
- Be registered for tax purposes in Australia with an Australian Business Number (ABN) and is registered for GST.
- Not be a public company under the meaning of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).
- Be for the previous financial year, had total cash receipts (see glossary) of less than \$2 million.
- Have a written offer or refusal from an insurance provider for a new insurance product that assists with the management of production risks.
- Not have previously applied for and been paid a rebate under the program.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include:

- Undertaking an assessment required by an insurance provider prior to, or within 12 months of, the provider offering an insurance product.
- Compiling historical farm financial performance and production data.
- Preparing an analysis of insurance options in the context of a whole-of-farm risk assessment specific to the farm business applicant over successive seasons.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the list of ineligible activities.

Closing Information

The next funding round is yet to be announced.

Provided By:

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19. FOOD SOURCE VICTORIA GRANTS

Status:	Pending	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:	30 Jun 2019	Difficulty Rating:	Might Need Help
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	VIC
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program seeks to support activities that add value to agricultural produce sourced from regional Victoria.

The program consists of two types of funding:

1. Food Source Planning Grants

- Supports farmers, growers, processors and manufacturers to work together to grow their businesses.
- The applicants must contribute at least one third of the total project cost (that is, a 2:1 funding ratio). The total funding amount available is uncapped.

2. Food Source Growth Grants

- Supports the implementation actions identified in Growth Plans developed through a Food Source Victoria Planning Grant.
- The applicants must contribute at least half of the total project cost (that is, a 1:1 funding ratio). The total funding amount available is uncapped.

A total funding pool of \$20 million is available over four years starting 2015-16. The program is funded through the Labor Government's \$500 million Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include:

- Private sector businesses and agencies
- Business and industry groups
- Local government authorities
- Not-for-profit organisations that:
 - a) Are an incorporated body, cooperative or association (including business associations).
 - b) Have an Australian Business Number (ABN) or can provide written advice from the Australian Taxation Office that no withholding tax is required from the grant payment.
- Farm businesses
- Other agricultural organisations

Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include:

1. Food Source Planning Grants

- Market research to identify consumer preferences
- Identifying product

- Process innovation initiatives to capture value adding opportunities

2. Food Source Growth Grants

- Projects that address a supply chain issue that presents barriers to growth or export development.
- Projects that are catalysts to innovative activities and maintain alliances will be given priority.

Please refer to the individual Guidelines for the list of examples of eligible activities.

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

- Potential economic benefits
- Breadth of impact for the businesses, sector and regional Victoria
- Demonstrated project need, feasibility and delivery
- Financial viability
- Value to the State

Please refer to the Application and Assessment Processes for the complete list of the assessment criteria.

Closing Information

This program is available annually. The next funding round is yet to be announced.

Provided By:

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20. CREATE THE FUTURE DESIGN CONTEST

Status:	Pending	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:	1 Jul 2019	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:	1 Mar 2019	Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	National Overseas
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This contest aims to help stimulate and reward engineering innovation.

The categories for 2019 are:

- Aerospace & Defense: Product innovations with applications in the aerospace, aviation, and/or defense markets.
- Automotive/Transportation: Products that enable movement of people and goods from one place to another.
- Consumer Products: Products that increase quality of life in the workplace, at home, during leisure time, or while traveling.
- Electronics/Sensors/IoT: Products that improve computing, communications, sensing, test, and other fields that rely on advances in electronic components, boards and systems; products that enable an interconnected world – the Internet of Things (IoT).
- Manufacturing/Robotics/Automation: Products that speed, improve, and/or automate work, manufacturing, and research & development (R&D).
- Medical: Products that improve the efficiency and quality of healthcare.
- Sustainable Technologies: “Green” products that reduce dependence on non-renewable energy resources, as well as products designed for other purposes using environmentally friendly materials or manufacturing processes.

The prizes are:

- Grand Prize: USD20,000, provided by COMSOL and Mouser Electronics
- First Prize in Each Category (7): To be announced.
- Popular Vote Prizes: The top two most popular entries, as voted on by contest site visitors, will receive a TacHammer Developer Kit courtesy of Nanoport. The next eight most popular entries will win a Nanoport ‘Magnet Kit’ featuring an assortment of 126 magnets to experiment with different shapes, pull forces, dimensions, and field orientations.
- Top 100 Entries: Certificate of Achievement suitable for framing

The winner in the Robotics/Automation/Manufacturing category will also receive a copy of MapleSim modeling & simulation software from category sponsor Maplesoft (\$5,000 value).

Winning entries and honorable mentions will be featured in a special supplement to Tech Briefs magazine's November 2019 issue. The Medical Category winner and honorable mentions will be spotlighted in the November 2019 issue of Medical Design Briefs magazine. Grand prize and category winners will be invited to a special awards reception and dinner in New York City on 8 November 2019.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include individuals or a design team and must be 18 years of age or older. Team members may also submit entries on their own, provided those entries are substantially different than entries submitted by the team.

The entrant, whether an individual or a team, may submit multiple different entries to the contest but is allowed only one entry per category.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible design ideas must serve a public good by:

- Improving quality of life
- Automating tedious tasks
- Preventing or reducing injuries
- Improving public safety and security
- Saving lives
- Offering alternative energy solutions
- Reducing consumption of natural resources
- Reducing waste
- Enabling other product improvements
- Bolstering the economy

Entries must be for product designs that either:

- Are not yet in commercial production at the time of entry.
- Were introduced to the commercial market within the last 12 months of entry date.

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

- Innovation: What makes the design novel? Does it represent an important advance over current state of the art? (50%)
- Manufacturability: How easy would it be to implement? Can it be cost-effectively manufactured/produced? (25%)
- Marketability: Does the idea have practical applications? Is there a well-defined, significant market for its use? (25%)

Closing Information

This program is available annually. The next funding round is yet to be announced.

Provided By:

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21. RURAL FINANCE – FARM BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

Status:	Pending	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$3,500
Closes:	31 Jul 2019	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	VIC
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to provide immediate financial relief and alleviate some farm business pressures for eligible farm businesses affected by drought and dry seasonal conditions.

One-off grant payments are available to the following eligible farm businesses:

- Farm Household Allowance (FHA) recipients in Wellington Shire or East Gippsland Shire: \$3,500
- Young farmers in Wellington Shire or East Gippsland Shire: \$3,500
- Remaining commercial farms in Wellington Shire or East Gippsland Shire: \$2,500
- Northern Victoria dairy farmers that are FHA recipients: \$2,500
- Northern Victoria young dairy farmers: \$2,500

Only one grant is available per eligible farm business.

A total funding pool of \$5.6 million is available.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must:

- Own, share or lease a farm business located in Wellington Shire or East Gippsland Shire.
- Be registered as a primary producer with the Australian Tax Office and have an ABN and be registered for GST.
- Sign a Statutory Declaration confirming that they meet the eligibility requirements of the program.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements of each category.

Closing Information

The next funding round is yet to be announced.

Provided By:

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22. QRIDA – TAXI AND LIMOUSINE BUSINESS SUPPORT GRANTS

Status:	Pending	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$20,000
Closes:	31 Oct 2019	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	QLD
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program seeks to support Queensland taxi and limousine licence holders to acquire business improvement services or financial advocacy services to adjust to changes in the personalised transport industry.

Assistance available under this scheme are:

1. For individual applicants

- Up to 50% of the total costs, up to \$5,000 for acquiring eligible business improvement services.
- Up to 100% of the total costs, up to \$5,000 for eligible financial advocacy services.

2. For applicant groups

- Up to 50% of the total costs, up to \$20,000 for acquiring eligible business improvement services.
- Remuneration per eligible licence up to \$5,000.

Funds will be distributed equally between each eligible holder of an eligible licence in the applicant group.

Grants for business improvement services require a 50% co-contribution from the applicant/s.

QRIDA will assess complete applications in order of receipt. As such, it is strongly suggested applicants apply before the end of October 2019. Applications for final approval for assistance must be submitted on or before the 30 June 2020.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must:

- Be an eligible holder of an eligible licence.
- Not have undertaken, or paid in part or in full, for the eligible service.
- Ensure the eligible service, excluding acquiring equipment, will be provided by an eligible service provider who is:
 - a) Not related to, associated with or affiliated to them.
 - b) Not employed by them or employed by an entity they fully or partially own.
- Not have previously received assistance under this scheme for the eligible licence to which the application relates.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities must fall under one of the following areas:

1. Business improvement services aim to improve the efficiency of the taxi or booked hire service, through activities including:

- Information technology, including acquiring any equipment needed to use the service, for example, computer equipment.
- Developing or participating in training relevant to the taxi or limousine business (for example engaging a consultant to provide advice on driver safety training or training for drivers or others associated with their business).
- Obtaining advice relating to business, financial or strategic planning.

2. Financial advocacy services aim to address financial difficulties associated with providing the taxi or booked hire service, and includes:

- Financial counselling.
- Negotiating with creditors.
- Advice about recovering debts.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the list of ineligible activities.

Closing Information

The next funding round is yet to be announced.

Provided By:

Name: Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA)

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Web: <http://www.qrida.qld.gov.au>

23. SKILLS TASMANIA – ADULT LEARNING FUND

Status:	Pending	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:	12 Nov 2019	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	TAS
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program seeks to support individual learners to attain skills they need to improve their employment opportunities. It specifically targets areas of skills demand in priority industries. Skill sets must relate to job entry requirements and support employment outcomes.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Deliver and subsidise training and workforce development activities that support priority industries to drive economic growth and employment.
- Provide subsidised training to support pathways for all Tasmanians to access training and gain skills in priority industries.

There are two funding streams available:

- **Jobseeker:** An option for those individuals that are ready to pursue employment opportunities and the training will prepare them for a specific job outcome.
- **Pre-jobseeker:** An option where the client group have barriers that prevent them from accessing employment opportunities but are on an active pathway to further training opportunities and/or employment.

Each application must relate to only one stream.

The Fund's budget is limited and priority will be given to the identified priority industries. The number of places requested will need to be based on evidence of demand provided by the employer/s within the coming 12-18 months.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) that must:

- Be registered in accordance with the requirements of the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) to deliver nationally recognised training. ASQA is the national regulator for Australia's vocational education and training (VET) sector.
- Only submit applications for training subsidies where the qualification(s) and/or units of competency are included on their scope of registration for delivery in Tasmania at the time of lodging the application.
- Be an approved Skills Tasmania Endorsed RTO at the time of the grant round closing date.
- Be financially viable at the time of applying for and for the duration of any subsequent funding agreement.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include the purchase of nationally recognised training. The specifications of the training being purchased are described in the nationally recognised training packages, which detail the units of competence, qualifications and assessment requirements.

Priority industries are used to guide Skills Tasmania's workforce development and funding activities. Priority industries are those that:

- Demonstrate:
 - a) A high level of demand for skilled labour.
 - b) Significant contribution to the economy.
 - c) High growth and/or employment potential.
- Are identified as a government policy priority.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the list of priority industries.

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

- Demand for training: Demonstrated need for training services. (40%)
- Approach to the delivery of the program: Outline the training summary for the proposed program/s. (30%)
- Learner support: Identification of learner support needs, provision of learner support service/s and or referral of learners to support service/s. (30%)

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete list of the assessment criteria.

Closing Information

This program is available annually. The next funding round is yet to be announced.

Provided By:

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Web: <https://www.skills.tas.gov.au>

24. REGIONAL RECYCLING TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE PACKAGE

Status:	Pending	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$250,000
Closes:	29 Nov 2019	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:	8 Oct 2019	Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	QLD
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program seeks to fund the transport costs associated with recycling activities.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Provide interim support for regional Queensland organisations to divert more resources from landfill and recycle additional material.
- Facilitate recycling which is currently unviable due to transport costs.
- Reduce the environmental and social impacts of waste on regional communities.

Applicants will be required to nominate the amount of funding sought to a maximum amount of \$250,000 (excluding GST). The funding amount must be equal to or less than the transport cost component of the eligible project. Applicants that can demonstrate in-kind or co-contributions will be favourably assessed.

A total funding pool of \$6 million is available.

The funding period for the program will be until 30 June 2021.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must:

- Be either a:
 - a) Local government body constituted under the Local Government Act 2009 which is located in regional Queensland (Attachment 1).
 - b) Business with operations in regional Queensland local government areas (Attachment 1) with an Australian Business Number (ABN) or Australian Company Number (ACN). The applicant must specify the legal entity (i.e., the company, incorporated association, partnership or individual) responsible for the application.
- Be the entity that bears the cost of transporting waste for recycling.

Applications made on behalf of another entity will not be accepted. Applicants applying for more than \$75,000 in funding must be registered for GST.

For the purposes of this program, regional Queensland includes those Queensland regions located outside of the local government areas of SouthEast Queensland.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the list of eligible local government areas.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible projects must:

- Be an existing, new or expanded (i.e. additional to what is already being conducted) recycling activity that is unviable due to transport costs at the time of application.
- Be a current recycling activity, a proposed addition to a current recycling activity or a completely new recycling activity.
- Be for any component/s along the supply chain from waste generation through to end markets.

Examples of eligible projects are:

- Transporting a single load or multiple loads of material to a processing facility.
- Expanding an existing recycling activity by increasing the frequency of collection and transportation of material.
- An existing project where material is transported through multiple stages of the recovery process from waste processing through to product creation (i.e. operating at a loss).
- New transport routes that require multiple stops to complete a load before delivering for recycling.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete list of ineligible projects.

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include whether the project:

- Achieves improved waste outcomes. (30%)
- Delivers regional benefits. (30%)
- Represents value for money for the State of Queensland. (20%)

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete list of the assessment criteria.

Closing Information

This program is available annually. The next funding round is yet to be announced.

Provided By:

Name: Department of Environment and Science

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Web: <https://www.qld.gov.au>

25. REGIONAL JOBS AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND – REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (RIF)

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:	18 Dec 2019	Difficulty Rating:	Might Need Help
Opens:	6 Nov 2019	Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	VIC
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program seeks to assist the growth of rural Victoria by providing grants for infrastructure projects that have the potential to stimulate economic activity in Regional Victoria.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Increase economic and social benefits through improved community access and usability of precincts.
- Increase economic and social benefits through investment in strategic infrastructure.

Funding available will be capped at \$500,000 per project. Maximum funding ratios are:

- Regional City: Up to RDV \$1:\$1 other
- Large Rural Council: Up to RDV \$2:\$1 other
- Small Rural Council or Alpine Resort: Up to RDV \$3:\$1 other

In determining the RDV funding level, the total Victorian Government contribution will be taken into consideration. Small rural councils and alpine resorts are the only Local Government Authority entity that are eligible to claim in-kind contributions to the projects. The in-kind contribution will be capped at 25% of the applicant's contribution.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must be Councils from regional and rural Victoria.

Councils can also sponsor projects on behalf of the business and industry groups including:

- Chambers of commerce and business associations
- Industry peak bodies
- Business and industry clusters and networks
- Incorporated not-for-profit organisations and community groups that have an Australian Business Number (ABN) or can provide written advice from the Australian Tax Office that no withholding tax is required from the grant payment

Eligible Activities:

Eligible projects include those that:

- Improve the economic performance of a precinct.
- Improve business, transport, retail, education, social, cultural, industry or community linkages.

- Provide multi-purpose infrastructure, suitable and accessible for a wide range of business and community groups such as business hubs, co- working spaces, community and event facilities.
- Support cultural initiatives of economic significance to the region such as renewal of buildings and sites, arts and cultural centres or resource facilities.

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

- Project aims (20%)
- Project need (30%)
- Project delivery (30%)
- Capability, capacity and track record (20%)

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete list of the assessment criteria.

Closing Information

This program is available annually.

Provided By:

Name: Regional Development Victoria

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Web: <http://www.rdv.vic.gov.au>

26. BOOST YOUR BUSINESS VOUCHER PROGRAM (OVERVIEW)

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$50,000
Closes:	22 Dec 2019	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	VIC
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to support Victorian businesses to become more productive, employ more people, improve market access and in general, increase their scale, diversity and profitability.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Increase the number of Victorian businesses entering new export markets and securing supply chain opportunities.
- Increase the number of Victorian Businesses developing and commercialising new products and services through research and development and generating improved productivity through process innovation.
- Improve the capability of Victorian businesses to accelerate growth and realise new opportunities.

There are six streams of funding available:

- Advanced Victorian Manufacturing Stream: Up to \$50,000
- Asia Gateway Stream: Up to \$50,000
- Food Innovation Stream: Up to \$50,000 (Up to \$10,000 for early stage feasibility and testing vouchers)
- Social Enterprise Capability Stream: Up to \$25,000
- Defence, Aerospace and Security Voucher Stream: Up to \$50,000
- Victoria Israel Innovation Voucher Stream: Up to \$50,000
- Entrepreneurs with Disability Voucher Stream: Up to \$25,000

Eligible applicants are permitted to apply for one voucher per funding round. They can receive more than one voucher and a maximum of two, dependent on available funding and the directions as set within each voucher stream.

Vouchers will be provided on a cash co-contribution basis outlined as:

- Applicants contribute a minimum of 50% of the total costs of services.
- Vouchers will subsidise 50% of the services to a maximum of \$50,000 (i.e. \$1 for every \$1 awarded through the voucher).

Funds from other State and Commonwealth government programs cannot form part of the co-contribution.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must:

- Be a business registered in Victoria with an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Meet any co-contribution requirements with eligible cash expenditure.
- Be a legal entity.
- Meet all industrial relations obligations as an employer in accordance with the National Employment Standards.
- Have an operating presence in Victoria.
- Employ between 20-200 staff or have an annual turnover of greater than \$1.5 million (preference will be given to applicants that employ less than 200 people).
- Conduct the majority of proposed activities in Victoria in partnership with an approved Service Provider.
- Agree to participate in future program evaluation activity.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include those that will build capabilities in three main areas:

- **Market engagement:** Services to assist companies and organisations to identify and secure international market development and export opportunities.
- **Innovation:** Services to assist companies to develop or commercialise new products and improve process innovation.
- **Business capability:** Services to assist companies to position them to support future growth.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete list of eligible/ineligible activities/expenditure.

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

- How will the project support one or more of the program objectives and voucher stream objectives? (30%)
- How will the project benefit the company by reaching longer term outcomes (e.g. new jobs, access to new markets and customers, new products and services and increased revenue)? (30%)
- Demonstrate their capacity or capability to successfully implement the project or project findings (e.g. track record of company and resources to be allocated to the project). (20%)
- Why does the project need government support to proceed? Detail the risks to the project without government support. (20%)

Closing Information

This program is available annually.

Provided By:

Name: Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions

Ph: 132215

Web: <http://www.business.vic.gov.au>

27. AUTOMOTIVE TRANSFORMATION SCHEME (ATS)

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:	31 Dec 2019	Difficulty Rating:	Might Need Help
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	National
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This scheme aims to encourage competitive investment and innovation in the Australian automotive industry and place it on an economically sustainable footing. It is to be achieved in a way that improves environmental outcomes and promotes the development of workforce skills.

The scheme rewards eligible production, eligible investment in allowable plant and equipment (P&E) and allowable research and development (R&D) through quarterly cash payments to registered ATS participants.

Registered businesses will receive quarterly cash payments from 1 January 2011. All participants can claim assistance for:

- 50% of eligible investment in research and development
- 15% of eligible investment in plant and equipment

ATS participants won't be able to receive assistance exceeding 5% of the sales value of their previous year's reported automotive goods and services. If the ATS participant is in an eligible startup period, funding will be no more than 15% of its eligible start-up investment.

The ATS has two stages that run from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2020. They are:

- Stage 1 (For the period beginning on 1 January 2011 and ending on 31 December 2015, and the first three months of 2016): Capped assistance of \$1.5 billion
- Stage 2 (For the period beginning on 1 January 2016 and ending on 31 December 2020, and the first three months of 2021): Capped assistance of \$1 billion

The yearly funding allocation is 55% for Motor Vehicle Producers and 45% for non-MVPs.

A further \$337 million of uncapped assistance is also available.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include:

- Motor Vehicle Producers (MVPs): Businesses that produce at least 30,000 motor vehicles or 30,000 engines annually in Australia.
- Automotive Component Producers (ACPs)
 - a) Australian producers of at least one kind of automotive component annually for use as original equipment in at least 30,000 motor vehicles or 30,000 engines and the production value of the component was at least \$500,000 in the previous 12 months.

b) Australian producers of original equipment components with a production value of at least \$500,000 annually, comprising at least 50% of the production value of all automotive components produced.

- Automotive Machine Tool or Automotive Tooling Producers (AMTPs): Australian producers of automotive machine tools or automotive tooling with a production value of at least \$500,000 annually, where at least 50% of that value was for automotive machine tools and automotive tooling used to produce original equipment.
- Automotive Service Providers (ASPs): Australian providers of automotive services with a production value of at least \$500,000 annually, where at least 50% of the production value was for services related to the production of motor vehicles or original equipment.

Businesses that have made a financial commitment to carry on business in Australia as a motor vehicle producer or supplier to the automotive industry, for the first time are also eligible to apply.

Businesses that do not satisfy certain registration requirements may seek the Minister's permission to apply for registration on national interest grounds.

Closing Information

Applicants must apply for registration before 1 January of the ATS year for which the registration is sought. Applications for 2020 must be submitted by 31 December 2019.

Provided By:

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Web: <https://www.business.gov.au>

28. REMOTE PASSENGER TRANSPORT PROGRAM

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:	24 Jan 2020	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:	29 Nov 2019	Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	NT
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to expand access to regular passenger transport services providing Territorians with access to key service centres. It provides funding support to remote and regional passenger transport operations that provide specified regular route services.

Funding support is usually limited to terms of one to three years, on a trial basis, to assist a specified route service towards commercial viability.

The recommended process for an applicant is:

- Consult the Remote Community Transport - Guiding Principles and Tools for assistance in developing a transport initiative.
- If further funding assistance is required for their transport initiative, check that they may be eligible for the program as an inter-town or intra-town service as described in the Program Information.
- Read and understand the Program Information and fill out and submit an Application Form. See 'What to include in their application' to ensure they include all necessary information.
- The application will be reviewed.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include any person, such as, a commercial bus operator or a representative of a community that must demonstrate that the service is eligible under the program.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible services include:

- Inter-town service: Covers transport between communities and key centres. It is typically long distance such as Numbulwar to Katherine.
- Intra-town service: Typically within a town or from nearby communities, such as Yirrkala to Nhulunbuy on the Gove Peninsula.

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include whether the location clearly demonstrates the need for a regular passenger transport service. The following factors are considered in determining if a location or service may qualify for funding assistance:

1. Inter-town services

- It does not currently receive a passenger transport service (e.g. flight, ferry or bus) to the nearest key centre providing essential services at least once per week.
- It has a permanent population base of at least 100 persons (locations with less than 100 persons can be considered as part of a stop or extension of another passenger transport route).
- It is more than two hours (one-way) surface travel to a key centre providing essential services and it is more than one hour (one-way) surface travel to a location receiving a regular passenger transport service.

2. Intra-town service

- It does not currently receive a passenger transport service at least two days per week (e.g. town bus, minibus or taxi).
- It has a permanent population base of at least 1,000.
- The permanent population does not currently have reasonable access to essential services.

Closing Information

This program is available annually.

Provided By:

Name: Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

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Web: <https://nt.gov.au>

29. CITY OF WODONGA COUNCIL – COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP AND DONATIONS PROGRAM

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:	30 Jun 2020	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	VIC
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to provide funds or in-kind support to an initiative, project, event or communication.

For the purpose of this program:

- Donation is when the council provides funds or in-kind support to an initiative, project, event or communication which aims to improve the city for residents and visitors, with no specified benefits.
- Sponsorship is when the council has an arrangement with an organisation or individual to provide funds or in-kind support to an initiative, project, event or communication which aims to improve the city for residents and visitors, in return for specified benefits.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include:

- Community groups
- Businesses
- Organisation or interest groups in the community

Eligible Activities:

Eligible sponsorship opportunities include those that clearly deliver one or more of the following outcomes:

- Provide opportunities to drive social, environmental, cultural and economic outcomes in the Wodonga municipality.
- Help address an issue affecting the Wodonga community.
- Provide potential to generate revenue through attracting visitors/participants outside of the Wodonga municipality.
- Enhance the profile and appeal of Wodonga.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 30 June 2020.

Provided By:

Name: City of Wodonga Council
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Web: <https://wodonga.vic.gov.au>

30. COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (CWA) OF VICTORIA – DROUGHT RELIEF PROGRAM

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$3,000
Closes:	30 Jun 2020	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:	2 Oct 2019	Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	VIC
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to assist farming families affected by drought and dry conditions to meet urgent household expenses. It is a key component of the increased drought assistance being provided to Victorian farmers.

The program is available to eligible recipients in the following regions:

- East Gippsland and Wellington: Eligible farm businesses, where the farm is located in Wellington and East Gippsland shires.
- Far North West Victoria – the Millewa: Eligible dryland farm businesses, where the farm is located in the far north west corner of Victoria, generally known as the Millewa and surrounding areas. This incorporates the following towns and locality areas: Carwarp, Colignan, Cullulleraine, Hattah, Iraak, Koorlong, Lindsay Point, Meringur, Merrinee, Nangiloc, Neds Corner, Wargan, and Werrimull.
- Goulburn Murray Irrigation District: Eligible irrigation farm businesses where the farm is located in the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District (GMID), including those that have transitioned from irrigation production systems since 1 July 2018. The GMID encompasses six local government areas of Campaspe Shire, Gannawarra Shire, Greater Shepparton City, Loddon Shire, Moira Shire and Swan Hill Rural City.

Grants of up to \$3,000 (GST inclusive) are available. Only one payment is available per eligible farming family.

A total funding pool of \$3 million is available.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must:

- Be a property owner, share farmer or lease holder.
- Be employed, or were recently employed (this includes employment part-time or casual basis), by a farming business.
- Be a farming dependent contractor.
- Have a farming property/location of employment or contracting business is located (or servicing farms) in an eligible area:
 - a) If located in the area defined as the Millewa or surrounds: Be primarily a dry land producer or employed by a dryland farming business or servicing/contracting to dryland farming businesses (i.e. the majority of your income is, under normal seasonal conditions, based on dryland production).

b) If located in the GMID, encompassing the six local government areas of Campaspe Shire, Gannawarra Shire, Greater Shepparton City, Loddon Shire, Moira Shire and Swan Hill Rural City: Be an irrigation farmer or have transitioned from an irrigation production system after 1 July 2018, or employed by an irrigation farming business or servicing/contracting to an irrigation farming businesses.

- Have the majority of the family's labour is devoted to the farming business.
- Under normal business conditions, the majority of the household's income is derived from farming enterprises (either as a business owner, employee or farming dependent contractor). Normal business conditions refer to a year with no adverse climatic conditions (drought, flood, fire) in which average yields/productivity is achieved.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible household expenses include (but are not limited to):

- Residential rates
- Groceries and food
- School expenses
- Household bills (electricity, gas, water)
- Rent
- Telephone expenses
- Urgent dental and medical treatment

Eligible household expenses must be incurred between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 30 June 2020, or when funds are fully expended, whichever comes first.

Provided By:

Name: Country Women's Association (CWA) of Victoria

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Web: <https://cwaofvic.org.au>

31. TOWN OF PORT HEDLAND COUNCIL – COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM: SPACE ACTIVATION GRANT

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$1,000
Closes:	30 Jun 2020	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	WA
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program seeks to support individuals, organisations and businesses to develop projects in their local community to strengthen connections between people and places they share.

Grants of up to \$1,000 are available.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include:

- Individuals
- Groups
- Local businesses

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 30 June 2020 or until funds are exhausted, whichever comes first.

Provided By:

Name: Town of Port Hedland Council
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Web: <https://www.porthedland.wa.gov.au>

32. AGRICULTURE INFRASTRUCTURE AND JOBS FUND (AIJF) – OVERVIEW

Status:	Pending	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	Might Need Help
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	VIC
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to strengthen the performance and resilience of the agriculture sector. It will invest in enabling economic infrastructure along agriculture supply chains throughout Victoria.

The Fund has two streams:

1. Infrastructure stream

- A total funding of \$175 million is available for this stream, allocated between its two elements, including:
- Major Capital Works: \$150 million for enabling infrastructure along the agriculture supply chain. This funding will be available on an ongoing basis up until 30 June 2019.
- b) The Local Roads to Market Program: \$25 million to support the development of first/last kilometre local roads and bridges along key agriculture freight routes. Available for rural, regional and outer suburban (or 'interface') councils across Victoria to better link farmers and industries with processing centres, receival sites, ports and markets.

2. Program stream

- This stream will invest \$25 million in initiatives that will help equip farmers and their local communities with the know-how to capture opportunities and better manage business risk.
- It will focus on market access and building consumer confidence in Victorian produce.
- It will build resilience in the agriculture sector through programs to support market access development, enhance the traceability of Victorian produce, build business and risk management capabilities and support agribusiness networks to develop products and markets.

As announced in the 2016-17 State Budget, a total funding pool of \$200 million will be made available until 30 June 2019.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include:

- Rural and regional businesses
- Industry groups
- Government agencies
- Local governments
- Not-for-profits

- Agricultural organisations

Please refer to the individual streams for the specific eligibility requirements.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include practical projects and programs that predominantly benefit the agriculture sector. These will include transport, irrigation, and energy projects, as well as skills development programs and market access campaigns that will:

- Move agricultural produce more efficiently to market.
- Improve water security.
- Improve connectivity with supply chains and access to markets.
- Give consumers greater confidence in Victorian produce as safe.
- Increase business level innovation.
- Enhance business capability to manage volatility and risk.
- Grow jobs in the agriculture sector and along the supply chain.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the specific eligible activities of each stream.

Assessment Criteria:

Please refer to the individual streams for the specific assessment criteria.

Closing Information

The next funding round is yet to be announced.

Provided By:

Name: Agriculture Victoria

Ph: 136186

Web: <http://agriculture.vic.gov.au>

33. APPRENTICE AND TRAINEE REBATE FOR PAYROLL TAX

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	QLD
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to provide employers a payroll tax rebate on the wages of apprentices and trainees in addition to their wages being exempt from payroll tax.

A 50% rebate is available from 1 July for these financial years:

- 2016-17
- 2017-18
- 2018-19
- 2019-20
- 2020-21

The rebate is automatically calculated when applicants lodge a return in OSRconnect.

The maximum rebate they can claim in a return period is equal to their payroll tax amount for that liability. All rebate records must be kept for five years.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include Queensland employers of exempt apprentices and trainees.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:

Name: Office of State Revenue (Queensland)
Ph: 1300300734
Email: <http://www.qld.gov.au/contact-us>
Web: <https://www.business.qld.gov.au>

34. CITY OF JOONDALUP COUNCIL – SPONSORSHIP, CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	WA
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to provide support to external organisations and community groups that are assisting the city to achieve it's strategic vision by delivering events, programs and activities within the region.

The objectives of the program are:

- Attracting, hosting or supporting a wide range of events, programs and activities that enhance the liveability of the city for the community and promote Joondalup as a destination for visitors to the region.
- Providing positive exposure for the city's brand and image locally and regionally.
- Providing support to local organisations/community groups/sporting clubs.
- Stimulating economic development and providing benefits to local businesses.
- Increasing visitors to the region.
- Creating long-term value to the city and its residents by building sustainable partnerships or relationships.
- Ensuring that all agreements entered into provide an adequate return on investment by overseeing and managing the sponsorship, contributions and donations program, process and outcomes.

There are four categories of funding available:

- Donations
- Corporate sponsorship
- Event sponsorship
- Corporate contributions (Applications should be discussed with the City's Coordinator, Recreation Services prior to submitting the application)

Funding is available for each category as a cash sponsorship, in-kind sponsorship or a combination of both.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include:

1. Donations

- Community based not-for-profit organisations
- Charitable organisations or organisations with charitable objectives

2. Corporate sponsorship

- Community groups
- Not-for-profit organisations
- Educational institutions
- Commercial/corporate organisations

3. Event sponsorship

- Arts and cultural organisations
- Community groups
- Not-for-profit organisations
- Educational institutions
- Commercial/corporate organisations

4. Corporate contributions

- Local not-for-profit sporting organisations
- Local volunteer organisations

Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include:

1. Donations

- Home support services for the aged or persons with disabilities
- Community information and support services
- Youth and children services
- Multicultural services
- Services to the disadvantaged
- Emergency relief services

2. Corporate sponsorship

- Awards and presentations that acknowledge excellence in relevant professional fields
- Support for activities which enhance community service within the region
- Conferences held within the region
- Promotional activities and materials that provide positive exposure for the city and could potentially increase visitors to the region and contribute towards stimulating economic development

3. Event sponsorship

- Sporting or recreation events that encourage community participation
- Cultural or community events that provide free or low cost activities or performances for the community
- Carnivals, festivals or fairs held within the city

4. Corporate contributions

- Sport and recreation
- Emergency service
- Community service
- Community development

Please refer to the Application Pack for the complete list of eligible activities.

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

- The applicant, event, program and/or activity must be aligned with the city's strategic direction.
- The event, program or activity must be consistent with the city's Sponsorship, Contributions and Donations objectives.
- The audience for the event, program or activity should reach one or more of the city's target markets.
- Requests for sponsorship, contributions and donations should be for an event, program or activity located within the City of Joondalup district and which provides a significant return to the general and/or business community. (The city will only consider sponsorship or donation agreements located outside the city if the sponsorship provides clear benefits to the residents of the city and/or an opportunity to market the city to a relevant target market outside of the city's boundaries.)
- Tangible benefits for the city, its residents and/or local businesses need to be associated and demonstrated with the event, program or activity.
- The event, program or activity must demonstrate positive exposure for the city and its corporate brand and image.
- The event, program or activity should provide opportunity to create long-term value to the city, residents and/or businesses.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis. Applications must be submitted at least four months prior to the event, program or activity date.

Provided By:

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Web: <https://www.joondalup.wa.gov.au>

35. CWA OF NSW DROUGHT AID GRANTS

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$3,000
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	NSW
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to provide funds from its Disaster Relief Fund for drought relief in NSW. These monies are available for farming businesses that are drought affected and dependent on farming as their primary source of income.

Grants of up to \$3,000 are available per individual applicant and/or household. An individual applicant and/or household may apply more than once, provided that they have not already reached the maximum \$3,000.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include:

- Farmers or farming dependent contractors
- A farming dependent family (including families servicing farming, such as farming contractors and local rural businesses)

In addition, applicants must also demonstrate the following:

- They must be located in an area that is identified as being in drought, according to the NSW DPI Combined Drought Indicator.
- A reliance on farming or farming related activities for the majority of their income.
- Evidence that their primary source of income has suffered as a direct result of drought.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include those that help meet household expenses. Examples of household expenses include:

- Food
- Vehicle maintenance
- School expenses
- Electricity (attributable to house use)
- Rates (attributable to house block)
- Telephone expenses
- Dental and medical, such as gap payments or cost of travel to access treatment

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:

Name: Country Women's Association of New South Wales
Ph: 0283370210
Email: drought@cwaofnsw.org.au

Web: <https://www.cwaofnsw.org.au>

36. DROUGHT ANGELS

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	National
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

Drought Angels seeks to assist farming families affected by natural disasters Australia wide.

The level of support consists of:

- Providing stock feed.
- Financial support via Pre-paid visas and local produce vouchers from within the communities.
- Moral support through personal face to face or phone contact and referrals to other support networks as needed.

Please visit the website for more information.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include primary producers across Australia.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:

Name: Drought Angels
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Email: operations@droughtangels.org.au
Web: <https://www.droughtangels.org.au>

37. DROUGHT ASSISTANCE FUND

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$50,000
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	Might Need Help
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	NSW
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to provide assistance that will promote profitability and resilience.

The purpose of assistance under this program is to provide interest free loans to primary producers to implement systems and management practices that enhance the sustainability of their primary production enterprise by funding:

- Transport of livestock, transport of fodder and/or water
- Water and fodder infrastructure
- Banking of genetic material of livestock
- Activities which promote profitability and resilience as a result of the on-farm investment

Loans of up to 100% of the net (GST exclusive) cost of the works to a maximum of \$50,000 are available. Applicants that have received a loan in the 2018-19 financial year can apply for an additional loan of up to \$50,000 in the 2019-20 financial year.

The loan term is two years repayment free from the date the loan is fully drawn down and then up to five years of principal only repayments. Interest is 0%. Principal must be repaid within seven years.

Applicants must lodge an application before commencement of the activity. Payments will be made on receipt of eligible tax invoices.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must demonstrate that:

- They are the owner and operator of a farm business in NSW.
- The business operates as a sole trader, partnership, trust or private company and trades agricultural products.
- The business is registered with the Australian Taxation Office as a primary producer, and has an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- The owners and operators of the business earn more than 50% of gross income from the primary production enterprise under normal seasonal circumstances.
- The business is being negatively impacted by drought conditions as assessed by the NSW Rural Assistance Authority (RAA), taking into account financial information and the Combined Drought Indicator map.
- The business can support the loan repayments.
- They are classified as a "new entrant", meaning that they have been operating their farm business for between 12 months to three years and that more than 50% of their gross income will be derived from the farm business within three years of the date of the application.

- The owners and operators of the business do not have gross off-farm assets exceeding \$5 million.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include those that promote profitability and resilience and can include costs that would normally be incurred in the course of carrying on a farming operation.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:

Name: NSW Rural Assistance Authority

Ph: 1800678593

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Web: <https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au>

38. DROUGHT ASSISTANCE PACKAGE – TRANSPORT-RELATED DROUGHT ASSISTANCE MEASURES

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	Might Need Help
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	QLD
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to provide a drought assistance package for eligible registered operators of vehicles. It is offered in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and the Queensland Police Service.

Items included in the package are:

- Multi-combination drought permits
- Increase to the maximum loaded dimensions of baled or rolled hay or straw
- An additional registration pay term of three months and exemption from surcharge for a three or six month registration pay term
- Exemption from an administrative fee for late payment of registration
- Waiving of certificate of inspection fees
- Seasonal registration vehicles can have dormant period extended to two years
- Cancellation and re-registration of vehicles
- Fodder transport with primary producer concession
- Farm plate concession vehicles able to cart water for up to 80 km
- Stock grazing on declared road reserves

There are two categories of drought declared properties:

- Individual droughted property declarations
- Regional council/shire declaration

Applicants are advised to contact the program administrator prior to applying.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include primary producers who must either:

- Produce an Individual Drought Property Approval, certified by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- Where regional council/shires have been drought declared, produce documentary evidence of their Property or National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) tag, indicating their:
 - a) Shire code
 - b) Property number
 - c) Location or address of the drought declared property

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:

Name: Department of Transport and Main Roads

Ph: 1800025656

Web: <https://www.business.qld.gov.au>

39. DROUGHT RELIEF ASSISTANCE SCHEME (DRAS)

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$50,000
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	Might Need Help
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	QLD
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to help primary producers in the livestock industry who are in drought-declared areas or who have individually droughted property (IDP) declarations.

The scheme provides five assistance measures:

1. Drought-declared properties may be eligible for:

- Freight subsidies for transporting fodder
- Freight subsidies for transporting water
- The EWIR (Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate), which provides a rebate on the purchase and installation of water infrastructure purchased for animal welfare needs. (EWIR addresses immediate animal welfare needs, helps improve properties to be more drought resilient, and generally lifts productivity by providing water supply to areas where pasture was less than fully utilised.)

2. Properties that have had their drought declaration revoked may be eligible for:

- Freight subsidies for transporting livestock returning from agistment
- Freight subsidies for transporting livestock purchased for restocking

Eligible applicants may receive up to 100% of the freight costs for breeding stock returning from agistment and up to 75% of freight costs for animals purchased for restocking, for up to two years after the date of revocation.

The maximum level of financial assistance available under DRAS is initially \$20,000 per property per financial year. They can apply to extend the limit up to \$50,000 depending on the length of time their property has been in drought. To do this, they will need to prepare a drought management plan (DMP) for their property and have it endorsed by a DAF officer. Once their DMP is endorsed, the applicable ceiling applies to the entire current financial year and later financial years.

Applications must be made within six months of the date of the relevant activity (movement of fodder and/or water, returning of stock from agistment, restocking, and/or purchase of emergency water infrastructure).

A total funding pool of \$52.1 million (estimated) is available over the next four years.

As announced in the 2018-19 State Budget, the Government will provide up to \$34.6 million in 2018-19 for the continuation of the Drought Assistance Package, including the Drought Relief Assistance Scheme to provide freight subsidies and emergency water infrastructure rebates to support producers and communities affected by drought across Queensland.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include farm families, farm businesses and farm communities whose property is drought declared.

A property can become drought declared by either obtaining an IDP declaration or by being located in a shire or area which has been drought declared by the State.

Please refer to the individual Guidelines for the specific eligibility requirements of each type of assistance.

Eligible Activities:

Please refer to the individual Guidelines for the specific eligible/ineligible activities of each type of assistance.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:

Name: Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

Ph: 0734046999

Email: droughtdeclarations@daf.qld.gov.au

Web: <https://www.daf.qld.gov.au>

40. EMERGENCY DROUGHT RELIEF PACKAGE

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	Seek Help
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	NSW
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to help farmers manage the effects of the current drought. It forms part of the \$1 billion NSW Drought Assistance Package.

The emergency package was first announced on 30 July 2018 and became effective immediately, with an initial funding pool of \$500 million. It includes a range of measures, some of which retrospectively apply to the 2017-18 financial year, and some from 1 January 2018.

In June 2019 the NSW Government announced a further \$185 million to continue the package. The extended NSW Emergency Drought Relief Package for 2019-20 includes:

- \$70 million to continue Drought Transport Subsidies for fodder, stock and water
- \$50 million to waive Local Land Services rates
- \$30 million to waive fixed water charges in rural and regional areas
- \$10 million to waive Farm Innovation Fund interest fees
- \$15 million for emergency town water supply assistance
- \$10 million to reduce the cost of farming, including apiary fee waivers, wild dog fence fee waivers, stock welfare panels and donated fodder

The NSW Government committed to new programs and increased funding in other critical areas, including:

- \$7 million for exemptions for agricultural vehicle registration fees
- \$8.2 million for counselling and mental health programs
- \$5.2 million to support preschool children and their families facing hardship due to drought
- \$5 million for training to upskill farmers and contractors
- \$1 million in grants to local sports organisations

An additional \$10 million is allocated to targeted improvements to the Barwon-Darling river. This is on top of the \$400 million in election commitments, which includes:

- \$350 million to bolster the Farm Innovation Fund (FIF) infrastructure program
- \$37.5 million to fund an extension to the wild dog fence in Western NSW
- \$13 million to continue NSW support of the Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative.

The package comes into effect on 1 July 2019.

Who Can Apply:

Please refer to the website for the eligibility requirements of each assistance offered.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:

Name: Department of Primary Industries

Ph: 1800678593

Web: <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au>

41. EMERGENCY DROUGHT RELIEF PACKAGE – DROUGHT TRANSPORT SUBSIDIES

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$40,000
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	Might Need Help
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	NSW
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to provide a subsidy on the transport of fodder and/or water to a property, stock to/from agistment and stock to sale or slaughter. It forms part of the NSW Government's \$500 million Emergency Drought Relief Package which seeks to help farmers manage the effects of the current drought.

Assistance available are:

- A transport subsidy of up to 50% of the total freight cost is available to eligible primary producers on transport costs to a maximum dollar value of \$7.50 per kilometre dependent on the vehicle type.
- Farmers who applied for the Drought Transport Subsidy in the 2018-19 financial year (Round One) are able to apply in the current round (Round Two) again, for \$40,000 for invoices dated between 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.
- New applicants for this subsidy can apply for a maximum of \$40,000 through Round Two, for invoices dated from 1 January 2018 to 30 June 2020.
- Claims for Round One invoices with movements made between 1 January 2018 and 30 June 2019 closed on 30 September 2019.
- For applications received up to 30 June 2019 can access up to \$40,000 for invoices dated 1 January 2018 to 30 June 2019. Invoices for this period must be received by the RAA by 30 September 2019.
- For applications received from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 can access up to \$40,000 for invoices dated 1 January 2018 to 30 June 2020.
- For invoices dated 1 January 2018 to 30 June 2019 the maximum transport distance that is able to be subsidised is 1,500 km.
- For invoices dated 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 there is no maximum distance.

A total funding of \$70 million is available in 2019-20.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include primary producers who must demonstrate that:

- They are the owner and operator of a farm business in NSW.
- The business operates as a sole trader, partnership, trust or private company and trades agricultural products. The business is registered with the Australian Taxation Office as a primary producer, and have an Australian Business Number (ABN).

- The owners and operators of the business earn more than 50% of their gross income from the primary production enterprise under normal seasonal circumstances.
- The business is being negatively impacted by drought conditions.
- The owners and operators of the business have commenced their farming operation between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2018 and 50% of their gross income will be derived from the farm business within three years of the date of the application. The applications of new entrants will be considered on a case by case basis.
- The owners and operators of the business do not have gross off-farm assets exceeding \$5 million (excluding funds in a registered superannuation fund).

Eligible Activities:

Eligible costs include:

- Transporting of stock to agistment
- Returning stock from agistment
- Transport of stock to sale or slaughter
- Transport of fodder for stock to properties
- Transport of stock and domestic drinking water
- Transport of farm chemicals (from 1 July 2019)
- Transport of fertiliser (from 1 July 2019)
- Transport of seed (from 1 July 2019)

Closing Information

Please see the Overview for the closing details.

Provided By:

Name: NSW Rural Assistance Authority
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Web: <https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au>

42. EMISSIONS REDUCTION FUND

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	Seek Help
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	National
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This Fund is a voluntary scheme that aims to provide incentives for a range of organisations and individuals to adopt new practices and technologies to reduce their emissions. Its objective is to help achieve Australia's 2020 emissions reduction target of 5% below 2,000 levels by 2020 and 26-28% below 2,005 emissions by 2030.

The Clean Energy Regulator purchases emissions reductions through a carbon abatement purchasing process. This process can include a reverse auction, tender or other process.

Emissions reduction purchases will be in the form of Kyoto Australian carbon credit units (ACCUs). The Clean Energy Regulator will make these purchases through a carbon abatement contract (contract) at a price determined through the auction, which will be a pay-as-bid reverse auction.

The Clean Energy Regulator will set a benchmark (or ceiling) price for the auction, which will not be disclosed. In setting the benchmark price for the auction, the Clean Energy Regulator will have regard to the principles set out in sub-section 20G(3) of the CFI Act.

All eligible bids will be placed in a bid stack and ranked by price offered, with the lowest price bid being ranked first and the highest price bid being ranked last. Eligible bids offering the same price will be ranked equally and treated equally.

The Clean Energy Regulator will only accept bids from, and contract with, participants of projects who complete the following four steps:

- Step 1: Project registration: Closes 10 February 2020
- Step 2: Auction qualification: Closes 17 February 2020
- Step 3: Auction registration: Closes 17 March 2020
- Step 4: Bidding: Closes 2 April 2020

Applications for project registration, auction qualification and auction registration can be submitted at the same time or sequentially, although they can only be approved by the Clean Energy Regulator sequentially.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include:

- Businesses
- Community organisations
- Local councils

- State governments
- Land managers
- Other members of the community

Please contact the program administrator for complete eligibility requirements.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible types of projects that the participants can choose to undertake as part of the Emissions Reduction Fund are called methods. The methods explain how to carry out a project and measure the resulting reductions in emissions.

A number of different methods will be available and many methods can be applied broadly which means that a wide variety of projects can use each one. These include:

- A generic method for emissions reductions at facilities reporting under the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Scheme
- Capture and destruction of coal mine fugitive emissions
- Reductions in emissions-intensity of transport
- Commercial, industrial and aggregated energy efficiency
- Capture and combustion of landfill gas and agricultural waste
- Alternative treatment of organic waste
- Capture and combustion of biogas from wastewater
- Methods for the land sector, including increasing soil carbon, reducing livestock emissions, expanding opportunities for environmental and carbon sink plantings, and reforestation

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria for the auction qualification and auction registration application include (but not be limited to):

- The participant's suitability to contract with the Commonwealth.
- The participant's ability to deliver the proposed agreed quantity of ACCUs from the relevant project(s).
- The performance of the participant or any of their authorised representatives under any contract entered into by them. This will include, but not be limited to, assessing whether:
 - a) The person has demonstrated reasonable endeavours to fulfil any applicable conditions precedent under contracts to which it is or was party.
 - b) The person has failed to deliver ACCUs (whether in whole or in part, or in accordance with one or more agreed or varied delivery schedules) under, or has in any other manner breached, any contract to which it is or was party.
 - c) The person has provided any representation or warranty in relation to any contract to which it is or was party or any of its projects that the agency believes is or was untrue, inaccurate, incomplete or misleading.
 - d) The person has used the flexibility provisions under a carbon abatement contract to which it is or was party to preference deliveries of ACCUs to a third party.
 - e) The person's behaviour in relation to contracts or projects unduly created unreasonable administrative effort for the agency.

Closing Information

Please see the Overview for the closing details.

Provided By:

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Web: <http://www.cleanenergyregulator.gov.au>

43. ENTERPRISE CENTRES TASMANIA (ECT) PROGRAM

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	TAS
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to establish a statewide network of business advisors who will work together to support Tasmanian small businesses to create jobs and investment growth.

ECT is a free service supported by the Tasmanian Government and is designed for every stage of the business life. It can support businesses with clear and considered advice through one-on-one consultation, workshops and networking events.

Advice is available on how to:

- Start a new business
- Set objectives for the business
- Write a business plan
- Develop a marketing strategy
- Take the business online
- Grow the business
- Manage the business finances
- Survive through hard times
- Design a succession plan

A total funding pool of \$2.6 million (excluding GST) has been allocated over the period 1 January 2017 to 31 March 2020.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include Tasmanian business owners or those who want to start a business.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:

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Email: ask@business.tas.gov.au
Web: <https://www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au>

44. FARM DEBT MEDIATION SCHEME

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	Might Need Help
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	VIC
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This scheme makes it compulsory for banks and other creditors to offer mediation to farmers before commencing debt recovery proceedings on farm mortgages.

Farm debt mediation is a structured negotiation process where a neutral and independent mediator assists the farmer and the creditor to try to reach agreement about current and future debt arrangements. The mediator's role is to facilitate the discussion and they will not provide advice on the matters in dispute. Mediation is a simple, voluntary and confidential process that is quick, accessible and affordable.

There are two types of mediation available:

1. Creditor initiated mediation

- Creditors must send notice under section 8 of the FDM Act to farmers alerting them that mediation is available before initiating debt recovery on farm mortgages. Farmers have 21 days to respond to an offer to mediate.
- If a farmer does not respond to the offer to mediate a creditor can commence recovery action on the farm mortgages.
- If a farmer agrees to mediate, a creditor will not be able to commence recovery action until mediation has concluded to the satisfaction of the Victorian Small Business Commissioner.

2. Farmer initiated mediation

- A farmer takes the initiative to request mediation with their creditor. While a farmer may initiate a request for mediation, a creditor is only obliged to mediate if a farmer is in default.

The cost of mediation is currently \$195 per session for each party. The Victorian government subsidises the full cost of mediation making it significantly lower than market price. Parties are responsible for their own costs in preparing for and attending mediation.

It is recommended that farmers seek assistance from their local Rural Financial Counsellor, Solicitor, Accountant or some other appropriately qualified person.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include Victorian farmers with farm mortgages covering a farm (or part of a farm), farm machinery or a water share (within the meaning of the Water Act 1989).

A farmer is defined as "a person (whether an individual person or a corporation) who is solely or principally engaged in a farming operation". This includes people who own land cultivated under a share-farming agreement, or the personal representatives of a deceased farmer.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:

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Email: farm.debt@ecodev.vic.gov.au

Web: <http://agriculture.vic.gov.au>

45. FREIGHT SUBSIDIES – PRIMARY PRODUCERS

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$5,000
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	Might Need Help
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	QLD
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program is to provide freight subsidies for eligible primary producers located within a disaster-declared area in Queensland under joint Commonwealth/State Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA), or where a primary producer has a current Individual Disaster Stricken Property (IDSP) declaration.

Freight subsidies of up to \$5,000 is available per property per disaster event.

Please contact the administrator for a list of council areas which are currently activated for NDRRA assistance.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include primary producers who must:

- Be located within a disaster-declared area under Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA).
- Hold a current Individual Disaster Stricken Property (IDSP) declaration.

For the purpose of this program, a primary producer is a person who spends the majority of their labour on, and derives the majority of their income from, a primary production enterprise.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include movement of materials such as:

- Emergency fodder for livestock to the primary producer's home property.
- Building, fencing materials, machinery and equipment.
- Animals purchased for restocking as a result of the disaster.

Assessment Criteria:

Individual primary producers suffering extensive property damage are invited to contact the Queensland Department of Primary Industries to arrange for an IDSP inspection by a Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF).

Closing Information

Applications for subsidies must be submitted to the Brisbane Head Office within six months of the movement.

Provided By:

Name: Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

Ph: 0734046999

Email: callweb@daf.qld.gov.au

Web: <https://www.business.qld.gov.au>

46. FUTURE INDUSTRIES FUND (OVERVIEW)

Status:	Pending	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$2,000,000
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	VIC
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program seeks to support high growth, high value industries that are critical to securing Victoria's future as a competitive, innovative and outward looking economy.

The Victorian government has identified six priority sectors that have potential for extraordinary economic growth and the capacity to create high-skill, high wage jobs. These include:

- Medical technologies and pharmaceuticals
- New energy technologies
- Food and fibre
- Transport technologies
- Defence technologies
- Construction technologies
- International education
- Professional services

There are three funding streams available:

1. The Manufacturing Program

- Aims to assist companies to implement new manufacturing technologies and processes that will provide a critical foundation for growth.
- Grants of up to \$500,000 are available on a 3:1 matched funding basis.
- Expressions of interest for funding under this program is suspended effective 6 July 2018.

2. The Sector Growth Program

- Provides grant funding for Victorian-based projects that align with future industries sector strategies.
- Funding is available under the following categories:
 - a) Stream 1: Scoping, Planning and Feasibility (Up to \$100,000)
 - b) Stream 2: Project Implementation (Up to \$1 million)
- Applicants are required to provide a dollar-for-dollar matching contribution.
- Application closed on 13 June 2018.

3. The New Energy Jobs Fund

- Seeks to support Victorian-based projects that create long-term sustainable jobs, increase the uptake of renewable energy generation, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and drive innovation in new energy technologies.
- Grants between \$20,000 and \$1 million, and under exceptional circumstances, up to \$2 million, are available on a 3:1 matched funding basis.

- A total funding pool of \$20 million is available, \$11 million of which allocated through three annual grants:
 - a) Round 1 (Closed March 2016): \$5 million
 - b) Round 2 (Closed March 2017): \$6 million
 - c) Round 3 (Closed March 2018): \$3 million

An initial funding pool of \$200 million was made available in 2015-16.

As announced in the 2017-18 State Budget, the Government committed an additional \$5 million to boost the Future Industries Manufacturing Program (FIMP), building on the \$13 million announced last year. This brings the total funding pool to \$316 million, including the \$111 million additional funding provided in the 2016-17 Budget.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include:

- Industries that are included in the six priority sectors.
- Companies engaged in manufacturing that do not need to be part of the six high-growth sectors.

Please refer to the individual Guidelines of each stream for the specific eligibility requirements

Eligible Activities:

Eligible projects include those that:

- Create the most jobs.
- Are unlikely to succeed without government support.

Please refer to the individual Guidelines of each stream for the list of eligible activities/projects.

Assessment Criteria:

Please refer to the individual Guidelines of each stream for the specific assessment criteria.

Closing Information

The next funding round is yet to be announced.

Provided By:

Name: Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources
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Web: <https://www.business.vic.gov.au>

47. INDUSTRY CAPABILITY NETWORK (ICN) – ACT

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	Might Need Help
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	ACT
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to help project and procurement managers find the best local supplies. It seeks opportunities for local SMEs to grow their business.

ICN do this by responding to purchasers' enquiries and actively consulting with government, project developers and managers to locate suitable producers capable of supplying items currently that are either imported, or likely to start being imported in the future.

Who Can Apply:

There are no specified eligibility requirements. Interested parties are advised to contact the administrator for more information on how to be involved in the network.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:

Name: Industry Capability Network (ICN) – Australian Capital Territory
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Email: info@icn.org.au
Web: <https://www.icn.org.au>

48. INDUSTRY CAPABILITY NETWORK (ICN) – NSW

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	NSW
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to create opportunity for New South Wales (NSW) and Australian industry by bridging the information gap between buyers and sellers by advising on supply chain development, import replacement, local industry capability, and capacity.

ICN NSW services include:

- Australian Industry Participation Plan Development
- Secondment of consultants to major projects
- Supply chain option enquiries
- Local sourcing enquiries for project proponents
- Registration of the capabilities of Australian and New Zealand producers
- Local sourcing of components and services for product development

Who Can Apply:

There are no specified eligibility requirements. Interested parties are advised to contact the administrator for more information on how to be involved in the network.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:

Name: Industry Capability Network (ICN)
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Email: info@icnsw.org.au
Web: <https://www.icn.org.au>

49. JOBS FOR NSW – LOAN GUARANTEES

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$5,000,000
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	NSW
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to drive jobs and business growth in NSW by providing established and scalable, fast-growth businesses with capital to address barriers in accessing sufficient finance from commercial sources. It is part of the Jobs for NSW initiative which provides financial support to startups and emerging and fast-growth small to medium enterprises (SMEs) to build momentum and grow jobs.

Jobs for NSW will partner with financial institutions and, subject to job creation opportunities, will provide a financial loan guarantee of:

- Up to 50% of the amount lent to the fast-growth business by a financial institution, to a maximum of \$5 million, depending on the proposal.
- Repayment term of typically two to five years.
- A guarantee fee will be charged by the guarantor and will be based on the specific loan request, use of funds and financial performance of the borrower.
- Milestone reporting arrangements will be negotiated taking into account the transaction and the purpose of the loan guarantee.
- The terms of the loan will be established by the lender.

Due diligence and financial risk assessments on shortlisted applications will be undertaken for Jobs for NSW by a third party advisor, Equifax Australasia Credit Ratings Pty Limited. The cost of this screening is \$4,895 (including GST) per application, which will be recovered from applicants who are successful in accessing an AGL. The applicant will also be charged legal costs associated with preparing loan documentation.

The application process are as follows:

- Applicants must speak to a financial advisor to assess the suitability of a loan for their business.
- Book an initial assessment with one of the program's Client Engagement Advisors, or complete the preliminary assessment form online. Eligible businesses will be invited to apply for the program.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include fast-growing SMEs creating jobs in NSW that require capital to fund further expansion. Businesses that must:

- Have a registered ABN and be an incorporated company.
- Have a minimum of five employees (full-time, part-time or casual).
- Be creating a minimum of 30 additional FTE jobs within three years in NSW.
- Be able to demonstrate revenue of at least \$3 million.

- Have an inability to access sufficient funds from the lender to enable the business expansion.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include expanding operations through:

- Working capital
- Payroll
- Scaling of commercialised research and development
- Expanding production capacity
- Exports and establishing national and international headquarters (if the business headquarters and jobs are created within NSW)

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

- The applicant's eligibility for the program.
- The extent and nature of the jobs created.
- The creation of additional jobs in NSW, being jobs that would not otherwise be created in the absence of Jobs for NSW support.
- The ability of the company to service the loan, based on current and future cash flows, justified by contracts and/or pipeline.

Applications will also be assessed competitively on the information provided by the applicant with regard to the following assessable areas:

- Market opportunity
- Value proposition
- Management capability
- Scalability
- Other items that impact the performance of the business

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:

Name: Jobs for NSW

Ph: 1300562679

Email: enquiries@jobsforNSW.com.au

Web: <https://www.jobsforNSW.com.au>

50. NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE COUNCIL – BUSINESS ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$25,000
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	VIC
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to provide funding and officer support to existing and new businesses in the Northern Grampians Shire.

The purpose of the scheme is to:

- Attract and assist new business to establish in the Northern Grampians Shire.
- Support existing businesses to build business management capacity.
- Encourage and assist existing businesses to undertake initiatives to expand, diversify or ensure sustainability.
- Support and facilitate workforce attraction and retention initiatives.
- Facilitate and achieve sector-specific economic growth objectives in the Northern Grampians Shire.
- Capitalise on opportunities and address identified challenges specific to industry sectors and the Northern Grampians Shire.
- Ensure a streamlined approach to receiving, evaluating and determining applications made to the Business Assistance Scheme.

The scheme has two categories which provide for varied assistance:

- Foundation Assistance Program (FAP): Allows for but is not limited to, contributing towards permit fees, provision of professional services, support through regulatory processes and other one-on-one in-kind support.
- Targeted Assistance Program (TAP): Provides specialised assistance to businesses who wish to undertake small, medium or large scale projects which align with regional objectives in the Northern Grampians, or which seek to address emerging economic trends or issues.

Funding and/or in-kind assistance provided to successful applicants via the scheme is capped at \$25,000. Council may decide to provide additional assistance in special circumstances at its discretion and within its annual budget.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include:

1. Foundation Assistance Program (FAP)

- Existing businesses in the Northern Grampians Shire to expand, diversify or undertake initiatives to ensure sustainability.

- New businesses to establish in the Northern Grampians Shire.

2. Targeted Assistance Program

- Existing or new businesses who are seeking specialised assistance outside of the FAP to undertake specific projects.

Eligible applicants must:

- Have participated in a pre-application interview with a member of the Economic Development unit who will seek to establish how the scheme can best support the business.
- Have a registered ABN (Australian Business Number).
- Be operating within, or for new businesses, plan to establish in the Northern Grampians Shire in the next 12 months.
- Complete a Business Assistance Scheme application form.
- Not have any outstanding debt with council or be in breach of any statutory requirements.

Eligible Activities:

Please refer to the Guidelines for the list of eligible projects/assistance of each category.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:

Name: Northern Grampians Shire Council

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51. NSW RURAL ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY – TRANSPORT SUBSIDY (ANIMAL WELFARE)

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$20,000
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	NSW
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to provide a subsidy on the transport of stock to sale or slaughter for animal welfare reasons.

A subsidy is permanently available where:

- Animals are at significant risk in terms of animal welfare.
- There is little or no feed and/or water available. (This includes both pasture and stored fodder).
- Animals leave the farming enterprise permanently.
- The enterprise demonstrates a significant financial need.

A subsidy of up to 50% of the total freight cost to a maximum of \$20,000 per farm enterprise per financial year is available.

Claims may be submitted no more than six months after movement of the stock.

A total funding pool of \$500,000 is available per financial year.

Before applying for financial assistance under this program or making any decision, applicants should seek advice from their legal, business and financial advisers to determine their eligibility for and the terms of the financial assistance.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must demonstrate that:

- They are the owner and/or operator (e.g. lessee) of a farm business in NSW.
- The business operates as a sole trader, partnership, trust or private company and trades agricultural products.
- They are claiming in relation to farmed animals appearing on the most recent Land & Stock Return.
- The business is registered with the Australian Taxation Office as a primary producer, and have an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- The owners and operators of the business earn more than 50% of gross income from the primary production enterprise under normal seasonal conditions.

- They can provide confirmation that they are in financial need by either being in receipt of a Farm Household Allowance (FHA) or being an eligible client of the Rural Financial Counselling (RFC) service.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include the transport of:

- Stock to slaughter
- Stock to sale

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete list of eligible costs.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:

Name: NSW Rural Assistance Authority

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Web: <https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au>

52. NSW RURAL ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY – TRANSPORT SUBSIDY (DONATED FODDER)

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	NSW
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to provide funding assistance to community organisations who coordinate the transport of donated fodder to a central location within NSW for the benefit of three or more primary producers with livestock, in the event of identified need, whether following a natural disaster, or a drought.

The scheme will pay for the costs of transporting donated fodder up to a maximum of \$5 per kilometre (plus GST) to a maximum eligible distance of 1,500 kilometres. Claims must be made within three months of the RAA's approval to the transport of the donated fodder.

Claims for distances in excess of 1,500 kilometres will be considered on a case by case basis.

A total funding pool of \$500,000 is available per financial year.

Prior to arranging transport of donated fodder the coordinating community group and the transport operator must obtain approval from the RAA.

Before applying for financial assistance under this program or making any decision, applicants should seek advice from their legal, business and financial advisers to determine their eligibility for and the terms of the financial assistance.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include transport providers who are acting in conjunction with community groups and other organisations that arrange the transport of donated fodder from within NSW to drought affected properties.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible costs include those that are incurred by the transporting company and/or operator for the loaded portion of the journey only.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:

Name: NSW Rural Assistance Authority

Ph: 1800678593
Email: rural.assist@raa.nsw.gov.au
Web: <https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au>

53. NSW RURAL ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY – TRANSPORT SUBSIDY (NATURAL DISASTER)

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$15,000
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	NSW
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to provide a subsidy on the transport of fodder and/or water to a property, stock to/from agistment and stock to sale or slaughter following a declared Natural Disaster event, where there is a threat to livestock safety and welfare.

A subsidy of up to 50% of the total freight cost to a maximum of \$15,000 per farm enterprise per financial year is available. If the transport rates are considered excessive subsidy paid is 50% of the approved ruling rate schedule. However, the transport of fodder to dairy cattle attracts a subsidy of 25%.

Subsidies are only available during the six month period following the declaration of a natural disaster area with the first movement to take place during the first three months of the declaration period. Claims may be submitted no more than six months after the first movement. Costs of transportation must be paid prior to lodging a claim for the subsidy. Please note that drought is no longer a declared natural disaster.

Before applying for financial assistance under this program or making any decision, applicants should seek advice from their legal, business and financial advisers to determine their eligibility for and the terms of the financial assistance.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must demonstrate that:

- They are the owner and/or operator (eg. lessee of a farm business in NSW).
- The business operates as a sole trader, partnership, trust or private company and trades agricultural products.
- The business is registered with the Australian Taxation Office as a primary producer, and have an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Their primary production business is located within an eligible area as defined in the list of Declared Natural Disasters (list available on the NSW Rural Assistance Authority website).

Eligible Activities:

Eligible costs include:

- Transport of fodder for stock (including bees) to properties.
- Transporting of stock (including bees) to agistment.
- Returning stock (including bees) from agistment.
- Transport of stock to sale or slaughter.

- Transport of domestic water.
- Transport of stock drinking water.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete list of eligible costs.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:

Name: NSW Rural Assistance Authority

Ph: 1800678593

Email: rural.assist@raa.nsw.gov.au

Web: <https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au>

54. QRIDA – EXCEPTIONAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE LOANS: PRIMARY PRODUCERS AND BUSINESSES

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$1,000,000
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	QLD
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program seeks to support primary producers and business owners to recover following the North and Far North Queensland Monsoon Trough, 25 January - 14 February 2019. It provides concessional loans to help eligible entities pay for costs arising out of exceptional damage caused by the eligible disaster.

Loans of up to \$1 million are available. The maximum loan amount includes any previously approved Disaster Assistance Loans for the North & Far North Queensland Monsoon Trough.

The maximum loan term is ten years. The first two years for the term of the loan do not require repayments of either principal or interest (repayment free, interest is not capitalised during the repayment free period). Following the initial two years, principal and interest repayments apply. During this period repayments calculated over a longer term than eight years may be granted. Any remaining residual loan balance would then need to be refinanced/repaid at the end of the loan term.

QRIDA may grant an interest only period of up to two years following the initial two-year repayment free period.

The annual interest rate from the third year is 1.37%.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a primary producer or a business owner.
- Immediately before the eligible disaster, they must have been operating a primary production enterprise or business in the defined disaster area.
- Their primary production enterprise or business has sustained exceptional damage as a direct result of the eligible disaster.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities must be used to assist towards the following:

- Repairing or replacing damaged plant or equipment used in their primary production enterprise or business.

- Repairing or replacing buildings used for carrying on their primary production enterprise or business.
- Meeting requirements for carrying on their primary production enterprise or business, including, for example:
 - a) Buying goods used to operate the business
 - b) Paying rates, rent or wages
 - c) Paying creditors
- For a primary production enterprise - meeting requirements for carrying on the enterprise, including, for example:
 - a) Re-planting, restoring or re-establishing areas affected by the eligible disaster
 - b) Buying livestock to replace livestock lost as a result of the eligible disaster
 - c) Sustaining livestock
 - d) Carrying on essential property operations
- For a business - supplying stock for a period of no more than one month to replace inventory lost as a direct result of the eligible disaster and required to maintain the liquidity of the business.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:

Name: Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA)

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Web: <http://www.qrida.qld.gov.au>

55. RDA MURRAYLANDS AND RIVERLAND – EXPERTS IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	SA
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to provide access to free, confidential and one-on-one appointments with industry experts for Murraylands and Riverland businesses involved in the food, beverage and agribusiness sector.

The program will also provide:

- Confidential one-to-one appointments which can be booked with highly experienced professionals.
- The opportunity to book a follow up appointment with the Expert conducted via phone, Skype or email so you can continue to leverage this opportunity.

There are six key themes from across the country to provide free practical advice to primary producers and food and beverage manufacturers, to determine how they can implement value adding practices to be a more viable and resilient enterprise:

- Agtech Insights & Adoption
- Food & Agri Tourism
- Brand & Marketing
- Supply Chain Management
- Market Access & Development
- Business Growth & Success

In order to participate with the program, participants are required that to Subscribe/Register using the form provided on the website.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include primary producers and food and beverage manufacturers in Murraylands and Riverland.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:

Name: Regional Development Australia Murraylands and Riverland (RDAMR)
Ph: 0885357170

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Web: <https://rdamr.com.au>

56. REGIONAL INVESTMENT CORPORATION – DROUGHT LOANS

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$2,000,000
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	Might Need Help
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	National
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to support the long-term strength, resilience and profitability of Australian farm businesses. It helps eligible farm businesses continue to manage through drought conditions, recover once the season breaks and prepare for future droughts.

Loans of up to \$2 million are available. The loan term is ten years, with interest-only repayments for the first five years and principal and interest repayments for the final five years. At the end of the loan term, the farm business will need to refinance the remaining loan balance.

The variable interest rate is reviewed every six months and new rates (should there be any changes) come into effect in February and August each year. The current is 3.11%.

A total funding pool of \$250 million is available each year until 30 June 2026. On 19 August 2018, the government announced it is increasing the total amount available for these loans to \$500 million in any one year.

On 21 November 2019, the Government has announced changes to the drought loan:

- The current terms will be enhanced to offer two years interest free, three years interest only and five years principal and interest. These loans are for amounts of up to \$2 million.
- The revised drought loans are available for farmers to feed, water, freight, restock, refinance, or anything that might keep their operation going.
- Those who already have finance will benefit from the changes and RIC will notify them of what this process will be. They will be notified when the change becomes active.
- Existing loans are still current, only the conditions in the loan agreement will be amended, and so there is no need to re-assess eligibility.

RIC is working to develop the policy in order to deliver these loans as soon as possible.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must:

- Have the capacity to repay the loan.
- Be able to provide sufficient and satisfactory security acceptable to Regional Investment Corporation.
- Have existing commercial debt and secure the support of its commercial lender for the proposed Regional Investment Corporation loan.

- Be involved within the agricultural, horticultural, pastoral, apicultural or aquacultural industries.
- Undertake all primary production aspects of the business wholly within Australia.
- Operate as a sole trader, partnership, trust or private company.
- Be registered for tax purposes in Australia with an ABN and be registered for GST.
- Not be under external administration or bankruptcy.

Eligible farm businesses must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be located in an eligible area.
- Have a drought management plan.
- Be in financial need of a loan.
- Be financially viable in the long term.
- Have existing commercial debt.
- Meet the eligibility criteria in the Guidelines.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible uses of loans include:

- Refinancing (restructuring existing debt)
- New debt for operating expenses and capital expenditure
- Drought management activities
- Drought-recovery activities
- Drought preparedness activities

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete list of eligible and non-eligible loan uses.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis, until funds are fully allocated.

Provided By:

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Web: <https://www.ric.gov.au>

57. REGIONAL INVESTMENT CORPORATION – FARM INVESTMENT LOANS

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$2,000,000
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	National
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to support the long-term strength, resilience and profitability of Australian farm businesses. It helps eligible farm businesses build and maintain diversity in the markets they supply and take advantage of new and emerging opportunities across Australia and overseas.

Loans of up to \$2 million are available. The loan term is ten years, with interest-only repayments for the first five years and principal and interest repayments for the final five years. At the end of the loan term, the farm business will need to refinance the remaining loan balance.

The variable interest rate is reviewed every six months and new rates (should there be any changes) come into effect in February and August each year. The current is 3.11%.

A total funding pool of \$250 million is available each year until 30 June 2026. On 19 August 2018, the government announced it is increasing the total amount available for these loans to \$500 million in any one year.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include farm businesses that must:

- Solely or mainly supply, or intend to solely or mainly supply, products into supply chains that are interstate and/or outside Australia.
- Be in financial need of a loan.
- Be financially viable in the long term.
- Have existing commercial debt.
- Meet the eligibility criteria in the Guidelines.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible uses of loans include:

- Refinancing
- Operating expenses
- Capital expenditure

Please refer to the Guidelines for the list of eligible and non-eligible loan uses.

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include the applicant's eligibility and loan assessment criteria.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis, until funds are fully allocated.

Provided By:

Name: Regional Investment Corporation

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Email: loans@service.RIC.gov.au

Web: <https://www.ric.gov.au>

58. RURAL BUSINESS TASMANIA – RURAL FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICE

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	Might Need Help
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	TAS
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to provide confidential and independent counsel to primary producers, fishermen and small rural businesses that are suffering financial hardship, and that have no alternative sources of impartial support. It is part of the national Rural Financial Counselling Program.

The service:

- Helps clients gain better understanding of their financial position.
- Helps clients identify financial and business risk and opportunities.
- Helps clients negotiate with lenders and creditors.
- Gives clients information about government and their assistance schemes.
- Refers clients to specialist service providers including accountants, agricultural advisers and educational services, succession planners, family mediation and personal counselling, and emotional and social counselling.

Areas that the program can assist include:

- Farm debt mediation
- Cash flow forecasting analysis
- Loan/grant applications
- Financial negotiations
- Business plan development
- Viability analysis
- Farm exit planning
- Succession planning
- Financial literacy
- Small business advisory service

Applicants must contact one of the Rural Financial Counsellors during business hours to arrange an appointment.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must either be:

- Involved directly in primary production – farming, fishing, horticulture or viticulture.
- A small rural business reliant upon primary producers for income (over 75% of income) and suffering financial difficulties, with no alternative source of impartial support.

To be eligible, the family enterprise must:

- Have a right or interest in land or assets used for the purposes of primary production, small business or fisheries.
- Contributes a significant part of labour and capital to the enterprise.
- Be registered with the Australian Taxation Office and have an ABN thus indicating you run a small business, farming or fishing enterprise.
- Still be conducting this enterprise and/or intend to continue/resume in the foreseeable future.
- Be suffering hardship at the present time.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:

Name: Rural Business Tasmania

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Web: <http://www.ruralbusinesstasmania.org.au>

59. TASMANIAN FREIGHT EQUALISATION SCHEME (TFES)

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	National
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This scheme aims to reduce the cost of transporting eligible goods by sea between Tasmania and mainland Australia. It seeks to provide financial assistance for cost incurred by shippers of eligible non-bulk goods moved by sea across the Bass Strait.

The objective of TFES is to provide Tasmanian industries with equal opportunities to compete in other markets, recognising that, unlike their mainland counterparts, Tasmanian shippers do not have the option of transporting goods interstate by road or rail.

There are three categories that can be applied for:

- Northbound goods
- Southbound goods, covering two sub categories:
 - a) Manufacturing and mining
 - b) Primary production
- Intrastate – King Island and the Furneaux Group

In addition, shippers may be eligible for assistance if they belong to one or more of the following special categories:

- Sportspeople
- Professional entertainers
- Broodmares

The rate of assistance for freight costs is based on the sea freight cost disadvantage. This means the difference between the freight cost of transporting by sea or road. It is calculated by measuring the wharf to wharf cost of a standard 6.1 metre container, or 20 foot equivalent unit (TEU), between northern Tasmania and Victoria, and the equivalent cost to transport across a road distance of 420 kilometres.

Adjustments are made to freight costs where goods are transported in any of the following ways:

- Transported on routes other than between northern Tasmania and Victoria.
- Shipped in transport units other than a TEU.
- Shipped other than on a wharf to wharf basis.

Where freight carried represents less than a full container load (LCL), freight costs will be assessed at an LCL rate of assistance, that is a pro-rata TEU rate of assistance.

The amount of assistance paid will not exceed the wharf to wharf, or adjusted wharf to wharf, freight bill paid by the shipper. The maximum amount of assistance payable for:

- Goods shipped to mainland Australia is \$855 per TEU.
- Goods transhipped is \$700 per TEU.

Goods from King Island and the Furneaux Group, going to markets not currently covered by the scheme, are eligible for an additional 15% loading per TEU.

Commencing 1 October 2019, TFES assistance for high-density goods will increase from 60% of the standard rate of assistance to 100% and interest on late claim payments greater than 30 days will be paid. Please see here for more information.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include individuals and companies. Only the person who actually incurs the costs of shipping eligible, non-bulk goods is eligible to claim assistance under the scheme.

To be eligible for assistance in shipping southbound goods and some intrastate goods, the person also must either be:

- Engaged in the manufacturing, mining, agriculture, forestry or fishing industry.
- A sportsperson competing in a sporting event where prize money is paid.
- A professional entertainer performing in a show or event for payment.

Companies engaged in supplying goods to agriculture, forestry or fishing industries may also apply to be appointed to act as agents to apply for assistance on behalf of their customers.

Please refer to the specific Ministerial Directions for the complete eligibility requirements.

Eligible Activities:

Please refer to the website for the list of eligible/ineligible goods of each category.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:

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60. TAX INCENTIVES FOR EARLY STAGE INVESTORS

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	Might Need Help
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	National
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to provide tax incentives to those who invest in a qualifying early stage innovation company (ESIC). The tax incentives for early stage investors (sometimes referred to as 'angel investors') are contained in Division 360 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

The tax incentives provide eligible investors who purchase new shares in an ESIC with a:

- Non-refundable carry forward tax offset equal to 20% of the amount paid for their qualifying investments. This is capped at a maximum tax offset amount of \$200,000 for the investor and their affiliates combined in each income year.
- Modified capital gains tax (CGT) treatment, under which capital gains on qualifying shares that are continuously held for at least 12 months and less than ten years may be disregarded. Capital losses on shares held less than ten years must be disregarded.

The maximum tax offset cap of \$200,000 does not limit the shares that qualify for the modified CGT treatment.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include both Australian resident and non-resident investors who must have purchased new shares in a company that meets the requirements of an ESIC immediately after the shares are issued. The shares must be issued on or after 1 July 2016.

If, after the company has satisfied these requirements, it ceases to be an ESIC, this won't affect the investor's entitlement to the early stage investor tax incentives for the shares.

The early stage investor tax incentives are not available if:

- The investor did not purchase the shares in the ESIC directly from the company as newly issued shares.
- The shares are not equity interests in the ESIC.
- Then investor is a widely held company or a wholly-owned subsidiary of a widely held company. A widely held company is either a company that is listed on an approved stock exchange or a company with more than 50 shareholders (unless certain requirements are met).
- The investor's total investment in one or more ESICs for the income year is more than \$50,000 and did not meet the sophisticated investor test in relation to at least one of those share offerings.
- The investor or the ESIC are affiliates of each other at the time the shares are issued. An individual or company is an affiliate of another entity where, in relation to their business

affairs, the individual or company acts or could reasonably be expected to act in accordance with that entity's directions or wishes or in concert with the entity

- The investor hold more than 30% of the equity interests in the ESIC (including any entities connected with the ESIC) immediately after they are issued with the new shares. An entity is connected with the ESIC if the entity either controls, or is controlled by, the ESIC, or both entities are controlled by the same third entity.
- The investor acquired the shares under an employee share scheme.

Please refer to the website for the complete eligibility requirements.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:

Name: Australian Taxation Office

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61. TOWN OF CLAREMONT COUNCIL – COMMUNITY FUNDING PROGRAM

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	WA
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program seeks to support projects that aims to benefit the Town of Claremont community by encouraging social activity, vibrancy, community participation and sustainability within the town.

Applicants are highly recommended to discuss their project with the Community Development Team on before they lodge their application.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include:

- Not-for profit community
- Charitable organisations
- Services
- Social enterprises
- Individuals

Eligible Activities:

Eligible services and activities of the proposed project must be directed primarily towards the residents of the Town of Claremont.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:

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62. TOWN OF PORT HEDLAND COUNCIL – COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM: BUSINESS AND TOURISM INNOVATION GRANT

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$2,000
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	WA
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program seeks to support projects, events or activities that advance and encourage increased visitation, participation and contribute to the presentation of Port Hedland on the regional, State and national stage.

Grants of up to \$2,000 are available.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include:

- Registered not for profit
- For profit organisations
- Businesses

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

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63. VEHICLE REBATES FOR FARMERS (TAS)

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	TAS
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program provides Tasmanian farmers with a reduction in motor tax on commercial goods vehicles used for agricultural purposes.

A rebate of 40% is available to farmers (even if not a concession holder).

A Statutory Declaration (MR166) is required for the first application. After the initial application, the rebate will be recorded permanently and ongoing renewal fees will be automatically reduced. If the vehicle has a Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) greater than 16 tonnes (over 4.5 tonnes for a trailer), it must display concessional registration plates. These can be purchased at a Service Tasmania shop and the old plates must be handed in.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include Tasmanian farmers who are engaged in agriculture (includes dairy or pastoral farming and fruit growing).

Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include the use of the vehicle to transport produce or stock, or goods required for agriculture.

The vehicle cannot be used for carrying on any trade, business, occupation or employment other than agriculture and farmers are not allowed to hire it out.

If the use of the vehicle changes from agriculture the farmer has to notify the Registrar of Motor Vehicles by completing a Statutory Declaration MR162, within 14 days.

Please refer to the website for the complete list of eligible vehicles.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

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64. WEST WIMMERA SHIRE COUNCIL – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES

Status:	Pending	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	VIC
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to stimulate growth and employment opportunities, and to support and encourage new development and enterprise, throughout the Shire by practical means.

There are four different forms of incentives available:

1. New Residential Development Incentive

- To encourage residential development by existing residents and to attract residential development by new residents to the WWSC area. Council will provide:
 - a) A building permit rebate to all applicants that build a new dwelling of 25% off the total costs associated with WWSC planning and building fees, provided that the dwelling receives a Certificate of Completion within 12 months of the application date.
 - b) Existing or new residents that build a new dwelling with a 50% general rates rebate for one year, provided the dwelling receives a Certificate of Completion within 12 months of the application date.
 - c) Provide a 50% rate rebate for one year for existing or new residents purchasing a new and previously uninhabited home.

2. Industrial Land Development Incentive

- Provides land within two industrial subdivisions across the Shire – Kaniva and Edenhope. Council will:
 - a) Utilise its full resources to hasten development. Council will do this by assisting developers with advice and fast track all applications for planning and building approval.
 - b) Offer a 20% rebate in the sale price for every job created in excess of the proprietors and within 12 months of settlement of the sale.
 - c) Have first option to re-purchase land at the original sale price, less 20%, if a block is not developed within three years.
 - d) Offer applicants for blocks within the WWSC industrial areas the option of purchasing them by instalments.

3. Business Employment Development Incentive

- Offers an employment incentive program which provides a rate rebate for eligible businesses.
- Waiver rates from 15% to 40% are available.

4. Other Assistance

- To assist any significant development within the Shire through the provision of infrastructure.

- Council may offer additional grants targeted towards specific business development projects. Support will be provided where possible to any such developer.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include businesses that must meet the following criteria and enter into an agreement with Council (For Business Employment Development Incentive only):

- Businesses must be in the WWSC area.
- A minimum of one new job must be created and be a net increase in full-time equivalent employees by a business, to be eligible for a rates rebate.
- Jobs must be the equivalent of permanent full time hours (eg. A full time position is constituted by a minimum of 38 hours plus per week).
- All shire rates and municipal chargers or levies must be up to date.
- The nominated employee/s principal residence is located within the WWSC area.
- If the business premises are leased and the business owner is not responsible for payment of rates, the business is still eligible for a rate rebate and can apply. As the rate rebate will apply to the landlord, it is up to the tenant (business owner) and landlord to enter into a separate agreement.
- Where trades persons are making application, apprentices and skilled new employees will be considered.

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include whether the project:

- Provides a significant net economic and community benefit to West Wimmera.
- Is identified as a key strategic industry.
- Is within an identified location where incentives are applicable.
- Is viable in the absence of incentives.
- Is sustainable and result in jobs growth.
- Involves relocation to West Wimmera.
- Is innovative and environmentally responsible.
- Diversifies the region's economic base and value-adds to business.

Closing Information

The next funding round is yet to be announced.

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