



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 approximately 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.

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3. SUMMARY

Program name	Status	Max Funds	Opens	Closes	Priority	Difficulty Rating
Collie Futures Industry Development Fund	Open	\$2,000,000		30 Jun 2022	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Future Industries Fund (Overview)	Pending	\$2,000,000			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Emissions Reduction Fund	Pending	\$			Nice to have	Seek Help
Industry Capability Network (ICN) – SA	Open	\$			Nice to have	Might Need Help
COVID-19 National: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – Australian Airline Financial Relief Measures	Open	\$	1 Apr 2020	30 Sep 2020	Nice to have	Might Need Help
Emergency Drought Relief Package – Drought Transport Subsidies	Open	\$50,000			Nice to have	Might Need Help
Rural Finance – Victorian Bushfire Recovery Transport Support Program	Open	\$15,000		31 Jul 2020	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
COVID-19 National: Business – International Freight Assistance Mechanism (IFAM)	Open	\$			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
RDA Murraylands and Riverland – Experts in Residence Program	Open	\$			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Emergency Drought Relief Package	Open	\$			Nice to have	Seek Help
Drought Assistance Package – Transport-Related Drought Assistance Measures	Open	\$			Nice to have	Might Need Help
Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative Program	Pending	\$	11 Nov 2019	21 Feb 2020	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
iMOVE CRC – Industry PhD Program	Open	\$			Nice to have	Might Need Help
Drought Assistance Fund	Open	\$50,000			Nice to have	Might Need Help
ACT Special Disaster Loans – Bushfires	Open	\$500,000			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Food Source Victoria Grants	Pending	\$		30 Jun 2019	Nice to have	Might Need Help
NSW Rural Assistance Authority – Transport Subsidy (Animal Welfare)	Open	\$20,000			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Industry Capability Network (ICN) – NSW	Open	\$			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Vehicle Rebates for Farmers (TAS)	Open	\$			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
COVID-19 TAS: Business – Business Vehicle Registration Relief	Open	\$			Nice to have	Might Need Help
Regional Growth Fund	Pending	\$	2 Mar 2018	27 Apr 2018	Nice to have	Might Need Help
Industry Capability Network (ICN) – ACT	Open	\$			Nice to have	Might Need Help

National Bushfire Recovery Fund	Open	\$			Nice to have	Seek Help
Rural Finance – Victorian Bushfires Concessional Loans	Open	\$500,000		31 Aug 2020	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund – Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF)	Pending	\$	6 Nov 2019	18 Dec 2019	Nice to have	Might Need Help
Freight Subsidies – Primary Producers	Open	\$5,000			Nice to have	Might Need Help
NSW Rural Assistance Authority – Transport Subsidy (Natural Disaster)	Open	\$15,000			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Remote Passenger Transport Program	Pending	\$	3 Feb 2020	17 Apr 2020	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Bushfire Related Tax Relief Measures (VIC)	Open	\$			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
iMOVE CRC – Undergraduate Student Industry Program	Pending	\$3,000		30 Nov 2018	Nice to have	Might Need Help
QRIDA – Extraordinary Bushfire Assistance Loans	Open	\$			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Industry Capability Network (ICN) – WA	Open	\$			Nice to have	Might Need Help
Create the Future Design Contest	Open	\$	1 Mar 2020	1 Jul 2020	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Drought Relief Assistance Scheme (DRAS)	Open	\$50,000			Nice to have	Might Need Help
Industry Capability Network (ICN) – NT	Open	\$			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
COVID-19 NSW: Business, Non-Profits – Small Business COVID-19 Support Grant	Open	\$10,000	17 Apr 2020	1 Jun 2020	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Start Up Energy Transition (SET) Award	Pending	\$	30 Sep 2019	15 Jan 2020	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.
Skills Tasmania – Adult Learning Fund	Open	\$	7 Mar 2020	6 May 2020	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
ACT Road Safety Fund	Pending	\$100,000		31 May 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.
COVID-19 National: Business and Non-Profits – Regional Airlines Funding Assistance	Open	\$5,000,000	1 Apr 2020	30 Sep 2020	Nice to have	Might Need Help
Fuel Tax Credits – For Businesses	Open	\$	1 Jul 2006		Nice to have	Might Need Help
Biofutures Industry Development Fund	Pending	\$2,500,000	17 Nov 2016	25 Nov 2019	Nice to have	Might Need Help
Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme (TFES)	Open	\$			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Injury Prevention & Management Foundation	Pending	\$		14 Feb 2020	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Grants Scheme	Pending	\$11,000		30 Sep 2019	Nice to have	Might Need Help

4. COLLIE FUTURES INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT FUND

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$2,000,000
Closes:	30 Jun 2022	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	WA
Stage:	Watching		

Overview:

This program aims to provide support for significant industry-led proposals that will contribute to economic development and diversification of the regional economy. It forms part of the Collie Futures Fund, a \$20 million initiative over five years to support the growth of jobs and a 'Just Transition' for the Collie region through development and diversification of the local economy.

The fund will focus on the following sectors where the Collie region has strengths and growth prospects, as identified in existing regional plans and industry strategies:

- Aged and health care
- Agribusiness
- Coal-related industries
- Energy
- Forest products
- Manufacturing and professional services
- Mineral processing
- Tourism

Consideration will also be given to new and emerging industries if the applicant is able to demonstrate the Collie region is a prospective location for the industry.

Grants of up to \$2 million are available on a dollar-for-dollar matched funding basis.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants primarily include private sector businesses, including small to medium sized businesses. However, applications will also be considered from:

- Local government authorities
- Business and industry groups (such as industry peak bodies and business associations)
- Not-for-profit organisations
- Community groups with a valid Australian Business Number (ABN) or Australian Company Number (ACN)

Applicants must:

- Clearly demonstrate impact on the regional economy within a journey-to-work zone of up to 50 kilometres from the Collie townsite.
- Be a valid legal entity that can enter into a funding agreement with the Western Australian Government.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities are those which develop new industries or expand existing industries and increase productivity and employment opportunities in the Collie region. Support will be flexible and tailored to specific project proposals and may include, for example:

- Support for development and commercialisation of new industry and business opportunities, including demonstration or pilot plants.
- Support for integration of new technology to improve the productivity of existing businesses or enable development of new business streams.
- Support for specific infrastructure, plant or equipment that supports development of new businesses or improves innovation and productivity of existing businesses.
- Support to develop common-user infrastructure to address local infrastructure challenges that impact on industry productivity or expansion, for example water, energy or transport infrastructure.

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

- Commercial soundness of proposal
- Business readiness
- Alignment with government priorities
- Alignment with community priorities

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

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 30 June 2022, 5pm.

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5. 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:	Watching		

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.

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6. EMISSIONS REDUCTION FUND

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

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: Closed 10 February 2020
- Step 2: Auction qualification: Closed 17 February 2020
- Step 3: Auction registration: Closed 17 March 2020
- Step 4: Bidding: Closed 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

The next funding round is yet to be announced.

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7. INDUSTRY CAPABILITY NETWORK (ICN) – SA

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

Overview:

This program aims to promote South Australia (SA), Australian and New Zealand industry through import replacement and opportunities for participation in major projects. ICN performs a technical role providing purchasers with a free sourcing service to identify Australian and New Zealand suppliers capable of supplying those items that would otherwise be imported.

Free services include:

- General import replacement enquiries
- Local sourcing of major project enquiries
- Industry research

Fee for service may include:

- Secondments to major projects
- Import replacement expositions
- Tariff concession order and project by-law research
- Other industry development activities

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.

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8. COVID-19 NATIONAL: BUSINESS, NON-PROFITS, INDIVIDUALS – AUSTRALIAN AIRLINE FINANCIAL RELIEF MEASURES

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:	30 Sep 2020	Difficulty Rating:	Might Need Help
Opens:	1 Apr 2020	Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	National
Stage:	Watching		

Overview:

This program aims to assist the domestic airline industry in response to the economic pressures created by the impact of COVID-19 by reducing operational cost pressures to improve the ability of airlines to maintain services. It forms part of the Australian Government's response to the economic impact of COVID-19 and in response to its unprecedented and likely sustained impact on the Australian domestic airline industry.

The objective of the program is to reduce the cost base faced by commercial airlines, improving the financial viability of scheduled and commercial flights.

The measures include:

- Waiver of fuel excise.
- Waiver of Airservices Australia charges.
- Domestic Aviation Security Charges rebate.
- Offsetting the increased operational costs from the scheduled enhanced regional security screening requirements where they are introduced.
- Providing infrastructure support for regional airport operators to implement the enhanced regional security screening requirements.

Costs under each of these measures offered will be rebated up to the value of total funding available.

A total funding pool of \$715 million is available across 2019-20 and 2020-21.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must:

- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Be registered for the purposes of GST.
- Have an account with an Australian financial institution.
- Be one of the following entity types:
 - a) A company incorporated in Australia
 - b) A company incorporated by guarantee
 - c) An incorporated trustee on behalf of a trust
 - d) A partnership
 - e) A joint application
 - f) A registered charity or not-for-profit organisation
 - g) An individual

- h) An Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Corporation registered under the Corporations (Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006
- Have an Air Operator's Certificate authorising the services, and provide a copy of this with their application.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include offsetting:

- Fuel excise.
- The costs of security screening activity.
- Any increased operational costs from the enhanced security screening measures scheduled to be introduced in 2020.

Grant applications for eligible activity for the period 1 February 2020 to 30 September 2020 will be considered progressively.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete list of eligible activities of each measure.

Closing Information

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

Provided By:

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9. EMERGENCY DROUGHT RELIEF PACKAGE – DROUGHT TRANSPORT SUBSIDIES

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

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 \$50,000 for invoices dated between 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.
- New applicants for this subsidy can apply for a maximum of \$50,000 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 \$50,000 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 \$106 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:

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10. RURAL FINANCE – VICTORIAN BUSHFIRE RECOVERY TRANSPORT SUPPORT PROGRAM

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$15,000
Closes:	31 Jul 2020	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	VIC
Stage:	Watching		

Overview:

This program aims to provide financial assistance to primary producers that were affected by the bushfires which occurred in December 2019/January 2020 (bushfire event). It has been established under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements 2018.

The objective of the program is to assist primary producers (including apiarists) affected by the bushfire event to meet immediate animal welfare and safety needs and to recover from the effects of the bushfire event.

A transport subsidy of up to 50% of the total eligible transport costs incurred to a maximum (or combined total – where multiple trips apply) of \$15,000 (GST exclusive) is available per farm business in 2019-20.

Applicants can apply for a combination of eligible transport activities to a total of no more than \$15,000 (GST exclusive).

A maximum distance of 1,500 kilometres applies per movement, except for the movement of water for which the maximum distance per movement is 500 kilometres. If stock or fodder is moved a distance in excess of 1,500 kilometres, the subsidy is paid on 1,500 km.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include primary producers who must:

- Have suffered the direct impact of the bushfires that commenced December 2019/January 2020.
- Be located in the local government areas of Ararat, Alpine, Ballarat, East Gippsland, Glenelg, Golden Plains, Indigo, Mansfield, Northern Grampians, Pyrenees, Southern Grampians, Towong, Wangaratta, Wellington and Wodonga have a right or interest in the land property affected by the bushfires (ownership or lease).
- Be classified as a primary producer.
- Be responsible for the cost of transport.
- Have re-established or intend to re-establish the primary production enterprise in the same area.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include transport of:

- Emergency fodder for stock to fire-affected properties

- Stock to agistment including returning stock
- Stock to sale or slaughter
- Emergency stock drinking water

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

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 31 July 2020.

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11. COVID-19 NATIONAL: BUSINESS – INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT ASSISTANCE MECHANISM (IFAM)

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

Overview:

This program aims to help restore critical global supply chains for high-value Australian agricultural and fisheries producers, who have been heavily impacted by COVID-19 containment measures around the world. It forms part of the Australian Government's \$1 billion Relief and Recovery Fund which will support regions, communities and industry sectors that have been severely affected by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis. The fund was announced as part of the Government's response to the economic impact of COVID-19.

Through the IFAM, the government is partially offsetting the cost of airfreight – reducing airfreight and freight forwarding costs for exporters and ensuring they can get their produce on flights and to international customers quickly.

The mechanism is not intended to fully offset the increase in freight costs to pre COVID-19 levels, but by meeting a portion of the airfreight costs, the Government is helping ensure Australian exporters can recover and adapt quickly when COVID-19 crisis begins to abate.

Target countries and departure points will be determined by demand and freight optimisation criteria as advised by the International Freight Coordinator General:

- The mechanism will initially focus on the key markets of China, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore and the UAE.
- The initial departure points for freight will be Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Perth.

A total funding pool of \$110 million is available.

Exporters can express their interest by sharing their air freight requirements. Please visit the website for more information on how to register.

The mechanism provides exporters certainty over the medium-term. It will operate until ordinary commercial markets return, or for six months, whichever is the earlier. If demand, value and need are clear, the mechanism may be extended.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include Australian exporters in the agriculture and seafood sector.

Please refer to the Fact Sheet for more information.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible products may include:

- Seafood, including lobsters
- Premium meat, including beef and pork
- Dairy, including fresh milk and yoghurt
- Horticulture, including premium fruits and packaged salad or vegetables

Given the economics of airfreight, low value products are not likely to be eligible. This will likely include:

- Products that are heavy, bulky and are conventionally shipped by sea.
- Exports to markets not open to airfreight.
- Export by airfreight that is not likely to be economically exported on an ongoing basis.

Closing Information

This program is currently open for registration of interest. Please see the Overview for the application details.

Provided By:

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12. 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:	Watching		

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:

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

13. 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:	Watching		

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>

14. 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:	Watching		

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

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

15. HEAVY VEHICLE SAFETY INITIATIVE PROGRAM

Status:	Pending	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:	21 Feb 2020	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:	11 Nov 2019	Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	National
Stage:	Watching		

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 \$5.484 million is available for Round 5, 2020-21.

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 2020-21 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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16. iMOVE CRC – INDUSTRY PHD PROGRAM

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

Overview:

This program seeks to offer an opportunity for companies and government to work closely with the best and brightest students to develop new technology, processes, and thinking.

The program pairs businesses with universities and PhD students to work on an agreed topic over a three-year period. The student has academic and iMOVE support, access to additional professional development activities, as well as a competitive stipend over this period.

Benefits for the industry partner are:

- A high-quality R&D resource for the business.
- In-depth investigation of a topic.
- Ongoing assistance from the university and iMOVE.
- Connections to other organisations and networks in the same and related areas.
- Access to industry events and opportunities through iMOVE.
- Develop up-and-coming talent.

PhD funding is \$40,000 a year for a maximum of three years, which includes the student stipend and a travel and materials allowance for the project. The industry/government partner contributes \$20,000 per annum, the remaining \$20,000 is contributed by iMOVE and the university combined.

iMOVE encourages project topics to be submitted early so that they may review and approve the topic area. Once a project topic area has been approved iMOVE will work with the parties to finalise the project agreement for signature.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include:

- Any 'industry' participant (business/government) that do not need to be an existing iMOVE CRC partner.
- Universities that must be one of the 17 that is an iMOVE partner.

Applications must come via the university or industry partner. Students should contact their university to discuss any application to join the program.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible projects must fall within iMOVE areas of interest. The research activities of iMOVE address challenges and develop solutions in three core areas:

- Intelligent transport systems & infrastructure
- End-to-end freight solutions
- Enhanced personal mobility

Please refer to the website for the complete list of eligible research activities.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

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17. 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:	Watching		

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:

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18. ACT SPECIAL DISASTER LOANS – BUSHFIRES

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$500,000
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	ACT
Stage:	Watching		

Overview:

This program aims to support small businesses, primary producers and non-profit organisations directly affected by the 2019-20 bushfire disaster events (eligible disaster events commencing August 2019). It is provided through a joint Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement between states and territories and the Commonwealth Government.

The program forms part of the Australian Government's \$100 million Emergency Bushfire Response for Small Business, Primary Production Enterprises and Non-profit Organisations Concessional Loans which are intended:

- For entities which have suffered significant damage to their assets and/or a significant loss of income as a direct result of the eligible disaster.
- To be used for the purposes of restoring and/or replacing damaged assets and/or to meet working capital expenses.

Concessional loans of up to \$500,000 are available. The amount available is based on an assessment of the applicant's financial position, including any amount recoverable under an insurance policy and cannot be more than the amount reasonably required.

The interest rate on concessional loans will be reset on 1 July of every year at 50% of the 10-year Commonwealth bond rate averaged from 1 April to 30 June of the preceding financial year (consistent with the Commonwealth Concessional Loan Interest Rate defined under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements). For the 2019-20 financial year the interest rate is 0.82%. The ACT Government will not charge any interest rate higher than this rate.

The term of the concessional loan will be determined by the ACT Government up to a maximum of ten years. There will a repayment holiday for a period of up to two years, during which repayments will not be required and interest will not accrue. After the repayment holiday, repayments of principal and interest are required. Amounts cannot be redrawn.

No fees will be charged to borrowers, such as establishment fees, account maintenance fees or fees for early repayment.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must:

- Be a small business owner, primary production enterprise or a non-profit organisation.
- Hold an Australian Business Number (ABN) and have held that ABN at the time of the eligible disaster, or in the case of a non-profit organisation be an incorporated charity or non-profit entity which is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) or an equivalent State regulatory body at the time of the eligible disaster.

- Own a small business, primary producer enterprise or be a non-profit organisation located in the ACT (the defined disaster area for the eligible disaster).
- Have been engaged in carrying on the business, farming activity or be a non-profit organisation when affected by the eligible disaster.
- Be primarily responsible for meeting the costs claimed in the application.
- Be intending to re-establish or continue carrying on the business or non-profit organisation or conducting the farming activity within the same Local Government Area.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities are those associated with re-establishing the normal operations of the business, including:

1. Restoring and/or replacing damaged small business, primary producer or non-profit organisation assets in accordance with current codes and standards. This includes costs such as:

- Repairing or replacing damaged plant and equipment.
- Repairing or replacing buildings.
- Supplying stock to replace lost stock and maintain liquidity of the business.
- Purchasing livestock to replace those that have been lost in a disaster.
- Replanting, restoring, or re-establishing areas that were affected by the disaster (associated with a primary production enterprise).

2. Working capital – Essential expenses while the business returns to its normal level of trading, such as:

- Paying bills.
- Paying salaries or wages.
- Paying rent and rates.
- Paying for goods or services, including for example fuel, essential to carry-on the business.
- Buying fodder or water for livestock or produce (associated with a primary production enterprise).
- Transporting livestock or produce (associated with a primary production enterprise).

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

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:	Watching		

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. 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:	Watching		

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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21. 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:	Watching		

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:

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22. 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:	Watching		

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.

Provided By:

Name: Department of State Growth
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23. COVID-19 TAS: BUSINESS – BUSINESS VEHICLE REGISTRATION RELIEF

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

Overview:

This program aims to support Tasmanian small businesses who are significantly impacted with the Coronavirus crisis by providing business vehicle registration savings and deferrals. It forms part of the Tasmanian Government's stimulus package which aims to support Tasmania as the state tackle the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Assistance available are:

1. Registration freeze for light and heavy vehicles

- Small businesses looking to suspend activity due to the COVID-19 business downturn and trading restrictions can apply to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to freeze their business vehicle registrations for both light and heavy vehicles.
- Registrations can be reactivated at no cost to them when the business restarts.
- The maximum period that a registration can be frozen is 12 months.

2. Heavy vehicle registration and motor tax waivers

- For heavy vehicles of over 4.5 tonnes the government will waive fees for registration and the road component of motor tax for 12 months.
- Operators will still need to pay the regulatory component of motor tax which goes to fund the operations of the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR).

A total funding pool of \$9.7 million is available.

Applicants are encouraged to contact Registration and Licensing Services for advice on eligibility or for assistance with their application.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:

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24. 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:	Watching		

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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25. 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:	Watching		

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:

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

26. NATIONAL BUSHFIRE RECOVERY FUND

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

Overview:

This Fund aims to support all recovery efforts across Australia over the next two years. It is focused on connecting people, communities, primary producers and businesses with the services and assistance they may need to rebuild and recover to support the recovery of all Australians.

The Australian Government has taken action to establish the National Bushfire Recovery Agency to immediately lead and coordinate a national response to rebuilding communities affected by bushfires across large parts of Australia. The Agency will work shoulder to shoulder with and for communities and collaborate with all levels of government, industry experts, business and charity sectors.

Recovery assistance include:

1. Families and individuals

- The Australian Government has put measures in place so that families and individuals affected by bushfires can access resources quickly to ease the stress during the recovery phase.
- Services Australia have special arrangements in place to help bushfire affected communities, including Mobile Service Centres and Mobile Service Teams. They can help access all Australian Government payment services.

2. Small business and primary producers

- Recovery grants of up to \$50,000 (tax free) for eligible small businesses and non-profit organisations under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements – to build on the recovery grants put in place by state governments.
- Concessional loans of up to \$500,000 for eligible small businesses (including farmers, fishers and foresters) and non-profit organisations who have suffered significant asset loss of significant loss to revenue.
- Tax relief assistance for businesses in identified bushfire-impacted postcodes to alleviate cash flow pressures and assist with recovery efforts.
- Emergency Bushfire Response – Primary Industries Grants Program to be administered by:
 - a) NSW Rural Assistance Authority
 - b) Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority
 - c) Primary Industries and Regions SA
 - d) Rural Finance (VIC)

3. Tourism

- The Australian Government has released a \$76 million tourism recovery package focused on protecting jobs, small businesses and local economies by helping to get tourists travelling across the nation again.

4. Wildlife and habitat restoration

- The Australian Government is providing an initial \$50 million for emergency wildlife and habitat recovery.
- This package will provide immediate support to protect wildlife, and work with scientists, ecologists, communities and land managers to plan the longer-term protection and restoration effort.

5. Local government

- To help the most severely bushfire-impacted councils to quickly rebuild vital infrastructure and strengthen their community's resilience, the Australian Government is providing initial and immediate payments under the Local Government Areas (LGAs) Grants Package (the Package).
- Under this package, 43 councils have been provided \$1 million lump sum payments.

An initial funding pool of \$2 billion is available, which is in addition to other services and support available under existing natural disaster support mechanisms.

As announced by Treasurer Josh Frydenberg, the indicative cost to the budget would be \$500 million this financial year, followed by \$1 billion in 2020-21 and \$500 million in 2021-22, however, more funding would be brought forward if needed.

Please refer to the Fact Sheets for more information of each assistance provided.

Closing Information

Please refer to the individual programs for the application details.

Provided By:

Name: National Bushfire Recovery Agency
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Web: <https://www.bushfirerecovery.gov.au>

27. RURAL FINANCE – VICTORIAN BUSHFIRES CONCESSIONAL LOANS

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$500,000
Closes:	31 Aug 2020	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	VIC
Stage:	Watching		

Overview:

This program aims to support small business, primary producers and non-profit organisations impacted by the Victorian bushfires that commenced 21 November 2019. It is jointly funded by the Commonwealth and Victorian State Government under the Disaster Recovery Arrangements.

These loans are available in the local council areas of Ararat, Alpine, Ballarat, East Gippsland, Glenelg, Golden Plains, Greater Bendigo, Indigo, Mansfield, Moyne, Northern Grampians, Pyrenees, Southern Grampians, Strathbogie, Towong, Wangaratta, Wellington and Wodonga and the Alpine Resorts of Mount Buller, Mount Hotham, Mount Stirling and Falls Creek.

Loans of up to \$500,000 are available.

For the first two years, repayments will not be required and interest will not accrue. After this interest free period, the applicable concessional interest rate for loans is 0.82% for the 2019/20 financial year. This rate is subject to an annual review over the 10 year concessional interest rate period.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must:

- Be a small business owner, primary production enterprise or a non-profit organisation.
- Hold an Australian Business Number (ABN) and have held that ABN at the time of the eligible disaster, or in the case of a non-profit organisation be an incorporated charity or non-profit entity which is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) or an equivalent State regulatory body at the time of the eligible disaster.
- Own a small business, primary producer enterprise or be a non-profit organisation located in the defined disaster area for the eligible disaster.
- Have been engaged in carrying on the business, farming activity or be a non-profit organisation when affected by the eligible disaster.
- Be primarily responsible for meeting the costs claimed in the application.
- Be intending to re-establish or continue carrying on the business or non-profit organisation or conducting the farming activity within the same Local Government Area.
- Have suffered:
 - a) Significant damage to assets as a direct result of the eligible disaster.
 - b) Significant loss of income as a direct result of the eligible disaster (such as a loss in trade due to evacuation, road closures and reduced visitor numbers).

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete list of eligibility requirements.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include the following:

1. Asset replacement: Costs of restoring and/or replacing damaged small business, primary producer or non-profit organisation assets in accordance with current codes and standards. This includes costs such as:

- Repairing or replacing damaged plant and equipment
- Repairing or replacing buildings
- Supplying stock to replace lost stock and maintain liquidity of the business
- Purchasing livestock to replace those that have been lost in the eligible disaster
- Replanting, restoring, or re-establishing areas that were affected by the eligible disaster (associated with a primary production enterprise)

2. Working capital: Essential expenses while the business returns to its normal level of trading, such as:

- Paying bills
- Paying salaries or wages
- Paying rent and rates
- Paying for goods or services, including for example fuel, essential to carry-on the business
- Buying fodder or water for livestock or produce (associated with a primary production enterprise)
- Transporting livestock or produce (associated with a primary production enterprise)

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 31 August 2020.

Provided By:

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

Status:	Pending	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:	Watching		

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. The next funding round is yet to be announced.

Provided By:

Name: Regional Development Victoria

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29. 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:	Watching		

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:

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30. 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:	Watching		

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. The \$15,000 is counted within a financial year from the date when the payment is made to the applicant.

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).
- 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 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 business is being negatively impacted by drought conditions.
- The owners and operators of the business do not have gross off-farm assets exceeding \$5,000,000 (excluding funds in a registered superannuation fund).
- 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:

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31. REMOTE PASSENGER TRANSPORT PROGRAM

Status:	Pending	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:	17 Apr 2020	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:	3 Feb 2020	Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	NT
Stage:	Watching		

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. The next funding round is yet to be announced.

Provided By:

Name: Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

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

32. BUSHFIRE RELATED TAX RELIEF MEASURES (VIC)

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

Overview:

This program aims to provide a range of tax relief measures for people affected by the 2019-20 bushfires.

Tax relief measures include:

1. Land tax

- Property destroyed or substantially damaged: Relief for 2020 land tax for affected property.
- Property affected but not destroyed or substantially damaged: Relief considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Property used to provide free accommodation to bushfire affected people:
 - a) Zero 2021 land tax for property used to provide free accommodation for over six months.
 - b) Reduced 2021 land tax for property used to provide free accommodation for more than one month and less than six months (calculated proportionately).

2. Land transfer (stamp) duty

- Purchase of replacement home because existing home destroyed in bushfires:
 - a) Relief of up to \$55,000 in land transfer (stamp) duty on a replacement home.
 - b) For replacement homes valued above \$1 million, the duty relief is capped at \$55,000 with the balance of the duty payable.
 - c) Relief also applies to the purchase of vacant land on which a replacement home is built.
 - d) People have four years to claim this relief.
- Purchase of commercial or industrial property in the following local government areas: East Gippsland, Mansfield, Wellington, Wangaratta, Towong and Alpine.
 - a) A 50% concession on land transfer duty (stamp duty) will apply to contracts of sale entered into on or after 27 January 2020 for the purchase of commercial or industrial property.
 - b) There is no limit to the number of times a person can claim this relief, which will be available until 30 June 2023. After this date, a 50% duty concession on commercial and industrial property will be available across Regional Victoria.

3. Motor vehicle duty

- Purchase of replacement motor vehicle by a person because existing vehicle destroyed in bushfires:
 - a) Relief of up to \$2,100 per vehicle on up to two motor vehicles, including farm vehicles.
 - b) For replacement vehicles valued above \$50,000, the motor vehicle duty relief is capped at \$2,100 and the balance of the duty will be payable.
 - c) This relief must be claimed before 1 April 2022.
 - d) This relief does not apply to companies.

- Purchase of more than two replacement Victorian registered motor vehicles by a person because more than two vehicles were destroyed in Victorian or interstate bushfires:
 - a) Relief applies on two motor vehicles (see above).
 - b) Relief for additional vehicles to be considered on a case-by-case basis.

4. Payroll tax

- 'Regional employer' with a registered address in the following local government areas: East Gippsland, Mansfield, Wellington, Wangaratta, Towong and Alpine.
 - a) Payroll tax will apply at the reduced rate of 1.2125% for regional employers in bushfire affected local government areas. This halves the current payroll tax rate of 2.425% for these regional employers and will be backdated to apply from 1 July 2019.
 - b) The reduced rate applies until 30 June 2022. After this date, the reduced rate will apply for regional employers across Regional Victoria.
- Employer affected by bushfires but not eligible for automatic relief: Relief considered on a case-by-case basis.

Applicants are advised to contact State Revenue Office Victoria for more information.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include Victorians affected by the 2019-20 bushfires.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:

Name: State Revenue Office Victoria

Ph: 132161

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

33. IMOVE CRC – UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT INDUSTRY PROGRAM

Status:	Pending	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$3,000
Closes:	30 Nov 2018	Difficulty Rating:	Might Need Help
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	National
Stage:	Watching		

Overview:

This program seeks to offer an opportunity for organisations to explore emerging trends and techniques and to test and deploy new ideas. It aims to promote collaboration between student researchers and industry.

Participation in the program is free and companies benefit from:

- A motivated and engaged student research team.
- Useful research outcomes.
- Funding for research team expenses (limits apply).
- The chance to evaluate up-and-coming talent.
- Experienced university supervisors to oversee the projects.

Companies are invited to submit proposals for projects suitable for final year undergraduate students. Broadly speaking the proposals should be for a discrete piece of work, able to be completed within an eight to nine month timeframe.

iMOVE will support the project by providing \$3,000 per approved project to the university.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include any 'industry' organisation (business/government) that don't need to be an existing iMOVE CRC partner, but universities must be an iMOVE research partner.

Industry partners range from start-ups, to SMEs, to the big brands.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible projects are a broad spectrum of activities in keeping with the nature of the iMOVE CRC research themes. The research activities of iMOVE address challenges and develop solutions in three core areas:

- Intelligent transport systems & infrastructure
- End-to-end freight solutions
- Enhanced personal mobility

Please refer to the website for the complete list of eligible research activities.

Closing Information

The next funding round is yet to be announced.

Provided By:

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34. QRIDA – EXTRAORDINARY BUSHFIRE ASSISTANCE LOANS

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

Overview:

This program aims to support small business owners, primary producers and non-profit organisations directly affected by the 2019-20 bushfire disaster events. It is intended to help eligible entities pay for costs of repairing or replacing assets lost or damaged because of the disaster and to provide working capital to assist entities meet expenses.

The features of the loan are:

- Loan amount: Maximum of \$500,000.
- Maximum term: Up to ten years.
- Repayments: The first two years for the term of the loan do not require repayments of either principal or interest. Following the initial two years, principal and interest repayments apply.
- Security: A loan under the scheme must be secured by a mortgage of land and other assets satisfactory to QRIDA.
- Fees: No establishment fees, no account maintenance fees and no fees for early payout.
- Interest rates: The annual interest rate from the third year is 0.82%.

The amount of loan assistance available is based on an assessment of the applicant's financial position, including any amount recoverable under an insurance policy; and cannot be more than the amount of net loss caused by the disaster.

The program has been activated for the following events and local government areas:

- Eastern Queensland affected by bushfires, 7 October – 19 December 2019
- Southern Queensland affected by bushfires, 6-12 September 2019

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must:

- Be a small business owner, primary producer or a non-profit organisation immediately before the disaster have carried on a primary production enterprise, small business or non-profit activities in the defined disaster area on a regular basis.
- Have suffered damage to assets used for carrying on business or non-profit activities; or significant loss of income as a direct result of the eligible disaster (such as a loss in trade due to evacuation, road closures and reduced visitor numbers).
- Demonstrate reasonable prospects of long-term viability with the assistance given (this will be assessed in relation to the expected cost of recovery and projected cash flow shortfalls).
- Have used all liquid assets and normal credit sources up to normal credit limits.
- Be unable to, from their own resources and without assistance under this scheme:

- a) Repair or replace assets directly damaged as a result of the disaster.
- b) Return to operations at a similar level as before the disaster.
- Demonstrate the capacity to repay the loan.
- Have not received another concessional loan for loss or damage that was related to the eligible disaster.
- Provide adequate security including in general:
 - a) A mortgage of land and other assets satisfactory to QRIDA.
 - b) Any other security considered necessary, for example – a Specific Security Agreement over plant and machinery or a General Securities Agreement.

Applications from businesses that employ 20 or more full time employees but have a turnover of less than \$50 million may also be considered following submission to the National Bushfire Recovery Agency via the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete list of defined eligible disaster areas.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include:

- Re-establishing the normal operations of the business: The loans are intended to be used for the purposes of restoring and/or replacing damaged assets and/or for working capital expenses that cannot be met due to a loss of income.
- Asset replacement: Costs of restoring and/or replacing damaged assets in accordance with current codes and standards.
- Working capital: Essential expenses while the business returns to its normal level of trading.

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

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:

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35. INDUSTRY CAPABILITY NETWORK (ICN) – WA

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

Overview:

This program aims to enhance the competitive position of the purchaser and the global competitiveness of Australian projects, while at the same time supporting Australian industry participation.

ICN in Western Australia (WA) covers three areas:

- WA major projects
- Global supply chain access service
- Information communication technology

The services provided include:

- Identifying competitive Australian made goods and services.
- Linking competitive Australian made goods and services into global supplier registration systems of global engineering companies.
- Locating potential Australian partners for joint ventures and technology transfers.
- Providing industry briefings and seminars on WA investment project procurement opportunities.
- Supplying industry development services such as capability analysis, industry specific capability directories, investigation into infrastructure requirements and many others.

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

36. CREATE THE FUTURE DESIGN CONTEST

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:	1 Jul 2020	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:	1 Mar 2020	Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	National Overseas
Stage:	Watching		

Overview:

This contest aims to help stimulate and reward engineering innovation.

The categories for 2020 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 Product Design:** 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/Future Energy:** “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
- Other Prizes - to be announced

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
- Saving lives
- Improving public safety and security

- Saving time and money
- Improving productivity
- Offering alternative energy solutions
- Reducing consumption of natural resources
- Reducing waste
- Creating jobs
- Bolstering the economy
- Enabling other product improvements

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.

Provided By:

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37. 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:	Watching		

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:

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38. INDUSTRY CAPABILITY NETWORK (ICN) – NT

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

Overview:

This program aims to identify, develop and match opportunities to Northern Territory (NT), Australian and New Zealand businesses. It helps those wanting to buy goods, services and equipment to find competitive local suppliers.

By linking to a national database and other ICN offices throughout Australia and New Zealand, ICN gives NT businesses access to opportunities in industry, government and major projects.

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:

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

39. COVID-19 NSW: BUSINESS, NON-PROFITS – SMALL BUSINESS COVID-19 SUPPORT GRANT

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$10,000
Closes:	1 Jun 2020	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:	17 Apr 2020	Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	NSW
Stage:	Watching		

Overview:

This program aims to provide financial support to ease the pressures on small business as a result of COVID-19. It forms part of the NSW Government's Small Business Support Fund.

The program seeks to support the ongoing operations of small businesses highly impacted from COVID-19 pandemic following the NSW Public Health Order of 31 March 2020.

These highly impacted industries include:

- Accommodation and food services
- Administrative and support services
- Arts and recreation services
- Information media and telecommunications
- Other services
- Retail (excluding food retailing)
- Transport
- Rental, hiring and real estate
- Education and training
- Wholesale trade

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available.

A total funding pool of \$750 million is available.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include small business owners and non-profit organisations that must:

- Have between 1-19 employees and an annual turnover of more than \$75,000.
- Have total Australian wages below the NSW Government 2019-20 payroll tax threshold of \$900,000.
- Have an Australian Business Number as at 1 March 2020, are based in NSW and employ staff as at 1 March 2020.
- Be highly impacted by the NSW Government Covid-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order 2020 issued on 30 March 2020, defined as a decline in turnover of 75 per cent compared to the equivalent period (of at least two weeks) in 2019.
- Have unavoidable business costs not otherwise the subject of other NSW and Commonwealth Government financial assistance measures.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the detailed list highly impacted industries and complete eligibility requirements.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include:

- Meeting business costs, including utilities, salaries, rent.
- Seeking financial, legal or other advice to support business continuity planning.
- Developing the business through marketing and communications activities.
- Other supporting activities related to the operation of the business.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 1 June 2020.

Provided By:

Name: Service NSW and Treasury NSW

Ph: 137788

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

40. START UP ENERGY TRANSITION (SET) AWARD

Status:	Pending	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:	15 Jan 2020	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:	30 Sep 2019	Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	National Overseas
Stage:	Watching		

Overview:

This Award is an international competition for start-ups and young companies worldwide who are working on ideas affecting global energy transition and climate change.

There are five different categories applicants can present their projects in, all with the aim of clean energy promotion. These categories are:

- Renewable Energies & Materials
- Digital Energy Systems
- Energy Efficiency Solutions
- Smart Mobility
- Special Prize: Quality Access & SDG-7

Applicants can only apply for one category.

The Top 100-ranked applicants will be featured in the annual publication which is circulated to investors, corporates and political stakeholders across the globe. The Top 100 also receive a free ticket to the SET Tech Festival 2020.

Winners of each category will receive:

- Up to €10.000 prize money.
- Participation on the winners' panel at the Berlin Energy Transition Dialogue (BETD).
- Profile of start-up celebrated across the World Energy Council's global energy network in 99 countries.

In addition, start-ups will have the opportunity to attend the World Energy Leaders' Summits.

If more than one applicant receives the highest number of points in a single category, the prize money will be divided evenly.

There is no participation fees to apply for the Start Up Energy Transition Award.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include national and international companies that must:

- Contribute to the success of the energy transition with their products.
- Have been founded no more than 10 years beforehand.
- Have an already implemented project, manufactured product, or existing prototype as the object of the application.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible projects must address the five categories:

- Renewable Energies & Materials: Identify innovation in energy generation and storage, in alternative fuels and energy carriers and of course, 'Power-to-X'.
- Digital Energy Systems: Innovation on the digital spectrum.
- Energy Efficiency Solutions: Energy efficiency and using energy responsibly are fundamental to the successful energy transition.
- Smart Mobility: Creative approaches to infrastructure, public planning, logistics, user behaviours, vehicles and other modes of transport are key to a well-functioning & sustainable mobility sector of tomorrow.
- Special Prize: Quality Access & SDG-7: Solutions for technology, financing, awareness & capacity building, that can reach far and wide, have a very clear social drive and most of all, will make a large impact.

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

- The start-up must not have been founded longer than ten years ago. In other words, the date of foundation cannot exceed 2009.
- The application, including any attached documents, must be in English. The start-up must be able to present a functioning prototype. In addition, the company must be registered or be in the process of becoming registered and the applicant must be able to present a proof of concept or a client, and/or an industrial/corporate/institutional partner.
- The applicant must fill out the entire form. Partially completed applications will not be accepted.

Closing Information

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

Provided By:

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41. 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:	Watching		

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>

42. SKILLS TASMANIA – ADULT LEARNING FUND

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:	6 May 2020	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:	7 Mar 2020	Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	TAS
Stage:	Watching		

Overview:

This program seeks to support jobseekers and adult learners in Tasmania to gain skills they need to improve their employment opportunities. It support effective pathways to employment by providing subsidies to Endorsed RTOs who provide training in both full qualifications and skill sets that lead to job 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 RTOs that must be registered in accordance with the requirements of the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) to deliver nationally recognised training.

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 biannually. Applications must be submitted by 2pm on 6 May 2020.

Provided By:

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

43. 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:	Watching		

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:

Name: Justice and Community Safety Directorate

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44. 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:	Watching		

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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45. COVID-19 NATIONAL: BUSINESS AND NON-PROFITS – REGIONAL AIRLINES FUNDING ASSISTANCE

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$100,000 - Max: \$5,000,000
Closes:	30 Sep 2020	Difficulty Rating:	Might Need Help
Opens:	1 Apr 2020	Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	National
Stage:	Watching		

Overview:

This program aims to assist airlines operating services to regional and remote locations to continue to provide essential air links during the COVID-19 period by providing financial cashflow assistance, subject to eligibility and analysis of the organisation's financial situation.

It forms part of the Australian Government's \$1 billion Relief and Recovery Fund which will support regions, communities and industry sectors that have been severely affected by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis. The fund was announced as part of the Government's response to the economic impact of COVID-19.

The amount of the grant will be the subject of negotiation with the airline based on financial information provided with the application. This amount may be varied over the course of the agreement. It is anticipated that most grants will be between \$100,000 and \$5 million, depending on the complexity of the airline's operations and financial and cashflow position.

A total funding pool of \$100 million is available across 2019-20 and 2020-21.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must:

- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Be registered for the purposes of GST.
- Have an account with an Australian financial institution.
- Be one of the following entity types:
 - a) A company incorporated in Australia
 - b) A company incorporated by guarantee
 - c) An incorporated trustee on behalf of a trust
 - d) A partnership
 - e) A registered charity or not-for-profit organisation
 - f) An Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Corporation registered under the Corporations (Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006
- Be compliant with all relevant statutory and legislative requirements.
- Satisfy the following eligible air service activities criteria (must either):
 - a) Have an Regular Public Transport RPT Air Operator's Certificate (RPTAOC) and operate public commercial air services to/from regional and/or remote location(s) in accordance with the applicant's RPTAOC.
 - b) Be a contracted essential service provider to/from regional and/or remote location(s), including but not limited to, contracted aeromedical services.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities are those that support the continuing operation of the airline for eligible air service activities, as defined in the Guidelines.

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

- The contribution the airline makes to communities and to supporting the regional air service network. This includes the extent to which the airline's activities support the government's other aviation assistance measures during the COVID-19 period such as continuing to provide essential regional air links.
- Need for the funding.

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

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis for a period of six months from 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2020 (5pm).

Provided By:

Name: Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

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46. FUEL TAX CREDITS – FOR BUSINESSES

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	Might Need Help
Opens:	1 Jul 2006	Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	National
Stage:	Watching		

Overview:

This program aims to provide businesses with a credit for the fuel tax (excise or customs duty) included in the price of fuel used for business activities using:

- Machinery
- Plant
- Equipment
- Heavy vehicles
- Light vehicles travelling off public roads or on private roads.

Fuel tax credit rates change regularly. They also vary depending on when the fuel is acquired, what fuel was used and the activity it was used for. Fuel tax credit rates can alter due to:

- Changes to the road user charge which is reviewed annually.
- Indexation twice a year in line with the consumer price index – in February and August.

There are three steps to calculate the fuel tax credits:

- Step 1: Work out the eligible quantity
- Step 2: Check which rate applies for the fuel
- Step 3: Work out the amount

The fuel tax credits can be claimed:

- On the business activity statement (BAS) in the same way as the applicant claim GST credits.
- At the time the applicant acquire the fuel.
- Within four years. The four years starts from the day after the applicant is required to lodge the BAS for the tax period in which the fuel was acquired.

Applicants are advised to use the Fuel Tax Credit Calculator to help them work out their claim.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include businesses that must:

- Be registered for GST.
- Be registered for fuel tax credit.
- Be undertaking an eligible activity using eligible fuel.
- Meet environmental criteria for diesel vehicles (where relevant).
- Meet the greenhouse challenge plus program criteria (where relevant).

Applicants are advised to use the Fuel Tax Credit Eligibility Tool to determine eligibility on fuel acquired on or after 1 July 2014 and the fuel tax credit rates.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible applicants can claim fuel tax credits for any eligible fuel acquired, manufactured or imported and used in their business, including:

- Road transport
- Business activities (including in light vehicles)
 - a) Private roads
 - b) Off public roads
 - c) Non-fuel uses
- Packaging or supplying fuel
 - a) Packaging liquid fuels
 - b) Packaging and supplying transport LPG (duty paid)
 - c) Supplying or distributing certain liquid fuels for domestic home heating

Please refer to the website for more information.

Assessment Criteria:

Businesses are required to self-assess their fuel tax credit claims. They are responsible for:

- Assessing their eligibility.
- Working out the dollar amount.
- Keeping records that support their claim.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:

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

47. BIOFUTURES INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT FUND

Status:	Pending	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$2,500,000
Closes:	25 Nov 2019	Difficulty Rating:	Might Need Help
Opens:	17 Nov 2016	Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	QLD
Stage:	Watching		

Overview:

This program aims to provide an interest free source of repayable risk capital funding to assist companies to undertake studies to finalise critical outstanding issues that emerged from investor review of their project bankable feasibility study.

The objectives of the fund are to:

- Assist prospective projects in the Queensland bioindustrial and bioproducts sector to successfully transition from their study phase through a final investment decision and into construction.
- Deliver value for money through the achievement of performance-based funding outcomes that align to the objectives of the fund.
- Ensure transparency and accountability in the decision-making process through the application of agreed funding criteria and maintenance of an audit trail of documentation and decisions.
- Uphold the position of the state through the rigorous review, assessment and contract management of projects approved under the fund.

Grants are generally up to 50% of the total value of the finalisation studies and capped at a maximum of \$2.5 million.

A total funding pool of \$5 million is available.

The application is a two-stage process:

- Initially, applicants are asked to address the eligibility of their project.
- If the project is deemed eligible, the applicant will then be asked to submit a more detailed application which will be assessed against set criteria, outlined in the Guidelines.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include individual businesses in Queensland that must meet the following criteria:

- **Queensland site:** The project under study must involve installation of the primary production assets at a nominated site within the state of Queensland. It is permissible for the project's support assets (e.g. feedstock gathering, logistics and product distribution) to be located outside Queensland.
- **Industry segment:** The biofutures industry refers to the industrial biotechnology and bioproducts sector – the bioeconomy.
- **Project type:** Installation of new assets (including third party infrastructure) and/or modification of existing assets, to commercially produce new products, increase production output of existing products and/or improve the quality of an existing product so that it may command a larger market share in export markets or achieve import substitution.
- **Bankable feasibility stage:** The proposed project must have completed a bankable feasibility study and have progressed negotiations with prospective investors who are inclined to provide

project finance to the proponent if critical outstanding issues can be resolved through completion of extra/final studies.

- Funding need: Applicants will need to produce evidence that the full amount of funding required for the finalisation of studies has been genuinely sought and has not been made available.
- Project financial viability: The project must be able to demonstrate that it is financially viable and able to sustain ongoing profitability in the operational stage.
- Proven and available technology: The Fund is not a technology research and development assistance program. Proposals that seek funding to develop new plant and equipment are not eligible.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include biofutures project that must be consistent with the Queensland Government's specific policy objectives described in the Queensland Biofutures 10-Year Roadmap and Action Plan (June 2016).

It focuses on the development and manufacture of products from sustainable organic feedstock/s and/or carbon rich waste resources, rather than fossil fuels. Agricultural residues, forestry thinnings, municipal wastes, algae and dedicated energy crops could all be used as feedstocks to generate a wide range of sustainable chemicals, fuels, energy, synthetic rubber, cosmetics, detergents and textiles.

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

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

- Business case
- Funding and value for money
- Company management and governance
- Sustainability
- Stakeholder management
- Risk management
- Project delivery
- Change management
- Cost management

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

Closing Information

The next funding round is yet to be announced.

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48. 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:	Watching		

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.

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49. INJURY PREVENTION & MANAGEMENT FOUNDATION

Status:	Pending	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:	14 Feb 2020	Difficulty Rating:	D.I.Y.
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	TAS
Stage:	Watching		

Overview:

This program aims to fund research and education, and to service development programs that are directed towards the prevention and improved management of injuries resulting from motor accidents.

It is expected that funding appropriate projects may lead to benefits including:

- Reduction in the frequency and severity of injuries from road accidents.
- Improved access to quality medical, rehabilitation and long term care services.
- New developments/techniques in some areas of injury management.
- Minimisation of the costs of the scheme to the Tasmanian Community.

There is no minimum funding, however the maximum funding allocated to any one project is limited to 25% of the year's funding allocation.

Careful consideration will be given to those projects that are of high value (over \$50,000) and/or complex in nature (projects involving scientific, medical and/or market research). These projects may be subject to independent investigation and contingent upon a Memorandum of Understanding being signed.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include individuals, groups and organisations.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible projects might include:

- Road safety education/awareness initiatives.
- Road safety policing initiatives.
- Activities directed at improving rehabilitation and long term care services for people injured as the result of a motor accident.
- Community support projects directed at assisting injured people to re-integrate into the community.
- Research projects directed at improving the collection and integration of data.
- Projects researching new developments in injury prevention and management, and improved outcomes.

Eligible projects must:

- Have a demonstrable impact on reducing the potential for accidents or for improving injury management and rehabilitation of persons injured as a result of a motor accident, within a reasonable time frame.
- Be able to demonstrate cost efficiencies to be achieved by the implementation of the project.
- Where relevant, respect the self determination right of persons injured as a result of a motor accident.

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

- Applicant
- Validity of proposal
- Benefits of the proposal
- Financial aspects
- Independent comment
- Conditions of funding

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.

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50. COUNTRY PASSENGER TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS SCHEME

Status:	Pending	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$11,000
Closes:	30 Sep 2019	Difficulty Rating:	Might Need Help
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	NSW
Stage:	Watching		

Overview:

This program aims to provide subsidies to support the construction or upgrade of bus stop infrastructure generally owned and maintained by local councils across country NSW. The subsidies represent Transport for NSW's (TfNSW) financial contribution towards improving the accessibility and quality of kerbside passenger transport infrastructure in country areas.

The scheme aims to maximise benefits to country passengers through supporting:

- More accessible passenger transport especially better connections between bus stops and surrounding communities.
- An increase in the use of passenger transport in country areas through improved awareness of bus stop locations, kerbside information and improved security.
- The development of minor infrastructure to complement passenger service development.

A new shelter has a maximum total grant value of \$11,000 which includes the shelter and associated works. An upgrade has a maximum total grant value of \$2,200 (Funding will be granted as per Appendix H of the Guidelines – Subsidy Rates for Standard Projects).

A total funding of \$3.252 million is available for the 2019-21 funding round.

A nominal reservation of 15% of the regional allocation will be set aside for special infrastructure projects within eligible regions. These do not form part of the biennial process and may be provided at any time throughout the year. Please refer to the Guidelines for more information on special infrastructure projects.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include:

- Local governments (councils and joint regional organisations)
- Transport providers (including private bus operators)
- Incorporated community organisations including Aboriginal Land Councils

Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include:

1. The provision and/or upgrading of bus stop infrastructure components as follows:

- New shelters
- Upgrades
- Connecting footpath
- Security/lighting
- Signage

- Standard bus stop hard stand
- Street furniture
- Tactile ground surface indicators (TGSIs)

2. Improvements at:

- Regular bus stops
- NSW TrainLink coach stops
- Bus stops adjacent to the entry/exit points of schools
- Bus stops that support other modes of transport, including flexible transport options

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

- To what degree:
 - a) Does the proposal contribute towards improving the safety and accessibility as described in the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport and the Australian Human Rights Commission Guidelines? (30%)
 - b) Does the proposal benefit rural and regional transport passengers? (20%)
 - c) Does the application demonstrate the community and the service operator support the proposal? (20%)
 - d) Does the proposal align with strategic planning? (15%)
 - e) Is the proposal deliverable in the timeframe and reasonable in scope for the location? (15%)

Closing Information

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

Provided By:

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