



TRANSPORT & DISTRIBUTION INDUSTRY GRANTS

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2. ABOUT THE GRANT LISTING

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

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

Grants are categorised as being:

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

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

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

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3. SUMMARY

Program name	Status	Max Funds	Opens	Closes	Priority	Difficulty Rating
Regional Growth Fund	Pending	\$	2 Mar 2018	27 Apr 2018	Nice to have	Might Need Help
iMOVE CRC – Undergraduate Student Industry Program	Pending	\$3,000		30 Nov 2018	Nice to have	Might Need Help
Bus Driver Safety Scheme	Pending	\$2,400	19 Nov 2018	31 Mar 2019	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
ACT Road Safety Fund	Pending	\$100,000		31 May 2019	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Food Source Victoria Grants	Pending	\$		30 Jun 2019	Nice to have	Might Need Help
Create the Future Design Contest	Pending	\$	1 Mar 2019	1 Jul 2019	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Skills Tasmania – Adult Learning Fund	Pending	\$		12 Nov 2019	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
Remote Passenger Transport Program	Pending	\$	29 Nov 2019	24 Jan 2020	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Injury Prevention & Management Foundation	Open	\$		14 Feb 2020	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative Program	Open	\$	11 Nov 2019	21 Feb 2020	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Rural Finance – Victorian Fire Recovery Transport Support Program	Open	\$15,000		31 Jul 2020	Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Automotive Transformation Scheme (ATS)	Open	\$		31 Dec 2020	Nice to have	Might Need Help
Agriculture Infrastructure and Jobs Fund (AIJF) – Overview	Pending	\$			Nice to have	Might Need Help
Cattle Underpass Scheme (CUPS)	Pending	\$50,000			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) – Financing Solutions	Open	\$			Nice to have	Might Need Help
Drought Assistance Fund	Open	\$50,000			Nice to have	Might Need Help
Drought Assistance Package – Transport-Related Drought Assistance Measures	Open	\$			Nice to have	Might Need Help
Drought Relief Assistance Scheme (DRAS)	Open	\$50,000			Nice to have	Might Need Help
Emergency Drought Relief Package	Open	\$			Nice to have	Seek Help
Emergency Drought Relief Package – Drought Transport Subsidies	Open	\$50,000			Nice to have	Might Need Help
Emissions Reduction Fund	Open	\$			Nice to have	Seek Help
Freight Subsidies – Primary Producers	Open	\$5,000			Nice to have	Might Need Help
Fuel Tax Credits – For Businesses	Open	\$	1 Jul 2006		Nice to have	Might Need Help
Future Industries Fund (Overview)	Pending	\$2,000,000			Nice to have	D.I.Y.

iMOVE CRC – Industry PhD Program	Open	\$			Nice to have	Might Need Help
Industry Capability Network (ICN) – NSW	Open	\$			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
National Bushfire Recovery Fund	Open	\$			Nice to have	Seek Help
NSW Rural Assistance Authority – Transport Subsidy (Animal Welfare)	Open	\$20,000			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
NSW Rural Assistance Authority – Transport Subsidy (Natural Disaster)	Open	\$15,000			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
RDA Murraylands and Riverland – Experts in Residence Program	Open	\$			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme (TFES)	Open	\$			Nice to have	D.I.Y.
Vehicle Rebates for Farmers (TAS)	Open	\$			Nice to have	D.I.Y.

4. REGIONAL GROWTH FUND

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

Overview:

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

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

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

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

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

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

The application is a two-stage process:

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

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

Who Can Apply:

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

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

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

Eligible Activities:

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

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

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

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

Projects must be completed and acquitted by 30 June 2022.

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

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

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

Closing Information:

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

Program Website:

<https://regional.gov.au/regional/programs/regional-growth-fund.aspx>

Provided By:

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5. 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:	Active		

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:

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

Program Website:

<https://imoveaustralia.com/undergraduate-student-industry-program/>

Provided By:

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6. BUS DRIVER SAFETY SCHEME

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

Overview:

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

Rebate amounts available are:

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

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

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

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must:

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

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

For driver barriers, an applicant must:

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

Eligible Activities:

Eligible costs must be:

- Related to the supply/purchase or acquisition of the driver barrier or anti-shatter film.
- Associated with installation up to the maximum value as specified in the Guideline.

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

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

Closing Information:

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

Program Website:

<http://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/current-programs>

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7. ACT ROAD SAFETY FUND

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

Overview:

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

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

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include:

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

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

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

Eligible Activities:

Eligible functions and activities include:

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

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

- The proposal is consistent with the purpose of the ACT Road Safety Fund and the Terms of Reference.
- The proposal falls under one of the current strategic priority areas agreed to by the Advisory Board.
- Project would contribute to body of road safety knowledge or support road trauma reduction.
- Value for money.

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

Closing Information:

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

Program Website:

<http://www.justice.act.gov.au/page/view/3971/title/act-road-safety-fund>

Provided By:

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Web: <http://www.justice.act.gov.au>

8. FOOD SOURCE VICTORIA GRANTS

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

Overview:

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

The program consists of two types of funding:

1. Food Source Planning Grants

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

2. Food Source Growth Grants

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

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

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include:

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

Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include:

1. Food Source Planning Grants

- Market research to identify consumer preferences
- Identifying product

- Process innovation initiatives to capture value adding opportunities

2. Food Source Growth Grants

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

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

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

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

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

Closing Information:

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

Program Website:

<http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/food-and-fibre-industries/food-source-victoria>

Provided By:

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9. CREATE THE FUTURE DESIGN CONTEST

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

Overview:

This contest aims to help stimulate and reward engineering innovation.

The categories for 2019 are:

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

The prizes are:

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

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

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

Who Can Apply:

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

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

Eligible Activities:

Eligible design ideas must serve a public good by:

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

Entries must be for product designs that either:

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

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

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

Closing Information:

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

Program Website:

<https://contest.techbriefs.com/contest-rules>

Provided By:

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10. SKILLS TASMANIA – ADULT LEARNING FUND

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

Overview:

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

The objectives of the program are to:

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

There are two funding streams available:

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

Each application must relate to only one stream.

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

Who Can Apply:

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

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

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

Eligible Activities:

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

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

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

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

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

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

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

Closing Information:

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

Program Website:

<https://www.skills.tas.gov.au/funding/alfund>

Provided By:

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11. 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:	Active		

Overview:

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

The objectives of the program are to:

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

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

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

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

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must be Councils from regional and rural Victoria.

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

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

Eligible Activities:

Eligible projects include those that:

- Improve the economic performance of a precinct.
- Improve business, transport, retail, education, social, cultural, industry or community linkages.
- Provide multi-purpose infrastructure, suitable and accessible for a wide range of business and community groups such as business hubs, co-working spaces, community and event facilities.

- Support cultural initiatives of economic significance to the region such as renewal of buildings and sites, arts and cultural centres or resource facilities.

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

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

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

Closing Information:

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

Program Website:

<http://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/regional-jobs-and-infrastructure-fund/regional-infrastructure-fund>

Provided By:

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

12. REMOTE PASSENGER TRANSPORT PROGRAM

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

Overview:

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

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

The recommended process for an applicant is:

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

Who Can Apply:

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

Eligible Activities:

Eligible services include:

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

Assessment Criteria:

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

1. Inter-town services

- It does not currently receive a passenger transport service (e.g. flight, ferry or bus) to the nearest key centre providing essential services at least once per week.

- It has a permanent population base of at least 100 persons (locations with less than 100 persons can be considered as part of a stop or extension of another passenger transport route).
- It is more than two hours (one-way) surface travel to a key centre providing essential services and it is more than one hour (one-way) surface travel to a location receiving a regular passenger transport service.

2. Intra-town service

- It does not currently receive a passenger transport service at least two days per week (e.g. town bus, minibuss 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.

Program Website:

<https://nt.gov.au/driving/industry/remote-passenger-transport-program>

Provided By:

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

13. INJURY PREVENTION & MANAGEMENT FOUNDATION

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

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.

Program Website:

<http://www.maib.tas.gov.au/about-maib/community-involvement-road-safety/applying-for-foundation-funding>

Provided By:

Name: Motor Accidents Insurance Board (MAIB)

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Web: <http://www.maib.tas.gov.au>

14. HEAVY VEHICLE SAFETY INITIATIVE PROGRAM

Status:	Open	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:	Active		

Overview:

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

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

A total funding pool of \$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.

Program Website:

<https://www.nhvr.gov.au/about-us/engaging-with-industry/heavy-vehicle-safety-initiative>

Provided By:

Name: National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

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Email: Anthony.O'Sullivan@nhvr.gov.au

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

15. RURAL FINANCE – VICTORIAN FIRE 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:	Active		

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.

Program Website:

<https://www.ruralfinance.com.au/industry-programs/victorian-bushfires-2019-2020-transport-support-program-primary-producers>

Provided By:

Name: Rural Finance

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

16. AUTOMOTIVE TRANSFORMATION SCHEME (ATS)

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$ - Max: \$
Closes:	31 Dec 2020	Difficulty Rating:	Might Need Help
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	National
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

This program aims to encourage competitive investment, innovation and economic sustainability through financial assistance. It is to be achieved in a way that improves environmental outcomes and promotes the development of workforce skills.

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

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

Motor Vehicle Producers can also claim assistance for allowable production of motor vehicles, engines and engine components for local and export markets.

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

- Stage 1 – capped assistance of \$1.5 billion from 2011 to 2015
- Stage 2 – capped assistance of \$1 billion from 2016 to 2020

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

The yearly funding allocation will be:

- 55% available for motor vehicle producers (MVPs).
- 45% for automotive businesses that are not motor vehicle producers (non-MVPS).

Applicants must apply for registration before 1 January of the ATS year for which registration is sought. For example, to register in 2020, applicants must apply by 31 December 2019.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include:

- Motor Vehicle Producers (MVPs): Businesses that produce at least 30,000 motor vehicles or 30,000 engines annually in Australia.
- Automotive Component Producers (ACPs)
 - a) Australian producers of at least one kind of automotive component annually for use as original equipment in at least 30,000 motor vehicles or 30,000 engines and the production value of the component was at least \$500,000 in the previous 12 months.
 - b) Australian producers of original equipment components with a production value of at least \$500,000 annually, comprising at least 50% of the production value of all automotive components produced.

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

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

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

Assessment Criteria:

Please refer to the Customer Guideline 3 – Registration (page 6 to 8) for the list of the assessment criteria.

Closing Information:

This program is open on an ongoing basis. Please see the Overview for the closing details.

Program Website:

<https://www.business.gov.au/Grants-and-Programs/Automotive-Transformation-Scheme>

Provided By:

Name: AusIndustry

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

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

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

Overview:

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

The Fund has two streams:

1. Infrastructure stream

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

2. Program stream

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

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

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include:

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

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

Eligible Activities:

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

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

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

Assessment Criteria:

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

Closing Information:

The next funding round is yet to be announced.

Program Website:

<http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/food-and-fibre-industries/agriculture-infrastructure-and-jobs-fund>

Provided By:

Name: Agriculture Victoria

Ph: 136186

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

18. CATTLE UNDERPASS SCHEME (CUPS)

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

Overview:

This program intends to improve the safety of rural roads for the motoring public and farming families and their employees who regularly take stock across arterials. It is administered by the Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) on behalf of Regional Development Victoria (RDV).

Grants equal to 33% of the underpass cost up to a maximum of \$50,000 plus GST are available. Funding is paid to the contractor once the underpass is completed and all required documentary evidence is supplied to VFF.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include dairy farmers from Regional Victoria.

Applicants must contact their local authority (e.g. Vic Roads, local Shire etc.) who will guide them through the process of planning and obtaining appropriate approvals for construction. In some instances this step occurs after the application process and the contractor may contact the local authority to undertake these steps. It is preferable this step occurs prior to application.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include stock underpasses on any road or rail line.

Funding priority may be given on:

- The basis of the head of stock per crossing.
- The frequency of crossings.
- Traffic volumes.
- Other special factors justifying individual applications based on public benefit.

Closing Information:

The next funding round is yet to be announced.

Program Website:

http://www.vff.org.au/vff/Industries/Livestock/Cattle_Underpass_Scheme/vff/CUPS/Cattle_Underpass_Scheme.aspx?hkey=0e54fae0-ac9d-473a-9cf9-ec0badbe51e0

Provided By:

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

19. CLEAN ENERGY FINANCE CORPORATION (CEFC) – FINANCING SOLUTIONS

Status:	Open	Funding Amount:	Min \$20,000,000 - Max: \$
Closes:		Difficulty Rating:	Might Need Help
Opens:		Co-contribution:	
Priority:	Nice to have	Location:	National
Stage:	Active		

Overview:

The Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) works to deliver financial solutions to increase the flow of funds into the clean energy sector. It seeks to invest in clean energy technologies, which are defined in the CEFC Act as renewable energy, energy efficiency and low emissions technologies.

CEFC's financial products include:

- Direct investments: For small and large scale clean energy projects and include flexible debt and/or equity finance, tailored to individual projects.
- Investment funds: CEFC invests in new and established investment funds to co-deliver clean energy for agribusiness, infrastructure, property and more.
- Debt markets: CEFC is a leading investor in Australia's emerging green bonds market, creating new clean energy options for investors and developers.
- Asset finance: CEFC works with banks and co-financiers to deliver discounted finance to businesses, manufacturers and farmers for clean energy investments.

Financial terms, including financial product type, interest rate and payback period can be tailored to suit each individual project. Finance will be offered on the least generous terms possible for a given project to proceed.

CEFC's preferred minimum individual investment size for renewable technology projects is \$20 million. Projects seeking CEFC finance of more than \$20 million must comply with Australian Industry Participation Plans (AIPP) policy.

The Corporation do not provide grants, but may co-finance or co-invest in projects that have received grant assistance.

A total funding pool of \$10 billion is available.

Who Can Apply:

Please refer to the website to check applicant eligibility.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible technologies for investment include:

1. Renewable energy technologies

- Renewables (including bioenergy, geothermal, hydro, ocean, solar, waste-to-energy, wind)
- Hybrids of renewables with other technologies

- Technologies (including enabling technologies) that are related to renewable energy (including supply of goods or services)

2. Energy efficiency technologies

- Energy efficiency (including energy conservation and demand management)
- Technologies (including enabling technologies) that are related to energy efficiency (including supply of goods or services)

3. Low emissions technologies

- Energy production
- Electricity generation including the use of non-renewable, fossil fuels
- Fuels for and modes of transportation
- Using, reducing, or eliminating existing fugitive greenhouse gas emissions

CEFC does not make investments on technologies which are not 'solely or mainly Australian-based' or are in 'prohibited technologies', such as:

- A technology for carbon capture and storage (within the meaning of the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007)
- Nuclear technology
- Nuclear power

Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

- Project and technology type
- Risk (technical, financial, delivery and implementation, credit)
- Life of the project
- Anticipated energy and carbon savings
- Amount of finance being requested from the CEFC
- Amount of finance sourced from parties external to the CEFC

Closing Information:

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Program Website:

<https://www.cefc.com.au/where-we-invest/accessing-our-finance/>

Provided By:

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

20. DROUGHT ASSISTANCE FUND

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

Overview:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must demonstrate that:

- They are the owner and operator of a farm business in NSW.
- The business operates as a sole trader, partnership, trust or private company and trades agricultural products.
- The business is registered with the Australian Taxation Office as a primary producer, and has an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- The owners and operators of the business earn more than 50% of gross income from the primary production enterprise under normal seasonal circumstances.
- The business is being negatively impacted by drought conditions as assessed by the NSW Rural Assistance Authority (RAA), taking into account financial information and the Combined Drought Indicator map.
- The business can support the loan repayments.
- They are classified as a "new entrant", meaning that they have been operating their farm business for between 12 months to three years and that more than 50% of their gross income will be derived from the farm business within three years of the date of the application.
- The owners and operators of the business do not have gross off-farm assets exceeding \$5 million.

Eligible Activities:

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

Closing Information:

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Program Website:

<https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/loans/drought-assistance-fund>

Provided By:

Name: NSW Rural Assistance Authority

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

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

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

Overview:

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

Items included in the package are:

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

There are two categories of drought declared properties:

- Individual droughted property declarations
- Regional council/shire declaration

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

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include primary producers who must either:

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

Closing Information:

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Program Website:

<https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/rural-disaster-recovery/drought/assistance/other-relief>

Provided By:

Name: Department of Transport and Main Roads

Ph: 1800025656

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

22. DROUGHT RELIEF ASSISTANCE SCHEME (DRAS)

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

Overview:

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

The scheme provides five assistance measures:

1. Drought-declared properties may be eligible for:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Who Can Apply:

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

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

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

Eligible Activities:

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

Closing Information:

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Program Website:

<https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/rural-disaster-recovery/drought/assistance/dras-subsidies>

Provided By:

Name: Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

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

23. EMERGENCY DROUGHT RELIEF PACKAGE

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

Overview:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The package comes into effect on 1 July 2019.

Who Can Apply:

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

Closing Information:

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Program Website:

<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/climate-and-emergencies/droughthub/drought-assistance>

Provided By:

Name: Department of Primary Industries

Ph: 1800678593

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

24. 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:	Active		

Overview:

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

Assistance available are:

- A transport subsidy of up to 50% of the total freight cost is available to eligible primary producers on transport costs to a maximum dollar value of \$7.50 per kilometre dependent on the vehicle type.
- Farmers who applied for the Drought Transport Subsidy in the 2018-19 financial year (Round One) are able to apply in the current round (Round Two) again, for \$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 \$70 million is available in 2019-20.

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include primary producers who must demonstrate that:

- They are the owner and operator of a farm business in NSW.
- The business operates as a sole trader, partnership, trust or private company and trades agricultural products. The business is registered with the Australian Taxation Office as a primary producer, and have an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- The owners and operators of the business earn more than 50% of their gross income from the primary production enterprise under normal seasonal circumstances.
- The business is being negatively impacted by drought conditions.

- The owners and operators of the business have commenced their farming operation between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2018 and 50% of their gross income will be derived from the farm business within three years of the date of the application. The applications of new entrants will be considered on a case by case basis.
- The owners and operators of the business do not have gross off-farm assets exceeding \$5 million (excluding funds in a registered superannuation fund).

Eligible Activities:

Eligible costs include:

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

Closing Information:

Please see the Overview for the closing details.

Program Website:

<https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/grants/transport-subsidy-emergency-drought-relief>

Provided By:

Name: NSW Rural Assistance Authority

Ph: 1800678593

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

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

25. EMISSIONS REDUCTION FUND

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

Overview:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include:

- Businesses
- Community organisations
- Local councils
- State governments
- Land managers

- Other members of the community

Please contact the program administrator for complete eligibility requirements.

Eligible Activities:

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

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

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

Assessment Criteria:

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

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

Closing Information:

Please see the Overview for the closing details.

Program Website:

<http://www.cleanenergyregulator.gov.au/ERF/About-the-Emissions-Reduction-Fund>

Provided By:

Name: Clean Energy Regulator
Ph: 1300553542
Email: enquiries@cleanenergyregulator.gov.au
Web: <http://www.cleanenergyregulator.gov.au>

26. FREIGHT SUBSIDIES – PRIMARY PRODUCERS

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

Overview:

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

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

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

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include primary producers who must:

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

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

Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include movement of materials such as:

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

Assessment Criteria:

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

Closing Information:

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

Program Website:

<https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industry/agriculture/rural-disaster-recovery/freight-subsidies>

Provided By:

Name: Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

Ph: 0734046999

Email: callweb@daf.qld.gov.au

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

27. 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:	Active		

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.

Program Website:

<https://www.ato.gov.au/Business/Fuel-schemes/Fuel-tax-credits---business>

Provided By:

Name: Australian Taxation Office (ATO)

Ph: 132866

Email: <https://www.ato.gov.au/About-ATO/About-us/Contact-us/Write-to-us>

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

28. FUTURE INDUSTRIES FUND (OVERVIEW)

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

Overview:

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

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

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

There are three funding streams available:

1. The Manufacturing Program

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

2. The Sector Growth Program

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

3. The New Energy Jobs Fund

- Seeks to support Victorian-based projects that create long-term sustainable jobs, increase the uptake of renewable energy generation, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and drive innovation in new energy technologies.
- Grants between \$20,000 and \$1 million, and under exceptional circumstances, up to \$2 million, are available on a 3:1 matched funding basis.
- A total funding pool of \$20 million is available, \$11 million of which allocated through three annual grants:

- a) Round 1 (Closed March 2016): \$5 million
- b) Round 2 (Closed March 2017): \$6 million
- c) Round 3 (Closed March 2018): \$3 million

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

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

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include:

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

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

Eligible Activities:

Eligible projects include those that:

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

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

Assessment Criteria:

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

Closing Information:

The next funding round is yet to be announced.

Program Website:

<https://www.business.vic.gov.au/support-for-your-business/grants-and-assistance/future-industries/new-energy-technologies>

Provided By:

Name: Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources

Ph: 132215

Email: futureindustries@business.vic.gov.au

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

29. 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:	Active		

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.

Program Website:

<https://imoveaustralia.com/industry-phd-program/>

Provided By:

Name: iMOVE Cooperative Research Centre

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Web: <https://imoveaustralia.com>

30. INDUSTRY CAPABILITY NETWORK (ICN) – NSW

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

Overview:

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

ICN NSW services include:

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

Who Can Apply:

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

Closing Information:

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Program Website:

https://www.icn.org.au/nsw_home

Provided By:

Name: Industry Capability Network (ICN)
Ph: 0299273100
Email: info@icnsw.org.au
Web: <https://www.icn.org.au>

31. 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:	Active		

Overview:

This Fund aims to support all recovery efforts across Australia over the next two years. 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 priorities of the Fund include:

1. Primary producer grants for immediate and urgent recovery needs

- The Australian Government is rolling out grants of up to \$75,000 for farm, fish and forestry businesses in fire-affected regions. Programs available are:
 - a) Rural Finance – Emergency Bushfire Response in Primary Industries Grants (VIC)
 - b) PIRSA – Emergency Response in Primary Industries Grants (SA)
 - c) NSW Rural Assistance Authority – Special Disaster Grant: Bushfires (NSW)
 - d) QRIDA – Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants: Primary Producers (QLD)

2. Additional support for small business

- The Australian Government has announced a Small Business Bushfire Recovery Package to help small businesses in bushfire affected communities get back on their feet. The package includes:
 - a) Recovery grants of up to \$50,000 for eligible small businesses and non-profit organisations for clean-up and reinstatement activities.
 - b) Concessional loans of up to \$500,000 for eligible small businesses (including primary producers) and non-profit organisations for restoration and replacement of assets and working capital expenses.

3. Grants to bushfire affected Local Government Areas

- 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 of \$1 million to 43 councils.
- A further \$17 million has been set aside to provide additional support where needed, for instance to areas which have experienced the most significant damage. As the situation unfolds, more Local Government Areas may be added to this list.

4. A mental health package for first responders and communities

- The Australian Government has announced an investment of \$76 million in mental health support for individuals, families and communities, including emergency services personnel affected by the bushfires. Activities include:
 - a) \$44.3 million for counselling and psychological services for people on the fire fronts.
 - b) \$5.7 million for trauma informed care and care coordination.

- c) \$2.7 million for community connectedness and recovery grants to fund grass-roots level activities to help mental health and healing activities after the bushfires.
- d) \$16 million for specialist organisations to provide trauma care services, including for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) to emergency service workers and their immediate families.
- e) \$7.4 million to support youth mental health through 'headspace'.

5. Support to attract tourists back to the regions

- The Government has pledged \$76 million towards a tourism recovery package to protect jobs, small businesses and local economies affected by the bushfires. The package includes:
 - a) \$20 million for a nationally coordinated domestic marketing initiative.
 - b) \$25 million for a global marketing campaign to drive international visitation.
 - c) \$10 million will be provided for a regional tourism events initiative across bushfire affected areas.
 - d) \$9.5 million for an international media and travel trade hosting initiative.
 - e) \$6.5 million to support tourism business' attendance at the largest annual tourism trade event, the Australian Tourism Exchange
 - f) \$5 million for the diplomatic network to educate that tourism, international education and export sectors are open for business.

6. Infrastructure projects to support economic, community and industry recovery and resilience

7. Support for the environment and native wildlife

- The Australian Government has made an initial investment of \$50 million, as a down-payment to support immediate work to protect wildlife, and longer-term work to protect and restore habitat.

A total funding pool of \$2 billion is available. This is in addition to that 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 website for more information.

Closing Information:

Please refer to the individual programs for the closing details.

Program Website:

<https://www.bushfirerecovery.gov.au/australian-governments-response-2019-20-bushfires>

Provided By:

Name: National Bushfire Recovery Agency
Ph: 000
Email: contact@bushfirerecovery.gov.au
Web: <https://www.bushfirerecovery.gov.au>

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

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

Overview:

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

A subsidy is permanently available where:

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

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

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

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

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

Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must demonstrate that:

- They are the owner and/or operator (e.g. lessee) of a farm business in NSW.
- The business operates as a sole trader, partnership, trust or private company and trades agricultural products.
- They are claiming in relation to farmed animals appearing on the most recent Land & Stock Return.
- The business is registered with the Australian Taxation Office as a primary producer, and have an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- The owners and operators of the business earn more than 50% of gross income from the primary production enterprise under normal seasonal conditions.
- They can provide confirmation that they are in financial need by either being in receipt of a Farm Household Allowance (FHA) or being an eligible client of the Rural Financial Counselling (RFC) service.

Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include the transport of:

- Stock to slaughter
- Stock to sale

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

Closing Information:

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Program Website:

<https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/grants/transport-subsidy>

Provided By:

Name: NSW Rural Assistance Authority

Ph: 1800678593

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

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

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

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

Overview:

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

A subsidy of up to 50% of the total freight cost to a maximum of \$15,000 per farm enterprise per financial year is available. 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.

Program Website:

<https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/rebate-on-road-transport>

Provided By:

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34. RDA MURRAYLANDS AND RIVERLAND – EXPERTS IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM

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

Overview:

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

The program will also provide:

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

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

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

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

Who Can Apply:

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

Closing Information:

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Program Website:

<https://rdamr.com.au/information/experts-in-residence/>

Provided By:

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35. TASMANIAN FREIGHT EQUALISATION SCHEME (TFES)

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

Overview:

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

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

There are three categories that can be applied for:

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

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

- Sportspeople
- Professional entertainers
- Broodmares

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Goods transhipped is \$700 per TEU.

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

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

Who Can Apply:

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

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

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

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

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

Eligible Activities:

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

Closing Information:

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Program Website:

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/business/services/centrelink/tasmanian-freight-equalisation-scheme>

Provided By:

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36. VEHICLE REBATES FOR FARMERS (TAS)

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

Overview:

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

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

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

Who Can Apply:

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

Eligible Activities:

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

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

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

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

Closing Information:

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Program Website:

<https://www.transport.tas.gov.au/registration/exemptions-rebates/concession-card-holders>

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