Immediate Grant Assistance for Business

Quick Reference Summary Guide for: Grant Assistance, Funding and Support
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Introduction

With the current global challenges impacting business and community groups around the world, Governments and other funding providers are quickly moving to provide two types of support:

1. **Immediate and direct funding** to help alleviate the financial impact to business.
2. **Longer term measures** that seek to reduce the long-term economic impacts.

How to use this guide

No doubt you are looking for a list of grants and programs – these form the majority of this document and are summarised to help you quickly decide if a program is right for your clients. The programs also include a link to the funding entity, where you can access more detail such as full guidelines and application form.

More than just a list of programs, we have also included some hard-won knowledge about how to be successful with securing funding. If you find a relevant program, please read the “4 Keys to Success” and the “Top 10 Tips” section to give a client a head start and avoid the most common mistakes made when applying for support.
Know the basics

Not all grants and funding are the same. It is important you know how funding programs work. Here are some things you will need to understand:

Not all grants are grants

In general terms, we often refer to all funding programs as grants. But that is not quite technically correct, because the mechanism used to deliver funds may vary, and these each have their own description. When you find a program that looks like a good fit for you, make sure you check to see how the funding is delivered. Here are some of the possible options:

- Rebates
- Duty Concessions
- Tax Concessions & credits
- Vouchers
- Interest Free Loans

Who provides grants?

Grants are offered by all levels of government and philanthropic groups, such as trusts and foundations; corporates and high-net-worth individuals. Almost all business grants come from Government.

Federal & State Government

Federal Government funding is generally provided for projects with a national reach or benefit, while State Governments are a likely source if your activities are focused in a particular region.

In the business sector, the State grants generally complement the Federal grants by filling the gaps to address localised needs. For the community sector, much of the Federal funding is delivered through State Government agencies.

Local Government

Councils are also very active in funding both business and community organisations. They may coordinate grant programs, awards and networking events or other services to further support local business growth.

Trusts & Foundations

Philanthropic trusts and foundations offer significant funding for a wide range of projects, particularly in the community sector. These grants can be hard to find, especially when donors wish to remain anonymous. However, the application process is often very straightforward, with ‘mission alignment’ typically more important than the nitty-gritty details of the proposed project.
Main types of grants

Most grants fall into two categories:

1. **Entitlement programs** – you are eligible to get these programs if you meet the qualification criteria. Many of these programs rely on self-assessment and will only be assessed much later on, once you have received and no doubt, spent the funds. So, it’s really important you check to make sure you fit, otherwise you might have to pay it back. Some of these programs are run through the tax system, so you may wish to use a qualified tax practitioner.

2. **Competitive grants** – where there is a limited amount of funding, it will go to the best applications – those deemed most worthy, who fit best with the criteria and will deliver the best result. Since you are competing for funds, you really need a compelling submission and to stand out from the crowd.

*Remember, it’s not about you!* As much as you need the funding, as desperate or worthy as you may be – the funder is providing funding for a reason. If, and only if, you meet their criteria and the policy behind their program, will you be eligible.

So step into their shows, be clinical in your self-assessment and consider – do you meet the criteria and are you the right fit for them.
The 4 keys to success

Not everyone gets funded. But here is the good news, over the last 20 years we have developed an approach that dramatically increases your chances of success. Here it is:

1. Education
Think right and understand how grants operate. Then measure the effort required for a grant versus the benefit. Don’t forget to assess alignment with the program aims and also your ability to deliver your proposed project.

2. Grant strategy
Build a sustainable and tailored approach to finding, qualifying and applying for grants as part of your strategic planning. We have built GrantGuru to help you for exactly this purpose.

3. Grant writing
It’s not rocket science, but a certain amount of skill and experience certainly helps. You need to describe your business and activities in a clear, comprehensive and consistent manner and make a convincing case about why you should receive funding.

4. Grant management
Once you have received a grant, there is more work to do. Consider your capacity to record, report, measure and acquit grant funds. You don’t get funded for free – you will need to justify your grant.
Top 10 tips

It’s important to ensure your submissions align with the purpose that sits behind the money. Below we’ve outlined the top ten tips for grant writing success and have also prepared a list of other pointers to keep in mind as you start your grant writing journey.

Top ten tips for writing an application:

1. Understand the funding body’s objectives.
2. Make sure your application is professionally presented with correct spelling and grammar and appropriate layout and spacing.
3. Avoid acronyms where possible unless they are self-explanatory – you don’t want the reader to have go back and forth through your application to “crack the code”.
4. Check word limits and character limits in the application form and stick to them.
5. Copy and paste guideline questions into Word, then start completing your answers, then you can copy and paste them into your application; don’t lose information due to a webpage ‘timing out’.
6. Keep copies of all your applications as you may be able to reuse content for future applications; a shared drive/document repository is handy if you have a number of people within the organisation that are applying for grants.
7. Back up your responses to questions with evidence from reliable sources.
8. If it’s not the first round of a program, have a look at previous recipients to gauge the type and size of projects being supported.
9. Read the guidelines then read them again; if it’s not the first round of a program don’t assume the guidelines are the same the second time around.
10. Get others to read your application and provide their input – grant writing can be a team sport.
# Funding Programs

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National Programs

COVID-19 National: Business, Non-Profits – Boosting Cash Flow for Employers

Status
Open

Funding
Max $100,000

Location
National

Overview
This program aims to provide temporary cash flow support to small and medium businesses and not-for-profit organisations that employ staff and have been affected by the economic downturn associated with COVID-19 (novel coronavirus). It forms part of the Australian Government's Coronavirus Economic Stimulus Package which aims to support households and businesses and address the significant economic consequences of the Coronavirus.

The Government will provide tax-free cash flow boosts of between $20,000 and $100,000 to eligible businesses, delivered through credits in the activity statement system, when eligible businesses lodge their activity statements.

Eligible businesses do not need to apply with a separate form. Upon lodgment of their activity statement, the first amount will automatically be credited to the business’ account, but no earlier than 28 April 2020. A business that lodges early will not receive the cash flow boost before this date.

The initial cash flow boost amount is based on the amount of your PAYG withholding. Eligible businesses that withhold tax on their employees’ salary and wages will receive a credit equal to 100% of the amount withheld, with the following exceptions:
- Monthly lodgers will receive a credit for March 2020 which is 300% of their withholding for that month. This will provide an approximate equivalent to lodgers reporting quarterly.
- Eligible businesses will receive a minimum of $10,000 across March to June 2020, even if their total withholding is less than $10,000.
- Total cash flow boosts for March to June 2020 cannot exceed $50,000.

If the business receive the minimum credit of $10,000 they will not be eligible to receive any more cash flow boosts until their PAYG withholding exceeds $10,000 over the eligibility periods.

Eligible entities who received initial cash flow boosts will receive additional cash flow boosts between July to October 2020. These will be delivered in either two or four instalments, depending on their reporting period. The amounts will be equal to the total amount of initial cash flow boosts received.

Please refer to the website for the lodgment submission and due dates.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include small or medium business entity, including not-for-profit organisations, sole traders, partnership, company or trust that:
- Held an ABN on 12 March 2020 and continues to be active.
- Has an aggregated annual turnover under $50 million (generally based on prior year turnover).
- Made eligible payments they are required to withhold from (even if the amount they need to withhold is zero).

In addition, applicants must also have either:
- Derived business income in the 2018-19 income year and lodged their 2019 tax return on or before 12 March 2020.
- Made GST taxable, GST-free or input-taxed sales in a previous tax period (since 1 July 2018) and lodged the relevant activity statement on or before 12 March 2020.
Charities registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission are eligible, regardless of when they were registered, if they meet the other eligibility requirements.

Please refer to the website for the complete eligibility requirements.

**Eligible Activities**

Eligible payments include:
- Salary and wages
- Director fees
- Eligible retirement or termination payments
- Compensation payments
- Voluntary withholding from payments to contractors

**Closing Information**

Please see the Overview for the closing details.

**Provided By:**

Name: Australian Taxation Office (ATO)
Ph: 0262633030
Email: TreasuryCOVID-19Coord@TREASURY.GOV.AU
Web: https://www.ato.gov.au
COVID-19 National: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – Coronavirus SME Guarantee Scheme

Status  Open
Funding  Max $250,000
Location  National

Overview
This program aims to provide small and medium sized business with timely access to working capital to help them get through the impact of the Coronavirus. It seeks to enhance lenders’ willingness and ability to provide credit, supporting many otherwise viable SMEs to access vital additional funding to get through the impact of Coronavirus.

The program forms part of the Australian Government’s Economic Stimulus Package which aims to support households and businesses and address the significant economic consequences of the Coronavirus.

Under the scheme, the Government will support unsecured loans of up to $250,000 to small and medium sized businesses:
- The loans will be available with a term of up to three years.
- A six month repayment holiday will be available on all loans.
- The loans will be unsecured, meaning that businesses will not need to provide an asset as security.
- A range of loan types may be made available, including overdrafts and term loans. Credit card facilities (including charge cards) are not eligible under the scheme.
- Interest rates will be determined commercially by lenders.

Loans backed by the scheme will be made available via commercial lenders. Businesses wishing to apply should contact their current financial institution or any other participating lender.

While the scheme officially commences from April 2020, the bank or other lenders may be able to provide credit sooner, and still benefit from the guarantee. If the SME’s current financial institution is not participating, loans will be available via other lenders. Participating lenders are required to offer loans under the scheme to new customers.

The Scheme will be available for new loans made by participating lenders until 30 September 2020.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include all active Australian businesses with turnover of less than $50 million in the previous financial year, or expected turnover of less than $50 million in the current financial year. Both self-employed individuals and non-profit businesses are eligible.

Eligible Activities
Loans must be used for business purposes only, and must be used to support current and upcoming cash flow needs (for example, rent and staff expenses).

Closing Information
This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:
Name:  Department of the Treasury
Ph:  0262633030
Email:  SMElenderguarantee@treasury.gov.au
Web:  https://treasury.gov.au
Overview
This program aims to assist Australians experiencing financial difficulty as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Options available to assist businesses impacted by COVID-19 include:
- Deferring by up to six months the payment date of amounts due through the business activity statement (including PAYG instalments), income tax assessments, fringe benefits tax assessments and excise.
- Allow businesses on a quarterly reporting cycle to opt into monthly GST reporting in order to get quicker access to GST refunds they may be entitled to.
- Allowing businesses to vary Pay As You Go (PAYG) instalment amounts to zero for the March 2020 quarter. Businesses that vary their PAYG instalment to zero can also claim a refund for any instalments made for the September 2019 and December 2019 quarters.
- Remitting any interest and penalties, incurred on or after 23 January 2020, that have been applied to tax liabilities.
- Working with affected businesses to help them pay their existing and ongoing tax liabilities by allowing them to enter into low interest payment plans.

Employers will still need to meet their ongoing super guarantee obligations for their employees.

ATO will also continue to work with the tax profession, other government agencies and local organisations to make sure other impacted communities are also supported during this time.

Outside of business, the ATO will also work with individuals experiencing financial hardship, and their tax agents, and will apply appropriate tax relief measures for serious and exceptional circumstances, such as where people cannot pay for food or accommodation.

Assistance measures for those impacted by COVID-19 will not be automatically implemented. Anyone impacted by COVID-19 is advised to contact the ATO to request assistance on our Emergency Support Infoline 1800 806 218, when they are ready, to discuss their situation.

Please visit the website for more information.

Closing Information
This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:
Name: Australian Taxation Office
Ph: 1800806218
Email: LargeServiceTeam@ato.gov.au
Web: https://www.ato.gov.au
Overview

This program aims to enable Australian researchers to drive innovation and contribute to global efforts to control the COVID-19 outbreak. It forms part of the Australian Government’s $2.4 billion Coronavirus (COVID-19) National Health Plan which seeks to support the health system to manage the outbreak of novel coronavirus in Australia.

The package provides support across primary care, aged care, hospitals and research which includes the Coronavirus Research Response comprising vaccine, antiviral and respiratory medicine research.

The current grant opportunity is the COVID-19 Mental Health Research which aims to support research to understand how the mental health system can be enhanced to be most effective and responsive during and following the acute COVID-19 crisis.

The anticipated outcome of the research is to positively impact the lives of a significant number of Australians, especially those with pre-existing mental health issues and those with mental health issues arising from the COVID-19 crisis. The outcome of the research is also expected to have application beyond COVID-19 and extend to other natural disasters and widespread times of hardship.

Grants of up to $1 million are available.

A total funding pool of $30 million is available over two years, up to $3 million of which is available for this round (2020-21).

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must:
- Be an NHMRC approved Administering Institution.
- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Be incorporated in Australia.
- And in accordance with s20 and s24 of the Medical Research Future Fund Act 20153, be one of the following entities:
  a) A medical research institute
  b) A university
  c) A corporate Commonwealth entity
  d) A corporation (including businesses and not for profits)

Joint applications are encouraged, provided they have a lead organisation who is the main driver of the project and is eligible to apply.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.
Eligible Activities
Eligible activities must clearly demonstrate their criticality in meeting objectives of this grant opportunity. Applicants can only spend grant funds to pursue the research activities described in the grant proposal. The grant money can be used to pay costs that arise directly from these activities.

Assessment Criteria
The main assessment criteria include:
- Project impact (40%)
- Project methodology (30%)
- Capacity, capability and resources to deliver the project (30%)
- Overall value and risk of the project (non-weighted)

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

Closing Information
This program is available in multiple rounds. Applications for the current round must be submitted by 5pm on 13 July 2020.

Provided By:
Name: National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)
Ph: 1800500983
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Web: https://www.nhmrc.gov.au

**Status**
Open

**Location**
National | Overseas

**Overview**
This program aims to support small- and medium-sized businesses (SMBs), health organisations and governments, and health workers on the frontline of the COVID-19 global pandemic.

Google’s commitment includes:
- $250 million worth of ad grants to more than 100 government organisations across the globe, including the World Health Organization.
- $20 million in ad grants to community financial institutions and NGOs specifically to run public service announcements on relief funds and other resources for SMBs.
- $340 million in Google Ads credits available to all SMBs with active accounts over the past year. Credit notifications will appear in their Google Ads accounts and can be used at any point until the end of 2020 across Google’s advertising platforms.
- A $200 million investment fund that will support NGOs and financial institutions around the world to help provide small businesses with access to capital.
- A pool of $20 million in Google Cloud credits for academic institutions and researchers to leverage computing capabilities and infrastructure as they study potential therapies and vaccines, track critical data, and identify new ways to combat COVID-19.
- Direct financial support and expertise to help increase the production capacity for personal protective equipment (PPE) and lifesaving medical devices.

A total funding pool of USD800 million is available.

Please visit the website for more information.

**Closing Information**
Please see the Overview for the application details.

**Provided By:**
**Name:** Google
**Web:** https://blog.google
COVID-19 National: Business, Individuals – Support for Employees Working from Home

Status: Open
Closes: 30-06-2020
Location: National

Overview
This program aims to provide support to employees who are working from home due to the COVID-19 pandemic by allowing them to claim at tax time for the running expenses they incur.

To claim a deduction for working from home, all of the following must apply:
- The employee must have spent the money.
- The expense must be directly related to earning their income.
- The employee must have a record to prove it.

This means employees cannot claim a deduction for items provided by their employer or if they have been reimbursed for the expense. If they are not reimbursed by their employer, but instead receive an allowance from them to cover the expenses when they work from home, they:
- Must include this allowance as income in their tax return.
- Can claim a deduction as outlined in the ATO website.

There are three ways to choose to calculate additional running expenses:
- Shortcut method: Claim a rate of 80 cents per work hour for all additional running expenses
- Fixed rate method – claim all of these:
  a) A rate of 52 cents per work hour for heating, cooling, lighting, cleaning and the decline in value of office furniture.
  b) The work-related portion of the actual costs of phone and internet expenses, computer consumables, stationery.
  c) The work-related portion of the decline in value of a computer, laptop or similar device.
- Actual cost method: Claim the actual work-related portion of all the running expenses, which the employee needs to calculate on a reasonable basis.

ATO will accept a temporary simplified method (or shortcut method) of calculating additional running expenses from 1 March 2020 until at least 30 June 2020. This period may be extended, depending on when work patterns return to normal.

Please visit the website for more information.

Eligible Activities
Eligible expenses that can be claimed include:
- Electricity expenses associated with heating, cooling and lighting the area from which the employee is working and running items they are using for work.
- Cleaning costs for a dedicated work area.
- Phone and internet expenses.
- Computer consumables (for example, printer paper and ink) and stationery.
- Home office equipment, including computers, printers, phones, furniture and furnishings – employees can claim either the:
  a) Full cost of items up to $300.
  b) Decline in value for items over $300.

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

Status: Open
Opens: 28-04-2020
Location: National | Overseas

Overview
This program aims to support businesses working to counter the impact of COVID-19.

It’s essentially an Upwork credit that businesses never need to pay back. If the project is selected to receive this grant, the Upwork team will match them directly with remote professional(s) who have the specialized skills they need, and the grant funds pay for some or all of their time to help propel the effort.

Grants of up to USD25,000 are available. The amount of each grant is determined based on each project’s scope.

A total funding of USD1 million is available.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include all types of businesses across the world.

Eligible Activities
Eligible projects include those whose mission is tied directly to mitigating COVID-19’s devastating impact on individuals, communities and economies everywhere.

Closing Information
This program is open on an ongoing basis until all funds are fully allocated.

Provided By:
Name: Upwork
Web: https://www.upwork.com

Status: Open
Closes: 31-08-2020
Opens: 28-03-2020
Location: National

Overview
This program aims to support critical air services to connect regional Australia to freight, medical testing, supplies and essential personnel during the COVID-19 period.

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

Eligible applicants can apply for a grant to operate one service per week on each route, for an initial period of up to six weeks. The program will underwrite these services on a shortfall subsidy basis, with the cost offset by remaining commercial revenue from passengers and freight.

The amount of the grant will be the subject of negotiation with the airline based on the range and scope of services to be provided.

A total funding pool of $198 million is available across 2019-20 and 2020-21.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants must:
- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Be registered for the purposes of GST.
- Have an account with an Australian financial institution.
- Be one of the following entity types:
  a) A company incorporated in Australia
  b) A company incorporated by guarantee
  c) An incorporated trustee on behalf of a trust
  d) A partnership
  e) A registered charity or not-for-profit organisation
  f) An Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Corporation registered under the Corporations (Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006
- Satisfy the following eligible air service activities criteria:
  a) Must have a Regular Public Transport RPT (RPT) Air Operator’s Certificate (AOC) and have been operating public commercial air services to/from regional and/or remote location(s) in accordance with the applicant’s RPT AOC pre-COVID19 (February 2020).

Eligible Activities
Eligible activities are those that support part of the air operator operating domestic RPT air services’ pre-COVID19 RPT network serving regional locations, to operate one return service per week on each route, for a period of up to six weeks initially. The application may then also include providing the services for a longer period.

The grant funds must be used to directly support the continuing operation of the airline for eligible air service activities as defined in the Guidelines.

The services supported by this grant opportunity are for flights undertaken during period 28 March to 30 September 2020.
Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include:
- The extent to which the network proposal meets the following requirements:
  a) Existing RPT route(s) operated by the airline in January/February 2020.
  b) Destinations are regional or remote.
  c) Same or similar aircraft type as previously used on each route.
  d) Service frequency of no more than one per week.
  e) Fares and freight charges similar to pre-COVID19 charges.
  f) Alternative route configurations can be put forward to promote efficiencies.
- Contribution the network proposal makes to communities and to supporting regional air service networks.
- The costing of the network proposal.

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

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 31 August 2020, 5pm.

Provided By:
Name: Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
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Email: COVIDrans@infrastructure.gov.au
Web: https://www.infrastructure.gov.au
Overview
This program aims to assist Australian businesses and economic growth in the short-term, and encourage a stronger economic recovery following the Coronavirus outbreak. It is one of the investment measures provided by the Government in backing businesses to invest to help the economy withstand and recover from the economic impact of Coronavirus.

The program forms part of the Australian Government’s Coronavirus Economic Stimulus Package which aims to keep Australians in jobs, keep businesses in business and support households and the Australian economy as the world deals with the significant challenges posed by the spread of the coronavirus.

The Government is increasing the instant asset write-off (IAWO) threshold from $30,000 to $150,000 and expanding access until 30 June 2020.

The higher IAWO threshold provides cash flow benefits for businesses that will be able to immediately deduct purchases of eligible assets each costing less than $150,000. The threshold applies on a per asset basis, so eligible businesses can immediately write-off multiple assets.

The IAWO is due to revert to $1,000 for small businesses (turnover less than $10 million) from 1 July 2020.

Expanding the threshold will mean an additional 5,300 businesses who employ around 1.9 million Australians will be able to access the IAWO for the first time.

This measure is estimated to have a net cost of $700 million over the forward estimates. It will support business investment and is estimated to lower taxes paid by Australian businesses by $2.5 billion over the next two years.

On 9 June 2020, the Morrison Government announced that it will extend the $150,000 instant asset write-off for six months to 31 December 2020 to give businesses additional time to acquire and install assets.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include all businesses with aggregated annual turnover of less than $500 million up from $50 million.

Eligible Activities
This proposal applies for new or second-hand assets first used or installed ready for use in this timeframe (12 March to 30 June 2020).

Closing Information
Please see the Overview for the closing details.

Provided By:
Name: Australian Taxation Office (ATO)
Ph: 0262633030
Email: TreasuryCOVID-19Coord@TREASURY.GOV.AU
Web: https://treasury.gov.au
Overview
This program aims to support the tourism industry through COVID-19 and to support businesses to rebuild their operations. It forms part of the Australian Government's $1 billion COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Fund which aims to support regions, communities and industry sectors that have been disproportionately affected by the Coronavirus crisis.

The program will provide the following:
- Temporary relief from licence fees and permit charges levied by the Director of National Parks for the period of 1 January 2020 to 31 March 2021. Aside from the immediate respite from some ongoing operating costs, this will also allow business to re-commence operations without having to pay for licences and permits.
- Rent relief to tenants of the Australian National Botanic Gardens in accordance with the Australian Government's Rent Relief Policy.

Commercial tourism businesses will still be required to hold a valid licence or permit to resume operations when the national parks re-open, however these fees will be waived through to 31 March 2021.

Parks Australia will contact all eligible operators with information on receiving their reimbursement.

A total funding pool of up to $772,000 is available.

Please refer to the website for more information.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants are those tourism businesses operating in Commonwealth National Parks managed by Parks Australia, including:
- Kakadu National Park
- Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park

Closing Information
Please see the Overview for the closing details.

Provided By:
Name: Parks Australia
Ph: 
Email: parksonlinefeedback@awe.gov.au
Web: https://www.regional.gov.au
COVID-19 National: Business, Non-Profits – Regional Airlines Funding Assistance

**Status**
Open

**Closes**
30-09-2020

**Opens**
01-04-2020

**Funding**
Max $5M

**Location**
National

**Overview**

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

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

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

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

**Who Can Apply**

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

**Eligible Activities**

Eligible activities are those that support the continuing operation of the airline for eligible air service activities, as defined in the Guidelines.
Assessment Criteria
The main assessment criteria include:
- The contribution the airline makes to communities and to supporting the regional air service network. This includes the extent to which the airline’s activities support the government’s other aviation assistance measures during the COVID-19 period such as continuing to provide essential regional air links.
- Need for the funding.

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

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

Provided By:
Name: Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
Email: COVIDrafa@infrastructure.gov.au
Web: https://www.infrastructure.gov.au
Status: Open
Closes: 02-07-2020
Opens: 04-06-2020
Funding: Max $600,000
Location: National | Overseas

Overview
This program aims to link Australian and Indian research institutions together to work on strategically focused, leading-edge scientific research and technology projects. The projects build research capacity and maximise the application, commercialisation and sustainability of research outcomes, supporting the continued economic growth and development of both nations.

Round 13 of this program seeks to support collaborative research projects focused on contributing to the global response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The priority areas for Round 13 of the program are:
1. Indo-Australian Science & Technology Fund (administered by DST in India)
   - Antiviral coatings, other preventive technologies
   - Data analytics, modelling, Artificial Intelligence applications
   - Screening and diagnostic testing

2. Indo-Australian Biotechnology Fund (administered by DBT in India)
   - Development of immunotherapeutics
   - Development of animal model/in vitro model for vaccine development
   - Assay development and validation for testing of vaccines and therapeutics
   - Viral genomics and bioinformatics

Grants between $300,000 and $600,000 up to 100% of eligible project costs are available.

A total funding pool of $10 million is available over four years, of which $3 million is available over two years from 2020-21 to 2021-22.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants must:
- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Be one of the following entities:
  a) A publicly funded research organisation (PFRO)
  b) A Cooperative Research Centre (CRC)
  c) An Australian State/Territory Government agency or body

Joint applications involving more than one Australian partner are acceptable and industry involvement (including businesses) is encouraged where appropriate, provided the lead applicant is the main driver of the project and eligible to apply.

AISRF can only accept applications that have a primary Indian partner that has submitted, or is in the process of submitting, a corresponding application to India’s Department of Science and Technology (DST) or the Department of Biotechnology (DBT).

This eligibility criteria cannot be waived under any circumstances.
Eligible Activities

Eligible projects must:
- Be consistent with the objectives and intended outcomes of the AISRF.
- Include eligible activities and eligible expenditure.
- Involve research in a priority area.

Eligible activities must relate directly to the project and can include:
- Joint scientific research projects with Indian partner/s
- Application and commercialisation of research outcomes
- Exchanges and secondments of personnel between Australia and India
- Conferences and workshops
- New research-related information sharing and communication initiatives
- Joint traditional research outputs of books, chapters, journal articles and conference publications

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

Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include:
- How their project will advance research in priority areas to deliver tangible outcomes and benefits for both Australia and India.
- Their capacity, capability and resources to deliver the project.

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

Closing Information

This program is available annually. Applications must be submitted by 5pm on 2 July 2020.

Provided By:
Name: Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources
Ph: 132846
Email: enquiries@industry.gov.au
Web: https://www.industry.gov.au

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

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

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

Target countries and departure points will be determined by demand and freight optimisation criteria as advised by the International Freight Coordinator General:
- The mechanism will initially focus on the key markets of China, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore and the UAE.
- The initial departure points for freight will be Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Perth.

A total funding pool of $110 million is available.

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

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

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

Please refer to the Fact Sheet for more information.

Eligible Activities
Eligible products may include:
- Seafood, including lobsters
- Premium meat, including beef and pork
- Dairy, including fresh milk and yoghurt
- Horticulture, including premium fruits and packaged salad or vegetables

Given the economics of airfreight, low value products are not likely to be eligible. This will likely include:
- Products that are heavy, bulky and are conventionally shipped by sea.
- Exports to markets not open to airfreight.
- Export by airfreight that is not likely to be economically exported on an ongoing basis.

Closing Information
This program is currently open for registration of interest. Please see the Overview for the application details.
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COVID-19 National: Business – Supporting Apprentices and Trainees

Overview
This program aims to support small business to retain their apprentices and trainees during the Coronavirus health crisis. It forms part of the Australian Government's Economic Response to the Coronavirus which aims to support households and businesses and address the significant economic consequences of the Coronavirus.

Eligible employers will receive a wage subsidy of up to 50% of the wage, reimbursed in arrears:
- Worth up to $7,000 per quarter (to a maximum of $21,000), per eligible apprentice or trainee.
- Available for a maximum of nine months, covering wages paid from 1 January 2020 to 30 September 2020.

Businesses that claim this subsidy for wages paid during the period 1 January 2020 to 31 March 2020 will not be precluded from applying for the JobKeeper Payment from 30 March 2020 – if they are eligible. After this time, they will need to choose which payment best supports their circumstances.

This measure will support up to 70,000 small businesses, employing around 117,000 apprentices.

Employers can register for the subsidy from 2 April 2020. Final claims for payment must be lodged by 31 December 2020.

A total funding pool of $1.3 billion is available.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include small businesses employing fewer than 20 employees who retain an apprentice or trainee. The apprentice or trainee must have been in training with a small business as at 1 March 2020.

Employers of any size and Group Training Organisations that re-engage an eligible out-of-trade apprentice or trainee will be eligible for the subsidy.

Employers will be able to access the subsidy after an eligibility assessment is undertaken by an Australian Apprenticeship Support Network (AASN) provider.

Closing Information
Please see the Overview for the closing details.

Provided By:
Name: Department of Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business
Ph: 0262633030
Email: TreasuryCOVID-19Coord@TREASURY.GOV.AU
Web: https://www.employment.gov.au

Status: Open
Funding: Max $1,500
Location: National

Overview
This program aims to support businesses significantly affected by the coronavirus to help keep more Australians in jobs. It forms part of the Australian Government's Coronavirus Economic Stimulus Package which aims to support households and businesses and address the significant economic consequences of the Coronavirus.

Under the program, businesses or not-for-profits impacted by the Coronavirus will be able to access a subsidy from the Government to continue paying their employees. Affected employers will be able to claim a payment of $1,500 per fortnight per eligible employee from 30 March 2020 until 27 September 2020.

Employers need to pay all eligible employees a minimum of $1,500 (before tax) per fortnight to claim the JobKeeper payment. This will be paid to the employer in arrears each month by ATO. The first payments to eligible employers will commence in the first week of May 2020.

Businesses can enrol for the initial JobKeeper periods from 30 April 2020 until 31 May 2020 through the ATO’s Business Portal, in ATO online services using myGov if a sole trader, or through a registered tax or BAS agent.

A total funding pool of $130 billion is available.

Please refer to the website for more information.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include employers who must meet the following requirements:
- On 1 March 2020, carried on a business in Australia or were either:
  a) A not-for-profit organisation that pursued your objectives principally in Australia.
  b) Deductible gift recipient (DGR) endorsed either, as a public fund or for a public fund they operated, under the Overseas Aid Gift Deductibility Scheme (DGR item 9.1.1) or for developed country relief (DGR item 9.1.2).
- Employed at least one eligible employee on 1 March 2020.
- Their eligible employees are currently employed by their business for the fortnights the claim for (including those who are stood down or re-hired).
- Their business has faced a:
  a) 30% fall in turnover (for an aggregated turnover of $1 billion or less).
  b) 50% fall in turnover (for an aggregated turnover of more than $1 billion).
  c) 15% fall in turnover (for ACNC-registered charities other than universities and schools).

Please refer to the website for the complete eligibility requirements.

Closing Information
Please see the Overview for the closing details.

Provided By:
Name: Australian Taxation Office (ATO)
Ph: 1800806218
Email: TreasuryCOVID-19Coord@TREASURY.GOV.AU
Web: https://www.ato.gov.au

Status
Open

Funding
Max $100,000

Location
National

Overview
This program aims to support Indigenous businesses who have been impacted by the COVID-19 crisis, including non-IBA customers. It is a new relief package that has been designed in collaboration with the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) to respond to the immediate challenges Indigenous businesses are facing.

The package includes:
1. Business impact analysis
   - Access to specialist advice to navigate the COVID-19 crisis, including a rapid assessment of your business positioning, cashflow management and assistance to access available stimulus measures from Federal, State/Territories, such as the Job Keeper Payment or the Boosting Cash Flow measures.

2. Working capital assistance
   - Businesses can apply for working capital assistance of up to $100,000 via a loan/grant package (assessed on a needs basis), which will consist of:
     a) A grant of up to 50% of the package amount.
     b) For the loan component, a loan term of up to 36 months, with zero repayments for the first 12 months, and preferential interest rates.

Customers who are not eligible for any other government stimulus packages will be prioritised for working capital stimulus assistance.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include:
- Sole traders who must be over the age of 18 years and of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.
- Organisation who must:
  a) Have at least 50% of the ownership or membership of the organisation held by a person(s) of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.
  b) Be an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporation registered under the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006, and the Indigenous owner(s) of the business (if applicable) are actively involved in the business.

The applicant's business must:
- Carry on a business for profit.
- Have no more than 200 employees.
- Be established no less than six months before 31 March 2020.
- Not be wholly owned by the Commonwealth.
- Have been adversely impacted by COVID-19.

None of the relevant persons in the business must:
- Be undischarged bankrupts.
- Have been found guilty of for an indictable offence against a law of the Commonwealth or another jurisdiction that involves fraud, embezzlement, cybercrime, counterfeiting, identity theft, money laundering, terrorism financing, tax evasion, bribery, corruption, blackmail, forgery, insider trading, market manipulation, an offence under the Taxation Administration Act 1953 (Cth), or any other serious financial crime.
Closing Information
This program is currently open for registrations of interest.

Provided By:
Name: Indigenous Business Australia
Ph: 1800107107
Web: https://www.iba.gov.au
COVID-19 National: Business – Temporary Relief for Financially Distressed Businesses

Status: Open
Closes: 24-09-2020
Opens: 25-03-2020
Location: National

Overview
This program aims to provide support to profitable and viable businesses who are temporarily facing financial distress due to the economic impacts brought about by the spread of the Coronavirus. It seeks to ensure that these businesses have a safety net when the crisis has passed so they can resume normal business operations.

The program forms part of the Australian Government’s Coronavirus Economic Stimulus Package which aims to keep Australians in jobs, keep businesses in business and support households and the Australian economy as the world deals with the significant challenges posed by the spread of the Coronavirus.

The elements of the package are:

1. Temporary higher thresholds and more time to respond to demands from creditors
   - The Government is temporarily increasing the current minimum threshold for creditors issuing a statutory demand on a company under the Corporations Act 2001 from $2,000 to $20,000.
   - The statutory timeframe for a company to respond to a statutory demand will be extended temporarily from 21 days to six months.
   - The threshold for the minimum amount of debt required for a creditor to initiate bankruptcy proceedings against a debtor will temporarily increase from its current level of $5,000 to $20,000.
   - The time a debtor has to respond to a bankruptcy notice will be temporarily increased from 21 days to six months. The extension will give a debtor more time to consider repayment arrangements before they could be forced into bankruptcy.
   - When a debtor declares an intention to enter voluntary bankruptcy by making a declaration of intention to present a debtor’s petition there is a period of protection when unsecured creditors cannot take further action to recover debts. This period will be temporarily extended from 21 days to six months.
   - These measures will apply for six months, from 25 March 2020 until 24 September 2020.

2. Temporary relief for directors from any personal liability for trading while insolvent
   - Directors will be temporarily relieved of their duty to prevent insolvent trading with respect to any debts incurred in the ordinary course of the company’s business. This will relieve the director of personal liability that would otherwise be associated with the insolvent trading. This temporary measure will apply for 6 months, from 25 March 2020 until 24 September 2020.
   - Temporary relief from personal liability for insolvent trading will apply with respect to debts incurred in the ordinary course of the company’s business.

3. Providing the Treasurer an instrument making power under the Corporations Act
   - To deliver regulatory certainty at a time when Parliamentary sittings will also be disrupted, the Treasurer will be given a temporary instrument-making power in the Corporations Act 2001 to temporarily amend provisions of the Act to provide relief from specific obligations or to modify obligations to enable compliance with legal requirements during the crisis.
   - The instrument-making power will apply for six months, from 25 March 2020 until 24 September 2020.
   - Any instrument made under this power will apply for up to six months from the date it is made.

For owners or directors of a business that are currently struggling due to the Coronavirus, the ATO will tailor solutions for their circumstances, including temporary reduction of payments or deferrals, or withholding enforcement actions including Director Penalty Notices and wind-ups.

Please refer to the Fact Sheet for more information.
Closing Information
Please see the Overview for the closing details.

Provided By:
Name: Department of the Treasury
Ph: 0262633030
Email: TreasuryCOVID-19Coord@TREASURY.GOV.AU
Web: https://treasury.gov.au
Overview
This program aims to allow individuals affected by the Coronavirus to access their superannuation in 2019-20 and 2020-21. It forms part of the Australian Government’s Coronavirus Economic Stimulus Package which aims to keep Australians in jobs, keep businesses in business and support households and the Australian economy as the world deals with the significant challenges posed by the spread of the coronavirus.

Eligible Australian and New Zealand citizens and permanent residents are able to apply to access up to:
- $10,000 of their super until 30 June 2020.
- A further $10,000 from 1 July 2020 until 24 September 2020.

People accessing their superannuation will not need to pay tax on amounts released and the money they withdraw will not affect Centrelink and Veterans’ Affairs payments, or the JobKeeper Payment.

The application is available through ATO online services in myGov. This measure is expected to have a cost of $1.75 billion over the forward estimates. Please visit the website for more information.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants must satisfy one or more of the following requirements:
1. For Australian and New Zealand citizens and permanent residents
   - Be unemployed.
   - Be eligible to receive a job seeker payment, youth allowance for jobseekers, parenting payment (which includes the single and partnered payments), special benefit or farm household allowance.
   - On or after 1 January 2020, either:
     a) Be made redundant.
     b) The working hours were reduced by 20% or more.
     c) If a sole trader, the business was suspended or there was a reduction in your turnover of 20% or more.

2. For temporary visa holders/residents
   - Hold a student visa that they have held for 12 months or more and they are unable to meet immediate living expenses.
   - Be a temporary skilled work visa holder, the working hours have reduced to zero and they remain engaged with their employer.
   - Be a temporary resident visa holder (excluding student or skilled worker visas) and they cannot meet immediate living expenses.

Applicants will not be required to attach evidence to support their application; however, they should retain records and documents to confirm their eligibility.

Closing Information
Please see the Overview for the closing details.

Provided By:
Name: Australian Taxation Office (ATO)
Ph: 0262633030
Email: TreasuryCOVID-19Coord@TREASURY.GOV.AU
Web: https://www.ato.gov.au
Overview
This program is a time limited 15-month investment incentive which aims to support business investment and economic growth over the short-term, by accelerating depreciation deductions to help the economy withstand and recover from the economic impact of Coronavirus. It is one of the investment measures provided by the Australian Government to assist Australian businesses and economic growth in the short-term, and encourage a stronger economic recovery following the Coronavirus outbreak.

The program forms part of the Australian Government’s Coronavirus Economic Stimulus Package which aims to keep Australians in jobs, keep businesses in business and support households and the Australian economy as the world deals with the significant challenges posed by the spread of the coronavirus.

Businesses with a turnover of less than $500 million will be able to deduct 50% of the cost of an eligible asset on installation, with existing depreciation rules applying to the balance of the asset cost.

This measure is estimated to have a cost of $3.2 billion over the forward estimates. It will support business investment and is estimated to lower taxes paid by Australian businesses by $6.7 billion over the next two years.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include businesses who must:
- Have an aggregated turnover of less than $500 million.
- Not have already applied other depreciation deductions or the instant asset write off.

Eligible Activities
Eligible assets include new assets that can be depreciated under Division 40 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (i.e. plant, equipment and specified intangible assets, such as patents) acquired after announcement and first used or installed by 30 June 2021.

Does not apply to second-hand Division 40 assets, or buildings and other capital works depreciable under Division 43.

Closing Information
This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:
Name: Australian Taxation Office (ATO)
Ph: 0262633030
Email: TreasuryCOVID-19Coord@TREASURY.GOV.AU
Web: https://treasury.gov.au

Status: Pending
Closes: 01-06-2020
Opens: 25-05-2020
Funding: Max $10,000
Location: National

Overview
This program aims to support eligible small businesses who need assistance due to the adverse economic effects of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) on their small business. It seeks to help assist businesses on the pathway to recovery after the temporary closures and restrictions resulting from COVID-19.

Grants of up to $10,000 (including GST) are available to 67 businesses across Australia.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include businesses who must:
- Be a for-profit company with an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Have between 2 and 50 employees.
- Have been in business for a full two years as of 1 March 2020.
- Have an annual revenue between $150,000 and $2 million.

Eligible Activities
Eligible activities are those that support initiatives by small businesses as they adapt and innovate to emerge from this challenging period in a strong position. Such initiatives could include:
- Re-purposing or re-modelling workspace
- Redesigning the business processes
- New approaches to marketing
- Creating a new or upgraded digital presence
- Acquiring new software or equipment for a specialised service
- Anything else that is aimed at securing or growing the business into the future

Assessment Criteria
The main assessment criteria include the applicants’:
- Proposal
- Expected outcome

Closing Information
This program is now closed for applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

Provided By:
Name: Council of Small Business Organisations Australia (COSBOA)
Ph: 0294318646
Email: info@cosboa.org.au
Web: https://www.cosboa.org.au
COVID-19 National: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – Australian Airline Financial Relief Package

Status: Open
Closes: 30-09-2020
Opens: 01-04-2020
Location: National

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

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

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

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

A total funding pool of $285 million is available across 2019-20 and 2020-21.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants must:
- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Be registered for the purposes of GST.
- Have an account with an Australian financial institution.
- Be one of the following entity types:
  a) A company incorporated in Australia
  b) A company incorporated by guarantee
  c) An incorporated trustee on behalf of a trust
  d) A partnership
  e) A joint application
  f) A registered charity or not-for-profit organisation
  g) An individual
  h) An Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Corporation registered under the Corporations (Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006
- Have an Air Operator’s Certificate authorising the services, and provide a copy of this with their application.

Eligible Activities
Eligible activities include offsetting:
- Fuel excise.
- The costs of security screening activity.
- Any increased operational costs from the enhanced security screening measures scheduled to be introduced in 2020.
Grant applications for eligible activity for the period 1 February 2020 to 30 September 2020 will be considered progressively.

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

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

**Provided By:**
- **Name:** Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
- **Ph:** 1300768578
- **Email:** COVIDafrp@infrastructure.gov.au
- **Web:** https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/

Status: Open

Closes: 30-09-2020

Location: National

Overview

This program aims to help internet providers to support their residential and small and medium business customers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of this package, NBN Co will be implementing relief measures, including:

1. Helping low-income families
   - To help unconnected low-income families with school children get connected, nbn will waive its $37 monthly wholesale charge for internet providers for many services on the 25/5 Mbps speed tier between April and September.
   - This is intended to enable internet providers to create more affordable offers to connect these families as Term Two of school starts across the nation.
   - Approximately $50 million will go towards helping internet providers to support low-income households with school-aged children who do not currently have an active nbn connection at home.

2. Helping essential and emergency services
   - nbn will offer internet providers enhanced service levels, and prioritised connections and fault resolutions for these customers via case management through nbn’s Business Operations Centre.
   - To further support the expected increase in telehealth activity, internet providers will be offered support to grant health providers on basic or standard nbn services with upgrades to eligible higher speed tiers at no additional charge.
   - $50 million is allocated for this stream.

3. Helping small and medium-sized businesses
   - nbn will provide financial support to internet providers for new connections of specified business-grade services, helping businesses to re-establish themselves when the pandemic passes.
   - $50 million is allocated for this stream.

A total funding pool of $150 million is available.

The relief and assistance package will be made available to retailers in accordance with applicable terms and conditions from April to 30 September, with retailers to determine when and what offers they develop for their customers.

Closing Information

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

Provided By:

Name: NBN Co
Ph: 1800687626
Web: https://www.nbnco.com.au
COVID-19 National: Business – Facebook Small Business Grants Program

**Status**
Opening

**Location**
National | Overseas

**Overview**
This program aims to support small businesses who may be experiencing disruptions resulting from the global outbreak of COVID-19.

It seeks to help businesses:
- Keep the business workforce going strong.
- Help with the rent costs.
- Connect with more customers.
- Cover operational costs.

A total funding pool of USD100 million in cash grants and ad credits will be available for up to 30,000 eligible small businesses in over 30 countries where Facebook operate.

More information will be published as soon as they become available.

**Closing Information**
This program is not yet open for applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

**Provided By:**
**Name:** Facebook
**Web:** https://www.facebook.com
Overview
This program aims to help renters by providing a range of measures during the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes a temporary hold on evictions and a mandatory code of conduct for commercial tenancies to support small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) affected by coronavirus.

Evictions will be put on hold over the next six months for commercial and residential tenants in financial distress, who are unable to meet their commitments due to the impact of the coronavirus.

A mandatory code of conduct outlines a set of good faith leasing principles for commercial tenancies (including retail, office and industrial) between owners/operators/other landlords and tenants.

This code applies to tenants that are:
- A small to medium sized business with an annual turnover of up to $50 million.
- Eligible for the JobKeeper Payment.

The code includes a common set of 14 principles. These include:
- Landlords must not terminate leases for non-payment of rent during the COVID-19 pandemic (or reasonable recovery period).
- Tenants must stay committed to their lease terms (subject to amendments).
- Landlords must offer reductions in rent (as waivers or deferrals) based on the tenant’s reduction in trade during COVID-19.
- Benefits that owners get for their properties (e.g. reduced charges, land tax, deferred loan payments) should be passed on to the tenant (in the appropriate proportion).

Rent reductions will be based on the tenant’s decline in turnover to ensure that the burden is shared between landlords and tenants.

The Government is also waiving rents for all its small and medium enterprises and not-for-profit tenants within its owned and leased property across Australia.

These measures will be implemented by the renters’ State or Territory Government.

Please visit the website for more information.

Closing Information
This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:
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Overview
This program aims to assist previously profitable Australian exporters whose businesses have been impacted by COVID-19. It will complement other measures announced by the Government which enable banks to support new and existing clients.

Exporters should contact their banks in the first instance to determine what assistance may be available to them.

Loans between $250,000 and $50 million are available under the following terms:
- Repayment: Up to two years.
- Interest rate: A competitive, commercial interest rate depending on the risk profile of the business and debt servicing capacity. Deferrals of principal and interest repayments may also be available, depending on the business’ circumstances.
- Security: Security requirements will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

In addition to loans, EFA provide a range of financial solutions to meet the business needs, including:
- Guarantees — to the business' bank when they need additional security.
- Bonds — to help the business fulfil the terms of their export contract.

A total funding pool of $500 million is available.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include Australian businesses who are exporters or operating in an export supply chain and who:
- Have been trading for at least two years.
- Have had profitable operations in either of the two financial years prior to markets being impacted by COVID-19.
- Are unable to secure finance from the private market because of COVID-19.
- Have an annual turnover of at least $250,000.

Eligible Activities
The Facility can assist with:
- Working capital support – to finance against supplier invoices or international purchase orders.
- Capital investment – to purchase new equipment and expand the business export operations.
- International expansion – to establish or grow the business operations overseas.
- Online growth – to invest in eCommerce and grow sales to international customers.

Closing Information
This program is open on an ongoing basis.

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COVID-19 National: Business, Non-Profits – Australian Banking Association Commercial Landlord Relief Package

**Status**
Open

**Location**
National

**Overview**
This program aims to support commercial landlords who have been adversely impacted by COVID-19 by offering six month deferral of loans.

Businesses (including not-for-profits) with total business loan facilities of up to $10 million (up from $3 million) can defer business loan repayments for six months. This rise from $3 million to $10 million marks an extension in support which will apply to an additional $100 billion of business loans.

During COVID-19 banks have also agreed to not enforce business loans for non-financial breaches of the loan contract (such as changes in valuations).

The new measures will apply in all sectors of the economy, and on an opt-in basis, under the conditions that:
- For commercial property landlords, they provide an undertaking to the bank that for the period of the interest capitalisation, they will not terminate leases or evict current tenants for rent arrears as a result of COVID-19.
- The customer has advised that its business is affected by COVID-19.
- The customer was current in terms of existing facilities 90 days prior to applying.
- Interest is capitalised – meaning either the term of the loan is extended, or payments are increased after the deferral period.

This measure is designed to help protect many thousands of small businesses (including not-for-profits) from being evicted, if they are struggling to pay the rent, as it covers approximately 90% of commercial property owners (including not-for-profits) who have loans with an Australian bank.

Businesses (including not-for-profits) with total loans of more than $10 million may also be eligible for relief, but this will need to be considered on a case by case basis as they are often much more complex in their structure.

Banks have developed this relief package following discussions with APRA and ASIC to provide the appropriate regulatory treatment.

**Who Can Apply**
The type of businesses this measure applies to includes commercial (and not-for-profit) landlords of properties such as local shopping centres, pubs, clubs and restaurants, who must agree not to terminate leases or evict current tenants for rent arrears due to COVID-19 in order to access support.

**Closing Information**
This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Provided By:**
Name: Australian Banking Association
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Overview
This program aims to provide rapid support to Australian researchers engaged in research related to COVID-19. TIA’s Pipeline Accelerator schemes are designed to respond quickly to the needs of researchers and industry by facilitating access to expertise in national research infrastructure.

The scheme has three key participants, providers, applicants and TIA. The objectives of the program are to:
1. For providers (TIA-supported)
   - Enable and increase external business from SMEs and public-funded research groups.
   - Raise the profile of the TIA facilities and their capabilities within the Australian research community.
   - Incentivise collaborative projects, leading to more effective use of research infrastructure.

2. For applicants (public and private sector researchers)
   - Provide a mechanism for financially supporting and enabling hard-to-fund activities.
   - Lower the financial bar to access high quality, internationally accredited translational research services.

3. For TIA
   - Support access to facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic.
   - Enable co-investment with NCRIS funding.
   - Increase external access to national research infrastructure.
   - Provide a means to identify and track progress of supported projects.
   - Provide case studies and exemplars for TIA reporting to government.

There are two levels of funding offered:
- $5,000 (multiples) up to a total value of $20,000
- $50,000

Applications should specify the level of funding to apply for. Applicants will not be offered a different level of funding than was applied for.

Applications are expected to be able to demonstrate cash co-investment. An ideal level of co-investment has been 1:1 or better, however, for this COVID-19 scheme these expectations will be relaxed for the purposes of assessment, with an absolute minimum level of 25% of the requested award in accordance with NCRIS guidelines.

The funding round closing dates are:
- Round 1: Closed 15 May 2020, 5pm
- Round 2: Closed 5 June 2020, 5pm

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include:
- University-based researchers and research groups.
- Research groups within Public Funded Research Organisations, including Medical Research Institutes.
- University or Medical Research Institute’s technology transfer office or organisations.
- Commercial entities that meet the general eligibility criteria for the R&D Tax Incentive.
Applications from international organisations will also be considered.

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

**Eligible Activities**

Eligible projects must contribute in some way to a project or initiative that has as an aim addressing the COVID-19 pandemic. Example projects include the following activities:

- Development of suitable biological and or chemical assets relevant to COVID-19, such as libraries of chemical and biological materials known or predicted to have antiviral properties.
- Screening of such assets to identify hits, leads, molecular tools or biological targets.
- Discovery and development of potential small molecules (including molecular tools), cell and gene therapies, biologics, vaccines or monoclonal antibodies targeting biological pathways related to COVID-19 and associated illness (e.g. pneumonia).
- Bioanalytical, production, processing or characterisation support for COVID-19 projects, including clinical trials, diagnostics, devices or other treatment, control or mitigation strategies.

**Closing Information**

This program is now closed to applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

**Provided By:**

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COVID-19 National: Business, Non-Profits – Public Interest News Gathering Program

Status
Pending

Closes
29-05-2020

Opens
07-05-2020

Location
National

Overview
This program aims to support regional broadcasters and publishers to maintain their production and distribution of public interest journalism in regional Australia during the COVID-19 pandemic phase. It implements the Government’s response to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission’s (ACCC) Digital Platforms Inquiry by replacing the remaining Regional and Small Publishers Jobs and Innovation Package.

The program forms part of the Australian Government’s package of measures to help sustain Australian media businesses as they do their vital work of keeping the community informed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Funding for this grant opportunity will be allocated across three streams:

1. Stream 1
   - Regional commercial television, including their online services, which produce and broadcast public interest journalism in regional markets, to be apportioned using a grant funding allocation formula based on their proportion of annual revenue compared to the total combined revenue of eligible Stream 1 applicants.

2. Stream 2
   - Regional commercial radio, including their online services, which produce and broadcast public interest journalism in regional markets, to be apportioned using a grant funding allocation formula based on their proportion of annual revenue compared to the total combined revenue of eligible Stream 2 applicants.

3. Stream 3
   - Regional publishers, which produce and publish public interest journalism in regional markets, to be apportioned using a grant funding allocation formula based on their proportion of annual revenue compared to the total combined revenue of eligible Stream 3 applicants
   - Grants in this stream will have a minimum grant amount of $10,000 (excluding GST).

There is no maximum grant amount per grantee but grants cannot exceed the amount of available funds. Each applicant may lodge only one application for this grant opportunity but can apply for funding through more than one stream.

A total funding pool of $50 million (GST exclusive) is available.

Applications will be considered through a demand-driven grant process. Organisations that satisfy the criteria – producing Australian public interest journalism with a commitment to accuracy, accessibility and broad relevance – will be eligible.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants must:
- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN) (the ABN number must be supplied with the application).
- Be registered for the purposes of GST.
- Not be a foreign controlled Australian entity (as defined in the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997).
- Not currently be insolvent.
- Be a Regional Television Broadcaster or Regional Radio Broadcaster, or Regional Publisher.
- Demonstrate that you provide public interest journalism to local communities. This should include the production and distribution of local news.
- Not be formally affiliated with a political party, union, financial institution, non-government organisation or policy lobby group where that affiliation would influence, or might be seen to influence, the content produced by the applicant.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

**Eligible Activities**

Eligible expenditure must primarily be for the applicant’s production and distribution of public interest news journalism during the grant period and without limitation, includes:
- Purchase or lease of assets and equipment.
- Acquisition of relevant content, intellectual property or other rights.
- The costs of acquiring technology to assist with production or distribution of content.
- Salaries for employees that are directly connected to the production of public interest journalism or to the generation of revenue to fund the production of public interest journalism.
- Costs to assist journalists with content production and distribution.
- Costs of staff training.
- Office and travel costs related to public interest journalism.
- Other costs that directly support the production and distribution of public interest journalism.

**Closing Information**

This program is now closed to applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

**Provided By:**

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COVID-19 National: Business, Non-Profits – Australian Banking Association Small Business Relief Package

**Overview**
This program aims to support businesses or not-for-profits that have been adversely impacted by COVID-19 by allowing them to defer principal and interest repayments for all bank loans attached to them for a period of six months.

While the business (including not-profits) won’t make any principal or interest payments for the six months, interest will continue to be accrued, it can then be paid off over the life of the loan once repayments begin again, or the length of the loan can be extended. This is a discussion that should be had between the business and their bank.

The bank will ask customers to self-assess whether their business (or not-for-profit) has been adversely impacted, no further verification will be required. In order to participate customers must advise their bank that their business (or not-for-profit) is affected by COVID-19, they will fast track the approval process and provide support as soon as possible.

Participating banks are also offering loans, including overdrafts, at very low interest rates, to help bridge cash flow gaps, supported by the Government, through an SME Loan guarantee.

Businesses with total business loan facilities of up to $10 million (up from the $3 million small business threshold) will also be able to defer business loan repayments for six months.

**Who Can Apply**
Eligible applicants must:
- Have less than $10 million total debt to all credit providers.
- Need to be current, and not in arrears as of 1 January 2020.

It does not matter how many people the business employs. Some banks are applying these criteria flexibly. Applicants who fall outside these criteria are advised to contact their bank to discuss their situation.

**Closing Information**
This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Provided By:**
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ACT Programs
COVID-19 ACT: Business – Waiver and Deferral of Payroll Tax

Status: Open
Location: Australian Capital Territory

Overview
This program aims to support businesses impacted by COVID-19 pandemic by providing deferral and waiver of payroll tax. It forms part of the ACT Government's $137 million Economic Survival Package which aims to support the ACT community through the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The package includes:
1. Six-month waiver of payroll tax
   - All businesses whose operations are directly affected by the prohibited activities list such as gyms and indoor sporting venues, cinemas, beauty therapists and nail salons will be eligible to receive a six-month waiver of payroll tax from April to September 2020.
   - For those who lodge their payroll tax return monthly, the first waiver will be applied to the March payroll tax return, which is usually payable by 7 April.
   - For those who lodge their payroll tax return annually, the first waiver will be applied to their account when their return is received at the end of the 2019-20 financial year.
   - Businesses will need to complete a simple online application form on the ACT Revenue Office website to confirm their eligibility.

2. Payroll tax deferral
   - All ACT businesses with Australia-wide wages of up to $10 million can defer their 2020-21 payroll tax, interest free until 1 July 2022.
   - Eligible businesses will need to lodge their payroll tax returns as normal but will not be required to make the associated payment at the usual time. If the deferred amount is paid before 1 July 2022, no interest will be charged. Interest will be applied to any outstanding deferred amounts from 1 July 2022.
   - For those who lodge their payroll tax assessment monthly, deferral can commence for their July 2020 payroll tax liability, which is usually payable by 7 August.
   - For those who lodge their payroll tax assessment annually, they can defer payment of their full 2020-21 payroll tax liability, which is usually payable in July 2021.
   - Businesses will need to confirm their eligibility by visiting the payroll tax page on the ACT Revenue Office website.

Please visit the website for more information.

Closing Information
This program is open on an ongoing basis. Please see the Overview for the application details.

Provided By:
Name: ACT Revenue Office
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Overview

This program aims to provide relief for business tenants and owner-operated commercial properties who are affected with the Coronavirus crisis. It forms part of the ACT Government’s Economic Survival Package which aims to implement a range of measures to reduce cashflow pressures in the short term for low income households and local small and medium businesses in the industry sectors that are most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

There are three broad categories of business emerging through COVID-19:
- Category 1: Those who have been partially or not affected.
- Category 2: Those who have been significantly affected (at least 30 per cent reduction in business income).
- Category 3: Those who have to shut-down operations due to COVID-19 health restrictions.

Support is being provided through ensuring that the deferral or waiver of rates is targeted based on need which is assessed as per the above and will be targeted at properties with small AUVs.

Commercial landlords will need to play their part, cost-sharing or the deferrals of losses will be shared between Government, landlords, tenants and financial institutions.

Landlords and tenants should work together to reach an agreement that allows the business to bounce-back when the time is right. The ACT Government will appoint a Commercial Tenancy Mediator (Business Commissioner) to support and encourage commercial landlords and tenants to engage and negotiate mutually agreeable outcomes. Further details on this role are to be announced shortly.

The ACT Government will review rent charges for commercial tenants of ACT Government properties whose operations have been significantly impacted by COVID-19.

Commercial tenants that can demonstrate this may receive rental relief for up to six-months from 1 April 2020 will need to email ACT Property Group.

Closing Information
This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:
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COVID-19 ACT: Business, Non-Profits – Supporting Community Clubs and the Casino Canberra

Status: Open
Location: Australian Capital Territory

Overview
This program aims to provide further support to community clubs and Casino Canberra, to enable them to keep staff employed as they adjust to the physical distancing measures during the Coronavirus crisis. It forms part of the ACT Government’s Economic Survival Package which aims to implement a range of measures to reduce cashflow pressures in the short term for low income households and local small and medium businesses in the industry sectors that are most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The measures include:
- Providing gaming machine licensees with the opportunity to access a payment of $15,000 per authorisation if they voluntarily surrender gaming machine authorisations.
- A waiver/refund of gaming machine tax liabilities for clubs for March 2020 gaming activity (for clubs that pay tax monthly) or gaming activity in the first quarter of 2020 (for clubs that pay tax quarterly).
- Providing clubs with a rebate of fixed water and sewerage charges on their Icon Water bills for the next two quarters.
- A waiver/refund of the annual licence fee and gaming tax liabilities for March 2020 activity for Casino Canberra.

The government is continuing to consult with community clubs to investigate further ways to support them to keep as many Canberrans employed as possible as they re-adjust to a changed operating environment. Clubs will also benefit from additional business supports and measures in the economic survival package.

Icon Water will automatically apply rebates to water and sewerage bills.

An additional payment of $1.5 million will be made, as well as the existing $1.8 million in the Diversification and Sustainability Support Fund freed up to keep staff employed. A total of $3.3 million is available for distribution to clubs.

Clubs interested in the opportunity to access payments to voluntarily surrender gaming machine authorisations should contact the Liquor, Racing and Gaming Policy team.

Closing Information
This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:
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COVID-19 ACT: Business – Support to Local Business and Industry (Services, Rebates, Subsidies and Waivers)

Status
Open

Location
Australian Capital Territory

Overview
This program aims to support small to medium businesses who are impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic as they adjust to social distancing requirements and an expected downturn in the local economy. It forms part of the ACT Government’s $137 million Economic Survival Package which aims to support the ACT community through the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Assistance includes:
1. Business liaison team
   - A business liaison phone line has been created to assist businesses understand the support available to them through the ACT Economic Survival Package and practical advice for businesses operating through changed arrangements due to COVID-19. The number businesses can call is: (02) 6205 0900.

2. Canberra business advice and support service
   - The service supports small businesses to address the impact of recent events on their business and provide one-on-one business management advice.
   - Business owners can receive up to four hours of fully subsidised, tailored advice and access online business development resources.

3. Food business registration, outdoor dining and liquor licensing fees
   - Off licenced venues with gross liquor purchase value of below $3 million per annum and licenced venues will receive a 12-month waiver of their food business registration and liquor licencing fees from 1 April 2020. Outdoor dining fees for 2020-2021 will also be waived.
   - In cases where food business registration has been prepaid for more than one year in advance, an additional 12 months will be added to the license.
   - Businesses do not need to contact Access Canberra or the Health Protection Service for this waiver to occur. This support will be applied automatically as part of the normal annual fee licencing process.

4. Other business fee waivers
   - The government will waive fees for 12 months from 1 April 2020 for businesses that require an infection control licence such as beauty therapists, nail salons, tattoo parlours and dentists.
   - Businesses do not need to contact Health Protection Services, this will automatically happen as part of the normal licencing process.

5. Vocational education and training - skills
   - The ACT Government is providing support for the Vocational Education and Training Sector by increasing subsidies for apprenticeships and traineeships and other VET students to access nationally recognised training in areas linked to skills needs across a range of industries.
   - Subsidies are provided directly to Registered Training Organisation and skills Canberra will make these adjustments automatically. No application is required.

6. CIT investment
   - The government will fast track CIT’s Study Work Anywhere Any Time project to help CIT move its teaching and learning online by July 2020.
   - The expertise required to implement this project will be sourced from local SMEs, which will support the local industry and help keep high value technology skills in the region.

7. Support for the construction industry
   - Businesses in the construction industry can defer their payroll tax liability for the six months from April to September 2020 to provide cashflow assistance to help them retain workers.
- No interest will be charged on deferred amounts until 1 September 2020, at which point the Government will assess the impacts of COVID-19 and determine if a further deferral period is required.

8. Electricity rebates
- Small business owners with electricity usage below 100 megawatts per year will see rebates of $750 automatically applied to their next electricity bill in around June or July 2020.
- The rebate will apply regardless of whether customers are on standing or market offers.
- Businesses do not need to contact their electricity supplier as this will be automatically applied.

9. Rideshare and taxi vehicle licence fees
- The Rideshare vehicle licence fee will be waived for 12 months for rideshare operators from 1 April 2020 as part of the normal licencing processes.
- In cases where licences have already been prepaid 12 months in advance, an additional 12 months credit will be added to the license at the next due date.
- The ACT Government will also waive all government leased taxi plate fees, including wheelchair accessible taxis to help support this vital service. This initiative will help to keep taxis on the road.
- These fees will be waived automatically. Contact does not need to be made with Access Canberra on these fees.
- The government will also provide a one-off payment of up to $5,000 to taxi operators who lease their taxi plates from private owners. This level of support is in line with that already being provided to taxi operators who lease government issued plates in the Territory.

10. Commercial general rates rebate
- Commercial property owners with an average unimproved value of $2 million or less on their property are eligible for a rebate on their commercial rates fixed charge.
- Commercial rate payers will receive a credit of $2,622 (equivalent to the annual fixed charge) to their 2019-20 general rates, in quarter four. This will be applied automatically.
- Where rate payers have paid in full or have a quarter bill less than the credit, this will be rolled over to the next bill.
- Commercial property owners will also not receive an increase on their 2020-21 Fire and Emergency Services Levy.

Please visit the website for more information.

Closing Information
This program is open on an ongoing basis. Please see the Overview for the application details.

Provided By:
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Overview

This program aims to fund maintenance and improvement works at showgrounds around the state, as part of the NSW Government's $2.3 billion Health and Economic Stimulus Package (COVID Stimulus).

The objectives of the program are to:
- Protect public health and safety and enhance community use and experience of showgrounds.
- Maximise opportunities for economic growth relating to showgrounds.
- Provide facilities that support a range showground uses.
- Promote the sustainability of showgrounds across NSW.
- Stimulate economic growth over short-term timeframes in local economies impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Funding will be allocated in two phases with showground managers invited by their respective local members to submit funding proposals for consideration:
- Phase 1 (financial year 2019-20) proposals will be prioritised to expedite delivery of economic stimulus to local economies, while delivering showground maintenance and improvement outcomes. The deadline for funding proposals is on 1 May 2020, 5pm.
- All unsuccessful proposals for Phase 1 will be automatically included for assessment as part of Phase 2 (financial year 2020–21). The deadline for funding proposals is on 29 May 2020, 5pm.

A total funding pool of $25 million is available over two years.

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include showground managers.

Eligible Activities

Eligible activities include those that:
- Involve works that will be undertaken on a showground site.
- Will be for works that will maintain, improve or develop assets for use of the site for showground or ancillary purposes.
- Involve works that have not already been funded by the showground manager or any external grants program.
- If applicable, be consistent with any approved works to be undertaken on the showground under the Crown Lands Regional Showground Revitalisation Program.
- Have all necessary planning and/or approvals for the proposed works, or have the ability to obtain these in a timely manner – in other words, applicants do not need to prepare new detailed studies or obtain planning development consents to progress the project.

Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include the level to which the proposal meet one or more of the following:
- Criteria 1: The proposal and associated outcomes can be delivered by the showground manager.
- Criteria 2: Is supported by commensurate details of costings including quotes, work-breakdown structure elements and building estimations.
- Criteria 4: Will improve safety and/or enhance community use and experience of showground assets
- Criteria 5: The proposal will, to the greatest extent possible, engage local trades and suppliers
- Criteria 6: The proposal will support business opportunities and promote greater financial sustainability for community facilities on the showground.

Scores for each assessable criterion are weighted to ensure that overall assessment scores reflect the ability of the proponent to successfully deliver the proposal while advancing the objectives of the stimulus funding:
- Ability to deliver (criteria 1 and 2). (36%)
- Expedited local economic stimulation (criteria 3 and 5). (36%)
- Improved safety, community use and experience of showgrounds, and showground financial sustainability and business opportunity promotion (criteria 4 and 6). (28%)

Closing Information
This program is now closed to applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

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COVID-19 NSW: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – Inner West Council Creative and Cultural Resilience Grants Program

**Status**
Pending

**Closes**
17-05-2020

**Opens**
29-04-2020

**Funding**
Max $20,000

**Location**

**Overview**
This program aims to support the Inner West’s creative and cultural sector through the impacts of COVID-19.

The objectives of the program are to:
- Provide professional opportunities for artists to sustain and develop their creative practice in collaboration with others.
- Create responsive opportunities and continuing capacity for the community to participate in artistic and cultural life.
- Increase audience reach, including online publication and performance opportunities and increased accessibility.
- Build resilience and innovation in the Inner West’s arts and creative sector.
- Facilitate survival and build capacity in the sector’s creative spaces.
- Sustain and grow Inner West’s reputation as a leading creative and cultural hub.

Grants are available across two categories:
- Artist and Creative Practitioner Grants for creative development, new work and adaptation projects for creatives (up to $5,000).
- Creative Spaces Grants to support survival and resilience in local creative spaces (up to $20,000).

A total funding pool of $300,000 is available.

**Who Can Apply**
Eligible applicants must:
- Be an Australian resident or permanent resident aged over 18 years.
- Be currently living and working in the Inner West Council area and offer a project that benefits residents, workers, businesses and communities of the Inner West Council area.
- For Creative Spaces Grants category, be a legally registered, incorporated not-for-profit organisation or group or a for-profit organisation with demonstrated community benefits. The creative space must be located in the Inner West LGA.
- Demonstrate the project is in the public interest and in accordance with Grants objectives, and Council’s Community Strategic Plan.
- Only submit one application for the Creative and Cultural Resilience Grants.

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

**Eligible Activities**
Eligible activities are those that strengthen the Inner West as Sydney’s creative and cultural hub, through means including, but not limited to:
- Developing high calibre creative work to be showcased online or at a future public event or program.
- The development of innovative creative practices and business models, including encouraging accessible participation in the arts through online platforms.
- Bolstering essential creative hubs to weather the impacts of COVID-19, sustain community connection, adapt their business models where relevant and to explore innovation.

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

Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include:
- Impact and quality of the project that contributes to artistic and creative expression in the Inner West.
- Cultural benefits to communities in the Inner West Council area.
- Promotes sustainability, adaptation or innovation.
- Artistic/creative merit and innovation of individual proposal or the significance of the contribution of the organisation applying.
- Applicant’s capacity to deliver a well-planned project including applicant experience, skills and time.
- Realistic budget including all sources of project income with inclusion of relevant quotes.

Closing Information

Program is now closed to applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

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COVID-19 NSW, QLD: Business, Non-Profits – Local Buying Foundation B.I.G. Futures Fund

Overview

This program aims to support business, economic and industry groups (B.I.G.) facing significant challenges from COVID-19. It seeks to provide financial assistance for business, economic development and industry groups to continue delivering services to their membership/business base during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

There is no set minimum or maximum funding limits. The amount of funding approved per application is at the discretion of the Local Buying Foundation Advisory Committee and C-Res Board and dependant on the needs of individual organisations.

Approvals of funding applications which seek to apply 'innovative processes or services' to support delivery of business development activities will be favoured.

The 2020 funding round dates are:
1. Queensland
   - Round 1: Closed 29 May 2020
   - Round 2: Closes 28 August 2020
   - Round 3: Closes 27 November 2020
2. NSW
   - Round 1: Closed 1 May 2020
   - Round 2: Closes 31 July 2020
   - Round 3: Closes 30 October 2020

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include business communities located in regions/shires of interest in QLD and NSW.

Eligible regions include:
- Queensland: Central Highlands, Isaac and/or Mackay LGA regions
- New South Wales: Muswellbrook, Singleton and Upper Hunter shires

For the purpose of this application, 'business' refers to business groups and includes economic development organisations.

Eligible Activities

Eligible activities are those that are classified through the Local Buying Foundation (LBF) as a rapid response Covid-19 initiative under the business and industry innovation funding category.

An example may be where a membership group requires financial support to invest in digital platforms or the development of a digital strategy to support continued engagement with their members/businesses.

Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include the extent to which:
- The organisation is at risk of closure.
- The activity is fundamental to support its membership base.
- The organisation has the capacity and ability to implement their funded activity.
- The applicant can demonstrate the impact on the number of SMEs which will benefit from the support.

Closing Information
Please see the Overview for the closing details.

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Overview
This program aims to assist individuals and organisations during the Covid-19 crisis.

It forms part of the Australian Government's $10 million measure for the Regional Arts Fund which will provide targeted support to arts organisations and artists in regional and remote Australia whose communities have been affected by shutdowns in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

Grants between $300 and $1,000 are available.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants must:
- Be based in the Arts OutWest region.
- Be an individual, organisation or arts-based business.
- Have a funding request that must be arts related.
- Have a funding request that must be related to recent hardship through the effects of Covid-19 on the arts practice.
- Have a funding request that must offer a way of improving the negative effects of Covid-19 to the arts practice or to the community.

Eligible Activities
Eligible activities include:
- A small scale project delivered (within the guidelines of Covid-19 social distancing).
- Equipment to help deliver arts practice online.
- Access to training to upskill in online delivery.
- New ways of marketing or sharing arts business.

Assessment Criteria
The main assessment criteria include:
- What do the applicant want to do with the money from the AOW Micro Grant?
- What are the benefits of the planned expenditure and why is this important?
- Budget: what will the applicant spend the money on?

Closing Information
This program is now closed for applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

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Status: Open
Closes: 30-06-2020
Opens: 17-04-2020
Funding: Max $10,000
Location: New South Wales

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

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

These highly impacted industries include:
- Accommodation and food services
- Administrative and support services
- Arts and recreation services
- Information media and telecommunications
- Manufacturing
- Other services
- Retail (excluding food retailing)
- Transport
- Rental, hiring and real estate
- Education and training
- Wholesale trade
- Professional, scientific and technical services

Grants of up to $10,000 are available.

A total funding pool of $750 million is available.

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

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

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

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

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COVID-19 NSW: Business – City of Ryde Council Eastwood Small Business Hardship Fund

Status: Pending
Closes: 30-04-2020
Funding: Max $2,000
Location: New South Wales

Overview
This program aims to provide support to eligible businesses in Eastwood that have experienced economic hardship since the first case of COVID-19 was identified in Australia in January 2020.

It will be a once-off measure intended to provide assistance to those businesses that have experienced reduced patronage to the Eastwood town centre during January and February 2020.

Grants of up to $2,000 are available to the following:
- Businesses that were registered prior to or on 1 January 2019.
- Businesses that were registered after 1 January 2019.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:
1. For businesses that were registered prior to or on 1 January 2019
   - Be located within the dedicated (shaded) area of the Eastwood business precinct as identified on the map.
   - Commenced operating prior to or on 1 January 2019 (inclusive).
   - Generates less than $2 million revenue per annum (excluding GST).
   - Has experienced financial hardship and a down turn in sales during the period between 1 January 2020 and 29 February 2020 (inclusive) and must state the sales for the following periods:
     a) January 2019 – February 2019
     b) January 2020 – February 2020

2. For businesses that were registered after 1 January 2019
   - Be located within the dedicated (shaded) area of the Eastwood business precinct as identified on the map.
   - Commenced operating after 1 January 2019.
   - Generates less than $2 million revenue per annum (excluding GST or pro rata if business has been operating less than 12 months).
   - Has experienced financial hardship and a down turn in sales during the period between 1 January 2020 and 29 February 2020.

Closing Information
This program is now closed for applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

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COVID-19 NSW: Business, Non-Profits – Create NSW Creative Kids Digital Small Business Grant Program

Status: Open
Closes: 30-06-2020
Opens: 06-05-2020
Funding: Max $5,000
Location: New South Wales

Overview
This program aims to support small businesses or non-profit organisations that are Creative Kids providers and directly affected by the COVID-19 emergency.

The objective of the program is to allow providers to transition their programs and business models to online and expand digital delivery so they can continue to meet the objectives of the Creative Kids program to:
- Support the cost of living for NSW families.
- Increase the participation of school-enrolled children in creative and cultural activities or lessons.
- Support the growth of creative thinking in children to enhance their future.
- Strengthen small business and non-profit organisations in the creative sector financially and operationally.
- Support audience and business development of the Provider through diversification of income streams and markets.

Grants of up to $5,000 are available. There is no minimum amount.

There is no co-contribution requirement from the applicants. The proposed activities can be funded entirely by this grant. However, the grant funds may contribute towards a larger project or other expenses covered by the business or organisation.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants must:
- Be a registered Creative Kids Provider.
- Be small business or non-profit organisation based in NSW and:
  a) Hold an Australian Business Number (ABN).
  b) Have fewer than 20 full-time employees. That is, the sum total of all standard hours worked by all employees (whether full-time or part-time) is less than the number of standard hours which would be worked by 20 full-time employees, as defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

A small business owner is a sole trader, partnership, private company or trust that carries on a small business.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

Eligible Activities
Eligible activities are those that develop, produce, curate, and present online content for school-aged children and young people, for which Creative Kids vouchers can be redeemed. Funds are limited to the costs directly associated with transitioning to online delivery, including but not limited to:
- Equipment or hardware
- Software
- Online platform or web hosting costs
- Internet access
- Website interactivity or capacity development
- Marketing an online program
- Employment of specialists and/or consultants (if not covered by JobKeeper or the NSW Small Business COVID-19 Support Grant)
- Artist, actor, presenter or facilitator fees (if not covered by JobKeeper or the NSW Small Business COVID-19 Support Grant)
- Digital or technical skills development/training
- Other relevant training, such as a course on web accessibility
- Digital strategy development

Assessment Criteria
The main assessment criteria include:
- Application merit
- Application impact
- Application viability

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

Closing Information
This program is open on an ongoing basis until 5pm on 30 June 2020 or until funds are fully exhausted, whichever comes first.

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COVID-19 NSW: Business – Coronavirus Payroll Tax Relief

Status
Open

Location
New South Wales

Overview
This program aims to provide payroll tax relief measures as part of the NSW Government’s economic stimulus package to help businesses impacted by COVID-19.

These measures include:
1. Payroll tax deferral arrangement for all businesses
   - Payroll tax customers have the option of deferring their payroll tax payments until October 2020.
   - All customers are still required to lodge the 2019-20 annual reconciliation by the due date.
   - Any outstanding liability for the 2019-20 financial year and the monthly payments for the July, August and September periods will be deferred until October 2020.
   - Customers will have the option of paying their outstanding liability in full or entering into an instalment plan after October 2020. Information regarding how to apply for an instalment plan will be available in September 2020.

2. 25% reduction for businesses with grouped Australian wages of $10 million or less
   - Payroll tax customers whose total grouped Australian wages for the 2019-20 financial year are $10 million or less, will have their annual tax liability reduced by 25% when they lodge their annual reconciliation.
   - When lodging your annual reconciliation, businesses will still need to provide details of the wages paid for the entire financial year.
   - For customers that are or have been a member of a group during the 2019-20 financial year, they will also need to provide the group details of all group members in their annual reconciliation.

3. Threshold increase - 2020-21 financial year
   - The tax-free threshold will increase from $900,000 to $1 million for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2020.

Please visit the website for more information.

Closing Information
Please see the Overview for the closing details.

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COVID-19 NSW: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – City of Sydney Council Relief Grants

Program

Status: Open
Closes: 30-06-2020
Opens: 06-04-2020
Funding: Max $50,000
Location: New South Wales

Overview

This program aims to support small businesses, artists, cultural organisations, social services, and community groups who are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

A special funding round is available for the following programs:
- Small business grants: Up to $10,000 per business
- Cultural sector resilience grants: Up to $10,000 per sole trader; $20,000 per organisation
- Creative fellowships fund: Up to $20,000 each
- Community services grants: Between $5,000 and $50,000
- Quick response grants: Between $2,000 and $5,000

Other assistance offered are:
- City fee waivers and rent reviews
- Fees waived for health and building compliance activities
- Rent review on a case by case basis for tenants that require support
- Standard contractual terms and return booking and banner fees waived for venue bookings
- Waived market permit and filming fees
- A flexible approach to parking and other infringements

All programs closed for applications on 27 April 2020 (5pm) except for the Quick Response grants which will close on 30 June 2020 (5pm) or when funds run out whichever comes first.

A total funding pool of $72.5 million is available.

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include:
- Small business grant: For-profit organisations, including for-profit arts enterprises.
- Cultural sector resilience grants: Sole traders or not-for-profit organisations.
- Creative fellowships fund: Sole traders, an individual or groups of individuals auspiced by a cultural organisation.
- Community services grants: Not-for-profits (including social enterprises), or an individual or groups of individuals auspiced by a relevant organisation.
- Quick response grants: Individuals, sole traders, unincorporated community groups, not-for-profits or for-profit organisations.

Applications from government departments and agencies maybe accepted as appropriate.

Eligible Activities

Eligible activities include the following:
- Small business grants: Supply of new products or services or changes to the businesses' delivery method, development of new online and e-commerce capabilities, support for training and professional development, refurb their premises or buy new equipment or software.
- Cultural sector resilience grants: Provides immediate financial support for those who have had to cancel,
postpone or reduce operations, programs or events.
- Creative fellowships fund: To help keep arts and creative professionals working during a time of reduced opportunities. Projects can be presented during or after the pandemic.
- Community service grants: Allows organisations to support vulnerable community members with food, digital access and social inclusion.
- Quick response grants: Small-scale projects responding to urgent need in their communities.

Please refer to the website for the complete list of eligible activities/costs of each category.

**Closing Information**
Please see the Overview for the closing details.

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COVID-19 NSW: Business – Liverpool City Council Business Resilience Grant

Status
Pending

Closes
22-05-2020

Opens
04-05-2020

Funding
Max $5,000

Location
New South Wales

Overview

This program aims to support businesses in Liverpool City who are hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic. The intention of the program is to help businesses develop or strengthen their online strategy to ensure they can continue to operate during this challenging time and into the future.

This online strategy could involve pivoting their business or operating model, offerings (possibly develop or alter their product offerings) or marketing strategy to connect with new and existing customers.

Grants up to $5,000 are available.

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include businesses who:
- Are located within the Liverpool LGA who have been severely impacted by the COVID-19.
- Have less than 20 employees (incl. sole traders) if based in the Liverpool CBD or have less than 100 employees if based in the greater Liverpool region.
- Have an ABN and have been trading for a minimum of 12 months (businesses who have been in operation for less than 12 months may be considered based on evidence of viability).
- Can demonstrate loss of cashflow reduction of 30% or more (week comparison from March 2020 and March 2019).
- Can demonstrate that they can or have ‘pivoted’ their good/s or service/s to adapt to current rules (e.g. sell online, start deliveries).
- Have already, or are willing to be, spoken with a Business Connect Advisor or industry specific business advisor.
- Are registered for the JobKeeper allowance and/or the small business COVID-19 support grant.

Eligible Activities

Eligible activities include:
- Online/e-commerce/digital upgrades:
  a) Setting up an online store/e-commerce platform
  b) Content development (website, apps etc.)
  c) Graphic design
  d) Digital marketing strategy development (promoting your business and website online)
- Operating model change involved in pivoting the business:
  a) Promoting new service/product
- Capital costs (which must support the business' proposed digital pivot):
  a) Purchasing new equipment such as packaging for delivery or larger freezers etc.

Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include:
- Impact of COVID1-19 on the business.
- Business pivot/project proposed.
- Use of local suppliers/services.
Closing Information
This program is now closed to applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

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COVID-19 NSW: Business, Non-Profits – Campbelltown City Council Cares Grants

**Status**
Pending

**Closes**
29-05-2020

**Funding**
Max $2,000

**Location**
New South Wales

**Overview**
This program aims to provide support to local small businesses, as well as community and not for profit organisations to help them meet the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

There are two streams of funding available:
- Community and not-for-profit organisation grants: Available for essential emergency support for community service providers during the COVID-19 crisis.
- Small business support grants: Aimed at assisting businesses to develop or improve their e-commerce capabilities; online/digital and social media marketing; business pivoting and/or business plan during the COVID-19 crisis.

Grants of up to $2,000 are available for each stream.

**Who Can Apply**
Eligible applicants must:
1. Community and not-for-profit organisation grants
   - Be incorporated not-for profit or community organisations.
   - Be auspiced by an incorporated not-for profit or community organisation.

2. Small business support grants
   - Be a ‘for-profit’ business, registered for GST.
   - Have an ABN registered in Campbelltown Local Government Area (LGA).
   - Conduct their trade from within the Campbelltown LGA.
   - Have an annual turnover of less than $5 million.
   - Employ less than 10 full time equivalent staff.
   - Be able to commence the project/activity within two weeks of receiving the grant.
   - Be able to complete the project/activity before 1 December 2020.

**Eligible Activities**
Eligible activities include:
1. Community and not-for-profit organisation grants
   - Those that relate to the following key priorities:
     a) Food security
     b) Delivering essentials to communities
     c) Homelessness
     d) Domestic violence
     e) Reducing social isolation
     f) Reducing the digital divide
   - Those that exclusively or predominantly serve communities within the Campbelltown Local Government Area (LGA).
   - Those that have no alternate funding sources available (i.e. would not proceed or expand without the grant).
   - Those that can be rapidly deployed (commence within two weeks).

2. Small business support grants
   - Developing or enhancing business website.
   - Expansion of business into e-commerce/online shopping.
- Undertaking paid business improvement courses/coaching or advice for business planning and/or improvement.
- Pivoting of product/service offer to take advantage of emerging opportunities.
- Business planning/business improvement course or advice or coaching.

**Assessment Criteria**
The main assessment criteria include:
- Proposed response to a demonstrated intensified or emerging COVID-19 related need.
- Urgent need that will have a detrimental effect on the community if not dealt with immediately.
- Evidence of a coordinated approach to service delivery and the development of responses to emerging social issues.
- Contribution to strengthened formal and informal support networks.

**Closing Information**
This program is now closed to applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

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Status
Pending

Closes
26-04-2020

Opens
04-04-2020

Funding
Max $100,000

Location
New South Wales

Overview
This program aims to combat social isolation for seniors during COVID-19, while maintaining the current social distancing advice. It seeks to support projects that help seniors connect and engage with others through online engagement or other forms of engagement (for those who do not have online access or capability) to reduce social isolation and loneliness.

One-off grants between $10,000 and $100,000 are available.

A total funding pool of $600,000 is available.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants must be a legally constituted Australian-based entity. Individuals cannot apply.

Organisations based outside NSW are not eligible to apply unless they can demonstrate that core business already includes program or service delivery in NSW, and they are able to deliver the project within NSW with the funding provided. Such organisations must also meet all NSW regulatory and business requirements.

Organisations submitting proposals that involve partnerships need to nominate a project lead that will apply on behalf of the partnership.

Eligible Activities
Eligible activities include those that:
- Effectively address social isolation for seniors while reducing the risks from COVID-19.
- Actively attract seniors who are socially isolated, or at risk.
- Can start immediately, or in a very short timeframe, by extending current capacity, systems and networks.
- Have a wide geographic spread, regionally or locally focused, community driven and online.
- Can show business continuity planning to keep the project running until the end of 2020.
- Give value for money, in terms of overall costs and the outcomes and benefits.

For a program to be eligible, it must be aimed at people aged 65 years and over. Or, it must be for Aboriginal people, aged 55 years and over.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete list of eligible projects and expenses.

Assessment Criteria
The main assessment criteria include:
- Relevance
- Impact
- Implementation

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete list of the assessment criteria.
Closing Information
This program is now closed for applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

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NT Programs

COVID-19 NT: Business – Business Improvement Grant

Status Pending
Opens 13-04-2020
Funding Max $20,000
Location Northern Territory

Overview

This program aims to support NT businesses impacted by the coronavirus outbreak to help stimulate the economy and keep Territorians in jobs. It forms part of the Territory Government’s Jobs Rescue and Recovery plan in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Grants of up to $10,000 are available with no co-contribution requirement. For work valued at more than $10,000, the co-contribution by the Territory Government is limited to $10,000 on a dollar-for-dollar basis up to a maximum grant of $20,000.

Each business is only eligible to receive one grant, and it can be used to complete one or two different jobs on the premises.

The program operates through a voucher system.

A total funding pool of $20 million is available.

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include businesses or enterprises that:
- Have a valid legal entity and holds a valid Australian business number (ABN) from the date the program was announced (18 March 2020).
- Are not an excluded recipient.
- Have its principal place of doing business physically located in the Northern Territory (NT).
- Service its customers or clientele from a shopfront premises.
- Offer goods and/or services to the public.
- Were offering its services wholly or substantially in the NT for at least one month at the time of applying for a grant.

Excluded recipient means individuals, not-for-profit and charitable organisations, public and private schools, private and public educational institutions, home based businesses, government agencies and government owned bodies, statutory corporations, and local government.

Eligible Activities

Eligible activities include the purchase of goods and services to make permanent physical improvements to a business (land and/or building) that help its operations and customer experience.

Applicants must not use a voucher with any other voucher or other benefit granted under any other program (whether an Australian Government or NT Government program) to pay for the same works. Eligible works include:
- Buying new equipment
- New shop fit outs
- Physical changes to attract customers

Eligible works must include a labour component and be carried out by an eligible business that is not related to the grant recipient.
Inverter upgrades, batteries and other electrical work that support energy efficiency are eligible works, as well as solar hot water installation.

Excluded works include:
- Security improvement works as defined under the Biz Secure and Alcohol Secure programs.
- Buying solar photovoltaic (PV) panels or installing solar panels (e.g. rooftop solar).
- Works that are to be carried out by the grant recipient on a ‘do-it-yourself’ basis.
- Works carried out by a business related to the grant recipient.

Closing Information
This program is closed to new applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

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COVID-19 NT: Business – Small Businesses Survival Fund

Status: Pending
Closes: 25-05-2020
Opens: 27-03-2020
Location: Northern Territory

Overview
This program aims to help Territory small businesses survive the physical distancing requirements in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. It is in addition to other support, including the Jobs Rescue and Recovery Package and the Tourism Resilience Package.

The fund has three goals:
- Help local businesses survive through the partial or full shut-down period. For example, support in meeting unavoidable fixed costs.
- Help local businesses adjust and adapt to take advantage of the new consumer environment. For example, expanding online services, takeaway and delivery.
- Prepare local businesses to take advantage of the rebounding economy when the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis is over. For example, upgrading premises or upskilling staff.

Eligible businesses will be able to apply for five payments:
- An immediate survival payment of between $2,000 and $50,000 to help offset the immediate cost pressures on businesses.
- Rapid adaption payment of between $1,000 and $5,000 to help businesses make the necessary changes they need to help adapt to the new operating environment.
- An operational boost payment, which provides immediate cash boost to affected businesses to offset the costs of continuing to maintain in business.
- An operational support payment, this payment is for businesses with an annual turnover greater than $75,000 and who have had previous payments from the fund.
- A rebound support grant of between $1,000 and $15,000 for new activities that adapt or rebound the business to operate effectively in the new economic environment.

From 25 May 2020 the fund will be closed to new applications. Support will now be available to help eligible businesses transition to the new consumer environment and prepare to rebound when the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis is over through the Rebound Support Grant.

To be eligible for the Rebound Support Grant, a business must be an existing approved applicant under the Fund and/or the Business Hardship Register.

Eligible businesses will be contacted from 25 May 2020 with an access form for the rebound support grant. Please refer to the Terms and Conditions for the funding details.

A total funding pool of $50 million is available.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include Northern Territory (NT) businesses that meet all of the following criteria:
- A legal entity and holder of a valid Australian business number (ABN) as at 23 March 2020.
- A Territory enterprise.
- Usually operates in one of the industry sectors affected by the social gathering restrictions announced on 22 March 2020 and 24 March 2020.
- Has been significantly impacted by the physical distancing requirements in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic - for example, staffing, turnover.
The following list includes those businesses specifically identified in the Australian Government social distance restrictions:
- Food, drink and retail
- Beauty and personal care services
- Entertainment venues
- Leisure and recreation

Please refer to the website for the complete list of defined industry sectors.

**Eligible Activities**

Eligible activities for the rebound support grant include:
- Physical alterations to businesses such as hospitality venues to adhere to physical distancing regulations.
- Signage which illustrates COVID-19 safe practices.
- Training for staff.
- Strategic planning.
- Advertising and marketing to inform Territorians that they are open and back for business.

**Assessment Criteria**

The main assessment criteria include:
- The affected business must be operating in a defined industry sector.
- Demonstration of significant impact, in particular in relation to turnover, staffing levels and fixed and operational costs.
- Applicants will be required to provide appropriate evidence to support their application to the fund.
- Eligible recipients must comply with the NT Government’s buy local policy requirements.
- Businesses that meet the fund’s objective (section 1.1 of the Terms and Conditions), intent and principles will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

**Closing Information**

This program is now closed to new applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

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New Visitor Experience Program

Status: Pending
Closes: 31-03-2020
Opens: 02-03-2020
Funding: Max $50,000
Location: Northern Territory

Overview
This program aims to maintain the momentum with attracting more visitors to the NT and minimise the impact to NT operators and the visitor economy resulting from the Australian Bushfires and the Coronavirus outbreak.

This grant round is in addition to the scheduled Round 4 Visitor Experience Enhancement Program (VEEP), which aims to provide grant funding for the tourism industry to improve its customer experience and requires an equivalent co-contribution.

Grants of up to $50,000 (excluding GST) are available on a dollar-for-dollar matched funding basis.

A total funding pool of $500,000 (GST exclusive) is available.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include tourism business enterprises that must:
- Have a significant tourism focus.
- Be legally constituted.
- Be Australian registered.
- Currently operate in the NT and employ resident Territorians.

For profit and not for profit organisations are eligible to apply.

Eligible Activities
Eligible projects may include, but are not limited to:
- Development of new visitor experiences that diversify the tourism offering in the region.
- New or enhanced infrastructure upgrades to facilitate a new visitor experience.
- Implementation of new technology to create a new visitor experience in the NT.

Assessment Criteria
The main assessment criteria include whether:
- The projects demonstrate the greatest need for a new tourism visitor experience as supported by evidence.
- The applicants demonstrate how the nominated project will enhance the tourism visitor experience and increase tourism visitor numbers.

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

Provided By:
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Tourism Fast Track Program

Status: Pending
Location: Northern Territory

Overview
This program aims to address business survival, business revival and business growth. It is a partnership between Tourism NT and the Business Enterprise Centre NT (BEC NT) established under the Territory Government’s $2 million Immediate Tourism Resilience Plan to minimise the impact to NT’s tourism industry from the Australian bushfires and the coronavirus outbreak and to maintain momentum in attracting more visitors to the NT.

This specifically tailored support program will be intensive in nature, focusing on increasing revenue; increasing the number of visitors (customers); increasing the average visitor spend; reviewing prices; or lowering business expenditure.

The program will offer the following:
- A minimum of five one-on-one meetings with an experienced tourism sector business consultant and delivered within a three month time period, noting the immediacy of the current challenges.
- All meetings will focus on the individual business situation, their options, business research and analysis, strategic development, implementation options and modelling the financial effects on their business prior to any expenditure.
- An additional four months of support will also be provided for all participants to assist with strategic implementation and business growth.

To access this initiative, businesses can speak with a Tourism NT Business Enterprise Consultant for an initial assessment.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include NT tourism business operators.

Closing Information
This program is now closed for registrations. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

Provided By:
Name: Tourism NT and the Business Enterprise Centre NT (BEC NT)
Ph: 1800229500
Email: enquiries@becnt.com.au
Web: http://tourismnt.com.au
Overview
This program aims to help protect the Territory from the deep economic impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and keep shops and businesses open, cash flowing and Territorians working. It forms part of the Territory Government’s Rescue and Recovery plan in response to coronavirus (COVID-19).

The scheme will help fast-track around 5,000 screwdriver-ready projects in Territory homes.

The scheme operates on a voucher system, with home owners receiving either:
- A voucher worth $4,000 if they contribute at least $1,000 of their own money.
- A voucher worth $6,000 if they contribute at least $2,000 of their own money.

Eligible applicants can submit two quotes, by up to two businesses, as part of their one application for the scheme.

The total value of the vouchers issued will be for no more than the maximum grant amount.

An applicants who is the owner of multiple properties can carry out improvement works to one home only. If a property has more than one owner, only one person can apply under the scheme.

A initial funding pool of $30 million is available for six months of work. On 16 April 2020, the NT Government announced that it is now budgeting about $60 million for 12 months of work.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include registered owners of a residential property in the Northern Territory (NT).

The property can be owner-occupied or used as investment, but there can only be one application per property and per home owner.

Eligible Activities
Eligible activities include physical improvements, repairs or maintenance services that are intended to stay in the property permanently.

Eligible works include:
- Installing or repairing an air-conditioning unit
- Painting the house
- Pool repairs
- Fencing repairs
- Installing or repairing a reticulation system
- Upgrading ceiling fans or lighting
- Upgrading an existing solar system
- Installing a solar hot water system
Eligible works must:
- Include a labour component.
- Be carried out by an eligible business that is not related to the grant recipient.

Closing Information
This program is currently closed to new applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

Provided By:
Name: Department of Trade, Business and Innovation
Ph: 1800193111
Email: homeimprovement@nt.gov.au
Web: https://businessrecovery.nt.gov.au
COVID-19 NT: Business – Business Hardship Package

Status: Open
Location: Northern Territory

Overview

This program aims to help Northern Territory (NT) businesses that have experienced significant hardship as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. It is designed to help reduce costs for local businesses and keep them open and operating now, as well as in the rebound and recovery phase once the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis is over and restrictions start to lift.

The package is available to eligible businesses in addition to other support including the Jobs Rescue and Recovery plan, the Tourism Resilience Package and other NT Government and Australian Government initiatives.

Businesses able to demonstrate they have experienced significant hardship may apply to be listed on the Business Hardship Register. Once an eligible business has been placed on the Business Hardship Register they will receive a business hardship certificate.

The registration will enable businesses to apply for:
- Waiving or deferring payment of payroll tax.
- Reducing utilities bills.
- Providing incentives for commercial landlords to reduce rents.
- Reducing or deferring rates.
- Other relief which may be offered from time-to-time agreed to by the responsible minister.

An eligible business who can confirm hardship:
- Between 1 April 2020 and 30 June 2020 will be placed on the Business Hardship Register, and be eligible to apply for the Business Hardship Package for the period 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2020.
- Between 1 July 2020 and 30 September 2020 will be placed on the Business Hardship Register, and eligible to apply for the Business Hardship Package for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 September 2020.

Please refer to the website for more information.

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must:
- Be a legal entity and holds a valid Australian business number (ABN) as at 23 March 2020.
- Be a Territory enterprise.
- Not be a government agency, government owned body, statutory corporation, or local government.
- Have an annual turnover of no more than $50 million.
- Have experienced hardship.

Hardship means the business has suffered a reduction in turnover of 30% or more due to coronavirus (COVID-19).

Commercial landlords who meet the criteria will also be eligible for support if they can provide evidence that they have negotiated in good faith with their tenants.

Applications from businesses that meet the intent and principles, but which are outside the parameters set out in the Terms and Conditions will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.
Assessment Criteria
The main assessment criteria include:
- The business is eligible for the Australian Government’s JobKeeper initiative, and evidence of eligibility is able to be provided.
- The business has been deemed eligible for the Small Business Survival Fund.
- The business is able to show a reduction in turnover of more than 30%.
- If the business is a commercial landlord, they are able to show a reduction in turnover of more than 30% and that it has negotiated in good faith with all of their tenants for rent relief in line with the mandatory code of conduct for commercial tenancies, agreed to by National Cabinet.

Closing Information
Please see the Overview for the closing details.

Provided By:
Name: Department of Trade, Business and Innovation
Ph: 1800193111
Email: hardshipregister@nt.gov.au
Web: https://businessrecovery.nt.gov.au
COVID-19 NT: Business – Trade Support Scheme Quick Response Grants

Status
Open

Closes
12-06-2020

Opens
15-05-2020

Funding
Max $8,000

Location
Northern Territory

Overview
This program aims to provide support small and medium businesses for export and international marketing activities that will support them to survive, adapt and rebound from COVID-19.

There are two categories of funding available:
- Export planning, including the development of export strategies, plans and COVID-19 export recovery plans.
- Digital solutions for exporters.

Grants of up to $8,000 (GST exclusive) are available for each category.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include Northern Territory businesses that meet all of the following eligibility criteria:
- Legal entity and holder of a valid Australian business number (ABN).
- A Territory enterprise (as defined in the Northern Territory Government’s Buy Local Plan).
- Operating wholly or substantially in the Northern Territory for at least 12 months prior to making an application.
- Are financially viable and have not had a liquidator appointed.
- Can provide evidence of any other eligibility criteria required of the Application Form.
- Are not eligible for assistance or funding to deliver the activity which is the subject of their application under similar programs offered by the Australian Government or other State or Territory Governments.

To apply for the Digital Solutions for Exporters category, applicants must have a current export strategy or plan.

Applicants can’t get funding if they have applied for grants for the same activity with:
- Northern Territory Government
- Australian Government
- Other states or territories

Eligible Activities
Eligible activities include:
1. Export planning to engage consultants to develop or update:
   - Export strategy and plan.
   - A COVID-19 export recovery plan.

2. Digital solutions for exporters to engage a consultant to adapt the business to the digital environment. Funding can be used for online international marketing activities, such as:
   - Digital marketing strategy (international).
   - Development or upgrade of an e-commerce platform.
   - Innovative use of digital platforms to reach international customers.
   - Take part in online events and trade shows.
   - Website modifications for international customers, including translations.

Funding for one off or on-going subscription fees and licences is ineligible.
Assessment Criteria
The main assessment criteria include:
- The proposed project will support business continuity during COVID-19.
- The project will support the business to rebound after COVID-19.
- The applicant can demonstrate they have undertaken an export assessment (as detailed in the Application Form).

Closing Information
This program is open for applications until 12 June 2020 or when funds have run out, whichever comes first.

Provided By:
Name: Department of Trade, Business and Innovation
Email: tradesupport@nt.gov.au
Web: https://nt.gov.au

Status: Open
Closes: 31-08-2020
Funding: Max $5,000
Location: Northern Territory

Overview
This program aims to assist the local community during the COVID-19 pandemic with reopening and recovery measures that provide employment opportunities to locals.

Grants of up to $5,000 are available.

Council is also offering a rates concession or grant to property owners and tenants of a commercial property. These concessions/grants are applicable to commercial properties as well as rural and residential properties that operate a business from their private residence.

Upon application by an eligible ratepayer, Council will grant the following for each applicable allotment:
- A waiver of one installment of rates for 2020-21 and a deferment to pay rates until 1 January 2021.
- A waiver for one instalment of rates owing for 2019-20.
- A waiver of one installment of rates for 2020-21.

In addition, for all qualifying allotments, the Council will grant a deferment of the obligation to pay rates declared for 2020-2021 until 1 January 2021.

The total rate waiver amount available under each waiver is to be equal to a three-month waiver on annual rates for the allotment in accordance with Council’s declaration of rates for 2019-20.

To be eligible, the Department of Business Trade and Innovation will assess the applicant’s eligibility and, if eligible, they will be issued with a Certificate of Hardship under the Business Hardship Package. Once the applicants have obtained their Business Hardship Application Number, confirmation letter/certificate of eligibility, they will need to complete the relevant COVID-19 Rates Concession/Grant Application Form.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include businesses and not-for-profit organisations in the Katherine Town Council area.

Eligible Activities
Eligible activities include mowing, slashing, cleaning or other activities and services that are necessary for the business to reopen and/or recover.

Closing Information
This program is open on an ongoing basis until 12pm on 31 August 2020.

Provided By:
Name: Katherine Town Council
Ph: 0889725500
Email: records@ktc.nt.gov.au
Web: https://www.katherine.nt.gov.au
Overview
This program aims to help the Northern Territory tourism industry navigate through the challenging impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is a partnership between Tourism NT and KPMG which seeks to deliver immediate and targeted business support to ensure that the tourism businesses and operators are ready to welcome back visitors when the time is right.

KPMG will be guided by the business and what topics their business needs assistance with right now. Advice and recommendations have commonly covered:
- Understanding the business’ current cash position.
- How to discuss financial position and negotiate with banks, landlords and suppliers.
- Understanding margins, fixed and variable costs and what the cash position could look like over the next 6 - 12 months.
- What is specifically available to the business from Federal and Territory stimulus and rescue measures.
- Reviewing and re-evaluating aspects of the business recovery strategy and business plan.
- How do the business continue to engage with their target audience and potentially build on the business’ profile now, and what will be the most appropriate type of marketing and communications activity post-pandemic.
- How the customer profile has changed and the potential for new or varied offerings to market both in the short term and into the future.
- How to reactivate the business when the time is right.

Specialist consultants will confidentially examine the important business documentation and then hold a one hour consultation meeting to discuss the business’ key concerns and provide them with practical recommendations. Private appointments are available from 24 March 2020 up to the end of July 2020.

A total funding pool of $200,000 is available.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include tourism and business operators who will need to provide basic contact and business details and advise which commercial in confidence documents they are able to collate and provide to KPMG. Requested documents include:
- Monthly Profit and Loss statements for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.
- Monthly Profit and Loss statements for the period 1 July 2019 to 31 March 2020.
- Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2020, or the most recently completed month-end balance sheet.
- Most recent accountant prepared financial statements (if available).
- Summary of business loans and/or other finance facilities.
- Wages summary report by employee for the year to 31 March 2020.
- Summary of the top five revenue sources for business.
- A list of the key areas they wish to discuss.

Closing Information
This program is currently open for expressions of interest.

Provided By:
Name: Tourism NT
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Web: https://www.tourismnt.com.au
QLD Programs
COVID-19 NSW, QLD: Business, Non-Profits – Local Buying Foundation B.I.G. Futures Fund

Status  
Open

Opens  
06-04-2020

Location  
New South Wales | Queensland

Overview
This program aims to support business, economic and industry groups (B.I.G.) facing significant challenges from COVID-19. It seeks to provide financial assistance for business, economic development and industry groups to continue delivering services to their membership/business base during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

There is no set minimum or maximum funding limits. The amount of funding approved per application is at the discretion of the Local Buying Foundation Advisory Committee and C-Res Board and dependant on the needs of individual organisations.

Approvals of funding applications which seek to apply 'innovative processes or services' to support delivery of business development activities will be favoured.

The 2020 funding round dates are:
1. Queensland
   - Round 1: Closed 29 May 2020
   - Round 2: Closes 28 August 2020
   - Round 3: Closes 27 November 2020

2. NSW
   - Round 1: Closed 1 May 2020
   - Round 2: Closes 31 July 2020
   - Round 3: Closes 30 October 2020

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include business communities located in regions/shires of interest in QLD and NSW.

Eligible regions include:
- Queensland: Central Highlands, Isaac and/or Mackay LGA regions
- New South Wales: Muswellbrook, Singleton and Upper Hunter shires

For the purpose of this application, ‘business’ refers to business groups and includes economic development organisations.

Eligible Activities
Eligible activities are those that are classified through the Local Buying Foundation (LBF) as a rapid response Covid-19 initiative under the business and industry innovation funding category.

An example may be where a membership group requires financial support to invest in digital platforms or the development of a digital strategy to support continued engagement with their members/businesses.

Assessment Criteria
The main assessment criteria include the extent to which:
- The organisation is at risk of closure.
- The activity is fundamental to support its membership base.
- The organisation has the capacity and ability to implement their funded activity.
- The applicant can demonstrate the impact on the number of SMEs which will benefit from the support.

Closing Information
Please see the Overview for the closing details.

Provided By:
Name: Local Buying Foundation
Ph: 1800536663
Email: info@localbuyingfoundation.com.au
Web: https://localbuyingfoundation.com.au
COVID-19 QLD: Business – Inbound Tour Operator Fees Waiver

Overview
This program aims to help local businesses and industry who are dealing with the effects of COVID-19 by waiving inbound tour operator fees. It forms part of the Queensland Government’s $27.25 million Immediate Industry Recovery Package which has been established to provide immediate assistance to help Queensland manage the impacts of the COVID-19 (coronavirus).

As part of this, the renewal fees for Queensland registered inbound tour operators which fall due between 1 February 2020 and 31 July 2020 will be waived for 12 months.

Three year renewals will also receive a 12 month waiver.

Refund will be back-dated to 1 February 2020 and fee waiving will be automatic.

A total funding pool of $24,740 is available.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include all tourism businesses in Queensland that have paid this fee since 1 February 2020 or require a renewal of registration.

Closing Information
This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:
Name: Office of Fair Trading
Email: industry.licensing@justice.qld.gov.au
Web: https://www.qld.gov.au
COVID-19 QLD: Business, Non-Profits – Shell's QGC Business Navigators Reinvigorate - Create an Experience Round (Western Downs)

**Status**  
Open

**Closes**  
28-06-2020

**Opens**  
08-06-2020

**Funding**  
Max $5,000

**Location**  
Queensland

**Overview**

This program seeks to support the development of tourism in the Western Downs region by assisting local businesses to develop tours or experiences which are bookable online, as part of the COVID-19 response and recovery in Western Downs. It is aimed at assisting local businesses with an existing or well-advanced tourism idea to develop a tour, program or experience and create or improve their website to enable online bookings.

This grant round is not intended for sponsorship or assistance in the development of an event or festival. Rather, it is to support a tourism experience that can be offered on an ongoing and regular basis.

Grants of up to $5,000 are available.

**Who Can Apply**

Eligible applicants include organisations that must be:
- A for-profit or not-for-profit incorporated business with a registered ABN operating in the Western Downs. The organisation must have had a local operational presence for at least one year.
- A Traditional Owner Group with whom QGC has a formal agreement, for a project that will be delivered in either the Western Downs. The organisational structure of the group must be a legal entity, but the entity may be legally based outside of the project delivery area.
- An unincorporated organisation, with a sponsor organisation that is directly associated with the project (for example, a local unincorporated club, sponsored by its parent body).

**Eligible Activities**

Eligible projects may include:
- Assistance in developing a tourism program, experience or guide.
- Establishment or enhancing an existing website to include a booking engine.
- Training and education costs associated with upskilling staff to deliver the experience.
- Physical upgrades to ensure relevant safety considerations are met.
- Acquiring resources and equipment to facilitate the experience.

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

**Closing Information**

This program is open for applications until midnight on 28 June 2020.

**Provided By:**  
Name: Business Navigator Western Downs  
Email: grants@navigatorwesterndowns.com.au  
Web: https://www.navigatorwesterndowns.com.au
Overview
This program aims to help fast-track a new distribution channel for the retail sector, in response to the COVID-19 crisis. It seeks to assist local retailers with the transition from the traditional shopfront retail model to a model that includes e-commerce, in order to survive in the short term and thrive in the long term.

There are two grant categories available:
1. Tier One: E-Commerce Audit and Digital Training
   - Financial assistance for an initial audit of the business' current on-line activity and training in optimising the existing digital platforms and using social media for better business outcomes.
   - Grants of up to $700 (excluding GST) are available.

2. Tier Two: E-Commerce Audit, Training and Solution
   - Financial assistance for an initial audit of the business' current on-line activity; training in optimising the existing digital platforms and using social media for better business outcomes; and the development of an e-commerce solution specific to the business.
   - This may include a new website or an upgrade to an existing website.
   - Grants of up to $1,500 (excluding GST) are available.

This pilot grants program will be delivered in the 2019-20 financial year.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include retail businesses located within the Gympie Region Local Government area that must:
- Be an owner/occupier or tenant of an owner, paying Commercial Rates to Gympie Regional Council.
- Be trading from a physical retail shopfront premise for a minimum of 6 months (as at 16 February 2020).
- Be either currently not selling goods or services online (no website capacity and no social media presence) or goods and services are online but with little to no capacity to sell goods and services other than over the counter.
- Provide evidence of a decrease in weekly over-the-counter sales or service sales since 16 February 2020.
- Have a current ABN.
- Be registered for GST.
- Hold $10 million public liability insurance.

For the purposes of this program, retail businesses are defined as those that sell goods and/or services to the public from a physical shopfront location for use or consumption by the public rather than for resale.

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

Eligible Activities
Eligible expenses include the engagement of appropriate professional services to undertake e-commerce audit and provide training to business in the use of social media for business and making better use of existing digital platforms, and/or providing e-commerce solutions specific to business needs such as a website or website upgrade.
Eligible service suppliers must:
- Have an ABN.
- Be registered as a business in the Gympie Region Local Government area.
- Be trading for at least six months.

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

Assessment Criteria
The main assessment criteria include:
- Business e-commerce plan: Strength of the application in outlining how the business proposes to adapt to e-commerce.
- Potential business benefits: Strength of the application in outlining the potential short and long-term business benefits from the e-commerce grant funding.

Closing Information
This program is now closed for applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

Provided By:
Name: Gympie Regional Council
Ph: 1300307800
Email: futures@gympie.qld.gov.au
Web: https://www.gympie.qld.gov.au
COVID-19 QLD: Business – Manufacturer's Supply Chain Support and Assistance

Status: Open
Location: Queensland

Overview
This program aims to support Queensland manufacturers and businesses with their resilience and recovery strategies to continue to operate and mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

Manufacturers or businesses who are having difficulties accessing supplies to continue to operate, employ and meet their customer needs can access a new Queensland Government service.

To seek help and find a solution, manufacturers can complete a short form here.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include Queensland manufacturers and businesses who are finding it difficult to access vital materials or supplies.

Closing Information
This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:
Name: Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning
Web: https://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au
COVID-19 QLD: Business, Non-Profits – State Land Rent Relief (COVID-19 Assistance)

**Status**
Open

**Location**
Queensland

**Overview**
This program aims to provide rent relief for holders of leases, licences and permits on state land, in response to the impact of COVID-19 pandemic.

Depending on their rental category, applicants may be eligible to receive a:

1. **Rent waiver if they operate a business**
   - If receiving rental invoices quarterly, the government will waive the payment of rental invoices due in the following periods:
     a) 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2020
     b) 1 July 2020 to 30 September 2020
   - If receiving rental invoices annually, the following arrangements apply:
     a) If businesses have paid their annual rental invoice for the 2019-20 billing period, that part of the annual rental amount for the period 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2020 will be refunded to them. Their account will also be credited as long as they email ltladmin@dnrme.qld.gov.au by 15 May 2020.
     b) The annual rent invoice for the 2020-21 billing period will be adjusted to remove the rental amount due from 1 July 2020 to 30 September 2020. This rent invoice will be sent on 1 November 2020 and payment will be due on 1 December 2020.
   - If the calculated refund or adjustment results in the rental payment being lower than the minimum rent payable for the rental category, businesses will only receive a refund or adjustment down to the minimum rent.
   - Businesses do not need to take any action to receive the rent waiver. The Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy will automatically waive the rent.

2. **Rent deferral**
   - Under the proposed plans, those that are not eligible for a rent waiver and they receive rental invoices quarterly, their rent payable for the period 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2020 will be automatically deferred for payment until 1 September 2020.
   - No action is necessary.

Please visit the website for more information.

**Who Can Apply**
Under the proposed plans, the following categories of leases, licences or permits will be eligible for a rent waiver:
- Category 11 (primary production)
- Category 13 (business)
- Category 14.2 (large sporting and recreational clubs with over 2,000 members)
- Category 15 (communication sites)
- Category 16 (divestment i.e. industrial estates)

**Closing Information**
Please see the Overview for the closing details.

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy

**Ph:** 1800841397

**Email:** ltladmin@dnrme.qld.gov.au

**Web:** https://www.qld.gov.au
Overview
This program aims to support commercial tourism operators who are impacted by COVID-19 by providing waiver of daily per passenger fees, which are incurred for each passenger (over five years of age) transported to a protected area including Green Island Recreation Area. This will boost cashflow for operators and provide relief from lower passenger numbers.

The program forms part of the Queensland Government’s $27.25 million Immediate Industry Recovery Package which has been established to provide immediate assistance to help Queensland manage the impacts of the COVID-19 (coronavirus).

For any tours or activities conducted under the operators’ permit or agreement (i.e. for the people they bring to an area authorised under their permit), they will not need to pay daily site fees.

This fee relief will apply to any activities conducted between 1 February 2020 and 31 July 2020 on:
- Protected areas (such as national park or conservation park)
- State Forest, forest reserve or timber reserve and
- Recreation areas

Operators will need to submit returns on passenger numbers but will not be invoiced. DES will write to operators outlining the process and include material on the website.

A total funding pool of $2,578,788 is available.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include:
- Commercial tour operators visiting protected areas across Queensland.
- All tourism businesses that hold a commercial activity agreement or permit and currently pay this fee.

Closing Information
This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:
Name: Department of Environment and Science
Email: parkaccess@des.qld.gov.au
Web: https://parks.des.qld.gov.au
Overview
This program aims to support Queensland businesses by providing payroll tax relief measures to alleviate the impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19).

These measures include:
1. Refunds of payroll tax for two months
   - Depending on the applicant's eligibility, the refund months were either November and December 2019 or January and February 2020. If the applicant is a half-yearly lodger, relief applied on a pro-rata basis.
   - These refunds do not have to be repaid.
   - Applications for payroll tax refunds closed on 31 May 2020. Applicants who applied on time and received an email confirming their eligibility for the refund and have not yet requested a reassessment of the eligible months are advised to urgently email their reassessment request to OSRconnect.

2. Payroll tax holiday
   - Applications for the payroll tax holiday for employers (or part of a group of employers) who pay $6.5 million or less in Australian taxable wages closed on 31 May 2020.
   - These employers did not have to pay payroll tax for the months of January, February and March 2020.
   - This holiday relief does not have to be repaid.

3. Deferring payment
   - Businesses can apply to defer paying their payroll tax for the 2020 calendar year.
   - If they had already applied for an earlier deferral date, they do not need not reapply – it will be extended to 31 December 2020.

The Australian Government JobKeeper payment is not liable for Queensland payroll tax.

Once the application has been processed, OSRconnect will send a confirmation email. Businesses:
- Won’t need to pay payroll tax returns for the 2020 calendar year.
- Must continue to lodge returns in OSRconnect – without paying them – during this time.
- Will not have to pay interest on deferred payroll tax.
- Can resume paying returns at any time during the deferral period.

Please refer to the website for the lodgement due dates and deferred payment due dates for each return period.

Closing Information
Please see the Overview for the closing details.

Provided By:
Name: Office of State Revenue (OSR)
Ph: 1300300734
Email: payrolltax@treasury.qld.gov.au
Web: https://www.business.qld.gov.au
COVID-19 QLD: Business – Small Business COVID-19 Adaption Grant Program

Status
Pending

Opens
19-05-2020

Funding
Max $10,000

Location
Queensland

Overview
This program seeks to support small businesses subject to closure or highly impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19) shutdown restrictions announced by the Queensland Government, to adapt and sustain their operations, and build resilience.

The program aims to see small and micro businesses:
- Prepare for the safe resumption of trading in the post COVID-19 recovery.
- Access digital technologies to rebuild business operations and transition to a new way of doing business.
- Respond to online opportunities, where possible, to sustain employment and maintain potential for longer-term growth.
- Upskill and reskill business owners and staff to benefit from new technologies or business models.
- Embrace business diversification to adapt and sustain operations.
- Create or retain employment.

Grants of up to $10,000 are available.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include small businesses and micro businesses registered and operating in Queensland as well as those small businesses and micro businesses who may be operating outside of Queensland but have a Queensland headquarters, and must:
- Have been subject to closure or otherwise highly impacted by current shutdown restrictions announced by Queensland's Chief Health Officer on 23 March 2020.
- Demonstrate that business revenue has been significantly impacted since 23 March 2020 over a minimum one-month period due to the onset and management of COVID-19.
- Employ staff and have fewer than 20 employees at the time of applying for the grant.
- Have a valid Australian Business Number (ABN) active as at 23 March 2020.
- Be registered for GST.
- Have an annual turnover over $75,000 for the last financial year.
- Have a payroll of less than $1.3 million.
- Not be insolvent or have owners/directors that are an undischarged bankrupt.

Only one application will be accepted from an individual ABN or a financial beneficiary of a business.

Eligible Activities
Eligible activities and costs include:
- Financial, legal or other professional advice to support business sustainability and diversification.
- Strategic planning, financial counselling or business coaching aligned to business development and diversification.
- Building the business through marketing and communications activities, for example, content development (web pages, mobile apps, visual and audio media etc.).
- Digital/technological strategy development.
- Digital training or re-training to adapt to new business models.
- Capital costs associated with meeting COVID-19 SAFE requirements.
- Specialised digital equipment or business specific software to move business operations online (e.g. logistics program for online ordering).
- Meeting business costs, including utilities, rent.
Grant funds can also be used towards any of the above activities occurring from 23 March 2020 onwards, keeping in mind the project must be completed within a maximum of six months from the date of approval.

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

Assessment Criteria
The main assessment criteria include:
- Funding availability – applications will be processed on a first come, first serve basis.
- Submission of a complete application form, with all requested supporting documentation included.
- Value for money, as determined by DESBT.

Closing Information
This program is now closed to new applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

Provided By:
Name: Department of Employment, Small Business and Training
Ph: 1300654687
Email: adapt@desbt.qld.gov.au
Web: https://www.business.qld.gov.au
Overview
This program aims to support commercial landlords who own a commercial property to help them manage their leasing arrangements with their tenants who are small to medium sized businesses affected by coronavirus (COVID-19).

Government and banking support provided for landlords is conditional upon them passing on the benefits to their tenants, through rent reductions or relaxing of tenants’ obligations. They will need to negotiate with their tenant to make the necessary changes to their leasing arrangements.


Under the regulations, a lease is considered an affected lease if it meets all of the following criteria:
- It is a retail shop lease or a lease for carrying on the business of the tenant.
- It was current when the regulations commenced (28 May 2020).
- It is a lease of a premises where the tenant carries on business or is a non-profit body in the current financial year.
- The tenant's turnover was less than $50 million for the 2018–19 financial year or is likely to be under $50 million for the 2019-20 financial year.
- The tenant is eligible for, but not necessarily enrolled in, the JobKeeper Payment scheme.

During the response period defined under the regulation (29 March to 30 September 2020), if the tenant's lease is an affected lease:
- The tenant may not be evicted or have their lease terminated for non-payment of rent or outgoings.
- Their rent must be reduced in proportion to their lost turnover (at least 50% of the rent reduction offered must be in the form of a waiver, leaving the rest to be deferred).
- The landlord may not increase their rent.
- They may not be penalised for reducing trading hours or not opening
- The landlord may not make a claim on a bank guarantee or security deposit for unpaid rent or outgoings.

If the tenant has notified the landlord that their turnover has been affected by COVID-19, the landlord can apply for support, which will also enable them to assist their tenants.

In addition, landlords:
- Who have been impacted by COVID-19 may be able to access the free Small Business Financial Counselling program to discuss their financial position.
- May also be eligible for land tax relief. If they receive this benefit, they must pass it on to their tenant in the form of rent relief.
- May be eligible to have their loan repayments deferred by their bank. A condition of the deferral is that they cannot terminate their tenant's lease or evict them for rent arrears as a result of COVID-19.

Please visit the website for more information.

Closing Information
This program is open on an ongoing basis.
COVID-19 QLD: Business – Shell's QGC Business Navigators Ready to Reopen Grant Program (Western Downs)

Status  
Open

Closes  
21-06-2020

Opens  
08-06-2020

Funding  
Max $5,000

Location  
Queensland

Overview
This program seeks to support local businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. It is aimed at assisting small businesses in the Western Downs region as they adapt to a new operating environment, while stimulating local spend.

In particular, the program wants to assist businesses to ensure they can reopen and stay open.

Grants of up to $5,000 are available.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include for-profit businesses who must have:
- A registered ABN operating in the Western Downs.
- A local operational presence for at least one year.
- An annual turnover of no more than $2 million.

Eligible Activities
Eligible projects may include:
- Establishment or updating a website or online presence.
- Obtaining professional advice regarding human resources or IT.
- Training costs associated with reskilling staff.
- Repairs and maintenance incl reconfiguring the interior of premises to meet social distancing requirements.
- Unexpected cleaning costs as a result of COVID-19.
- Servicing commercial kitchen equipment such as ovens, stoves, coffee machines after extended non-use.

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

Closing Information
This program is open for applications until midnight on 21 June 2020.

Provided By:
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https://www.navigatorwesterndowns.com.au
COVID-19 QLD: Business – Waive Fees Associated with Changes to Liquor Licences

Overview
This program aims to support liquor licensees who are impacted by COVID-19 by providing fee relief that will assist premises with activities related to attracting customers or cater to private functions. It forms part of the Queensland Government’s $27.25 million Immediate Industry Recovery Package which has been established to provide immediate assistance to help Queensland manage the impacts of the COVID-19 (coronavirus).

From 1 February to 31 July 2020, liquor licensees will benefit from having fees waived for applications to change trading hours and temporarily or permanently change a licensed area.

Refunds will be made to licensees, back dated to 1 February 2020. Fee waiving will be automatic.

A total funding pool of $95,828 is available.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include all liquor licensees choosing to amend trading hours or their licensed area, who have paid the application fee since 1 February 2020 or who choose to make an application of this nature.

Closing Information
This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:
Name: Department of Justice and Attorney-General
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Web: https://ablis.business.gov.au
COVID-19 QLD: Business – Rebates for Marina Commercial Operators and Tenants

Status: Open
Location: Queensland

Overview
This program aims to provide a rebate relief package for relevant tourism operators who are impacted by COVID-19. It forms part of the Queensland Government’s $27.25 million Immediate Industry Recovery Package which has been established to provide immediate assistance to help Queensland manage the impacts of the COVID-19 (coronavirus).

The package includes a 100% rebate on marina fees for existing fulltime commercial (tourism) and reef operators for six months from 1 February and a freeze on Cairns Marlin Marina Schedule of Charges for commercial operators at the Marlin Marina until January 2023.

Ports North’s retail, food and beverage leasehold tenants in the Port’s Cityport Precinct will receive a 100% base rent fee relief. This package does not apply to licences or outdoor dining permits.

A total funding pool of $3.005 million is available.

Ports North will provide information about rebates and will contact eligible customers and tenants.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include:
- Marine tourism industry operators
- Operators using the Cairns Marlin Marina
- Land-side retail/food and beverage businesses
- Tourism operators who access Green Island

Closing Information
This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:
Name: Department of Transport and Main Roads
Web: https://www.business.qld.gov.au
COVID-19 QLD: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – Coronavirus Land Tax Relief

**Overview**

This program aims to support landowners by providing land tax relief measures to alleviate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. It forms part of the The Queensland Government's COVID-19 Economic Recovery Strategy which is a comprehensive and far-reaching suite of economic initiatives to help recover from COVID-19 with a focus on backing Queensland jobs.

These measures include:
- A land tax rebate reducing land tax liabilities by 25% for eligible properties for the 2019-20 assessment year.
- A waiver of the 2% land tax foreign surcharge for foreign entities for the 2019-20 assessment year.
- A three-month deferral of land tax liabilities for the 2020-21 assessment year.

The rebate and waiver:
- Do not apply to owner-occupied land.
- Are only available if the landowner owned an eligible property at 30 June 2019 and were liable for land tax in relation to the property.

Landowners do not need to apply for the foreign surcharge waiver or the three-month deferral. The Office of State Revenue will reassess land tax to apply the waiver and provide a refund where the assessment amount has already been paid.

However, landowners will need to apply for the land tax rebate up to 30 June 2020.

Any land tax relief provided to commercial landlords must be passed onto eligible tenants.

The land tax rebate does not need to be repaid if the eligibility requirements and conditions are met.

Please visit the website for more information.

**Who Can Apply**

Eligible applicants must be:

1. **Landowners who lease all or part of a property to one or more tenants** and all the following apply:
   - The ability of one or more tenants to pay their normal rent is affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
   - Will provide rent relief to the affected tenant(s) of an amount at least commensurate with the land tax rebate.
   - Will comply with the leasing principles even if the relevant lease is not regulated.

2. **Landowners and all the following apply:**
   - All or part of their property is available for lease.
   - The ability to secure tenants has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
   - Require relief to meet their financial obligations.
   - Will comply with the leasing principles even if the relevant lease is not regulated.

If landowners are eligible for the land tax rebate under both the above circumstances, it is expected they will apply the rebate paid firstly to provide rent relief to their tenants. They can then apply any remaining rebate to their own financial obligations (e.g. in relation to debt and other expenses).
The land tax rebate will only apply to each property that meets the above eligibility requirements and conditions, rather than the rebate applying to entire taxable landholdings.

Where there are multiple tenants for a single property, including mixed-use developments, if the eligibility requirements and conditions are met for at least one tenancy, then the whole property is eligible for the land tax rebate.

Please refer to the Fact Sheet for the complete list of the eligibility requirements.

**Closing Information**
Please see the Overview for the closing details.

**Provided By:**
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**Web:** https://www.qld.gov.au
COVID-19 QLD: Business – Western Downs Regional Council Business Recovery Planning Initiative

Status: Open
Closes: 30-06-2021
Opens: 08-05-2020
Location: Queensland

Overview
This program aims to provide 'quick response' assistance to businesses located in the Western Downs region that are either experiencing financial or operational hardship as a result of COVID-19 or seeking to establish alternate service delivery models for business continuity. It forms part of the Council's $50 million COVID-19 Recovery Package which aims to secure and create jobs, energize the economy and support the region through the COVID-19 health crisis.

The program supports businesses to access professional advice that contribute to one or more of the following:
- Promote business continuity, risk mitigation and recovery.
- Encourage innovation in business models.
- Building business resilience.

The Council offers local businesses a free consultation session with a local professional service provider (accountant or business advisor) that can provide professional advice regarding the following:
- Accessing business assistance and support programs.
- Advice for cash flow planning and relief.
- Advice on implementing turnaround and possible growth strategies.
- Development of a risk management plan.
- Development of a business continuity plan.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application within 10 business days from the date of Council receiving a completed application.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include businesses operating for-profit and located in the Western Downs Regional Council Local Government Area (LGA).

Closing Information
This program is open on an ongoing basis until 30 June 2021 or until all funds are fully expended, whichever comes first.

Provided By:
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Web: https://www.wdrc.qld.gov.au
Overview
This program aims to support small to medium sized business affected by coronavirus (COVID-19) by helping them manage their commercial lease and rental obligations.

Government and banking support provided for landlords is conditional upon them passing on the benefits to their tenants, through rent reductions or relaxing of tenants’ obligations. Tenants will need to negotiate with their landlord to make the necessary changes to their leasing arrangements.


Under the regulations, a lease is considered an affected lease if it meets all of the following criteria:
- It is a retail shop lease or a lease for carrying on the business of the tenant.
- It was current when the regulations commenced (28 May 2020).
- It is a lease of a premises where the tenant carries on business or is a non-profit body in the current financial year.
- The tenant’s turnover was less than $50 million for the 2018-19 financial year or is likely to be under $50 million for the 2019-20 financial year.
- The tenant is eligible for, but not necessarily enrolled in, the JobKeeper Payment scheme.

During the response period defined under the regulation (29 March to 30 September 2020), if the tenants’ lease is an affected lease:
- They may not be evicted or have their lease terminated for non-payment of rent or outgoings.
- Their rent rent must be reduced in proportion to their lost turnover (at least 50% of the rent reduction offered must be in the form of a waiver, leaving the rest to be deferred).
- Their rent may not be increased.
- They may not be penalised for reducing trading hours or not opening.
- Their landlord may not make a claim on a bank guarantee or security deposit for unpaid rent or outgoings.

Commercial tenants must ensure their landlord is aware that their turnover has been affected by COVID-19 so the landlords can apply for support. If the landlord isn't aware of how their business has been affected, they won't be able to assist the tenant.

Tenants have been impacted by COVID-19 may be able to access the free Small Business Financial Counselling program to discuss their financial position.

Please visit the website for more information.

Closing Information
This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:
Name: The Queensland Treasury
Ph: 1300654687
Web: https://www.business.qld.gov.au
COVID-19 QLD: Business, Non-Profits – Coronavirus (COVID-19) Electricity Relief for Small Businesses

**Status**
Open

**Funding**
Max $500

**Location**
Queensland

**Overview**
This program aims to provide power bill relief package for small businesses, including sole traders who are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligible customers will receive a $500 rebate on their electricity bill.

The rebate will be automatically applied to the businesses' electricity bill from May 2020 onwards. The exact timing depends on their individual billing cycle.

Small business tenants who get their electricity through a privately owned embedded network, and are billed by their landlord, property manager/operator or other entity (on-supplier), can receive the rebate if they are eligible.

The on-supplier will claim the rebate on behalf of their tenants, and pass it onto tenants as part of their next electricity bill.

On-suppliers are required to lodge a claim (using Form 514) with their electricity retailer.

A total funding pool of $100 million is available.

**Who Can Apply**
Eligible applicants include small businesses who must:
- Have an active electricity account.
- Use less than 100,000 kilowatt hours of electricity per year.

Sole traders, sporting clubs, community organisations and charities are all eligible if they meet these criteria.

**Closing Information**
This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Provided By:**
**Name:** The Queensland Treasury
**Ph:** 1300654687
**Web:** https://www.business.qld.gov.au
COVID-19 QLD: Business – Tourism Lease Rent Payment Deferral

Status: Open
Location: Queensland

Overview
This program aims to provide support to those in the tourism sector who are adversely affected by economic conditions as a result of coronavirus by giving a deferral of lease rent payments. It forms part of the Queensland Government's $27.25 million Immediate Industry Recovery Package which has been established to provide immediate assistance to help Queensland manage the impacts of the COVID-19 (coronavirus).

Those who hold a lease or licence for tourism purposes and receive rental invoices quarterly can apply for a land rent deferral.

If the application is approved, rental invoices due between 1 February 2020 and 31 July 2020 will instead be payable by 1 January 2021. No penalty interest will accrue on overdue balances for this period.

In addition, eligible applicants will receive a refund if they have already paid their rent for the first quarter of 2020.

If the lease is transferred, however, the deferral of rent stops from the day of the transfer settlement and all outstanding monies must be paid.

A total funding pool of $64,300 is available.

DNRME will contact all existing tourism lease holders to advise of the rent deferral opportunity and the process for applying. Industry can access the initiative immediately.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants must:
- Hold a term lease, perpetual lease or road licence for tourism purposes. Applicants who hold a permit to occupy are not eligible.
- Receive their rental invoice quarterly.
- Currently be trading or operating under the terms of their lease or licence and in substantive compliance with their lease or licence conditions.
- Be suffering financial hardship as a result of adverse economic conditions related to the purpose of the lease as a result of COVID-19 (coronavirus).

Closing Information
This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:
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COVID-19 QLD: Business, Non-Profits – QRIDA Jobs Support Loans

Status: Pending
Funding: Max $250,000
Location: Queensland

Overview
This program aims to assist Queensland businesses and non-profit organisations financially impacted by COVID-19 retain employees and maintain their operations.

Concessional loans of up to 50% of an eligible entity’s annual wage expense, to a maximum of $250,000, are available under the following terms:
- The term of concessional loans is 10 years.
- The first year of the loan will be repayment free and no interest will be charged. Following the first year, payments will be interest-only for two years. After this, principal and interest repayments will apply for the remaining term.
- Loan payments when they commence will be on a monthly basis.
- An interest rate of 2.5% will apply to the loan from commencement of the second year and for the remainder of the loan term.
- Loans up to $100,000 will require no loan security. Loans over $100,000 and up to $250,000 are to be secured by a General Security Agreement.

For the purposes of this program, the annual wage expense is the average of an entity’s wage expense including superannuation over the 2017-18 and 2018-19 financial years and may include the salaries, or drawings of business owners, if they work in the business.

A total funding pool of $500 million is available.

Due to unprecedented demand, the Queensland Government has announced an additional $500 million in funding for the COVID-19 Jobs Support Loan scheme taking total scheme funding to $1 billion.

The additional funding is available to businesses that have already submitted their application for assistance and have not yet been processed. Applications will continue to be assessed up until the $1 billion in funding is fully committed. No new applications will be received.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants must:
- Be an eligible business which holds an ABN and is registered for GST, or an incorporated non-profit organisation.
- Have one or more equivalent full-time employees in Queensland.
- Have operated the business or non-profit organisation since 1 July 2017.
- Have suffered a loss of income as a result of COVID-19.

Eligible business types include sole traders, partnerships, private and public companies and trusts.

A full-time employee is an employee who works at least 35 hours each week in the entity.

Owners of a business may be regarded as employees if they work in the business.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.
Eligible Activities
Eligible expenses include, but are not limited to:
- Paying employee wages.
- Paying creditors and existing business loan and equipment finance payments.
- Paying rent and rates.
- Buying goods, including fuel, for the purposes of carrying on the business.

Closing Information
This program is now closed to new applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

Provided By:
Name: Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA)
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SA Programs
COVID-19 SA: Business, Non-Profits – SATC Resilience and Rebound Program

Status: Open
Location: South Australia

Overview
This program aims to provide business support for South Australian tourism operators to help work through the COVID-19 crisis and have the necessary tools they will need to help with recovery post event crisis.

The program will contain various elements including fact sheets and video tutorials to be accessible via the SATC corporate website over the coming weeks. These tools will provide highly relevant tourism related information to assist the visitor economy with immediate challenges facing it as well as a focus on post crisis.

The content is intended to assist the wide spectrum of business involved in the visitor economy including tourism operators, accommodation providers and the hospitality sector.

Content includes the following;
- Navigating your way through the government stimulus package
- Managing banks and liabilities
- Managing your landlord and/or tenant
- Managing your cashflow
- Managing your staff
- Customer engagement during COVID-19
- How to come back online

Please visit the website for more information.

Who Can Apply
Eligible participants include tourism operators in South Australia.

Closing Information
This program is currently open for registrations.

Provided By:
Name: South Australian Tourism Commission
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Email: tourismresponse@sa.gov.au
Web: https://satcgrantsmgmtportal.azurewebsites.net
COVID-19 SA: Business – Skilling South Australia Group Training Boost

Status
Open

Funding
Max $5,200

Location
South Australia

Overview
This program aims to support South Australian businesses who are looking to host a new apprentice or trainee through a GTO by reducing the charge out rate to reduce costs associated with the impact of COVID-19.

From 2 March 2020, businesses can access a reduced charge out rate of up to $200 per week per apprentice for six months,

Eligible businesses will receive up to $5,200 off the GTO charge out rate in total.

This program is available for a limited time for training contracts at Certificate II level or higher that are in place by 31 August 2020 (subject to funding availability).

For more information, businesses must contact their preferred GTO, or to talk to one of SA Skills Link advisors at a time that suits.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include South Australian businesses.

Closing Information
Please see the Overview for the closing details.

Provided By:
Name: Department for Innovation and Skills
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Web: https://www.skills.sa.gov.au
COVID-19 SA: Business – Payroll Tax Relief

Status: Open
Location: South Australia

Overview
This program aims to provide tax relief South Australian businesses who have been adversely impacted by COVID-19. It forms part the South Australian Government’s Jobs Rescue Package which provides immediate financial support and relief to those most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tax relief measures include:
1. JobKeeper Payment (Commonwealth)
   - The COVID-19 Emergency Response Bill 2020 (SA), which was assented to on 9 April 2020, includes an amendment to the Payroll Tax Act 2009 to ensure South Australian businesses whose employees qualify for the Federal Government’s JobKeeper support payments will be exempt from paying any payroll tax on the wage subsidy.

2. Six month payroll tax waiver – businesses with Australian grouped wages up to $4 million
   - Business groups with Australian (annualised grouped) wages of up to $4 million will receive a six month payroll tax waiver. - Eligible business groups will not be required to pay any payroll tax for the months of April to September 2020 (for the return periods of March 2020 to August 2020).
   - Where businesses meet the criteria of Australian (annualised grouped) wages below $4 million for 2018-19 no application will be required – RevenueSA will notify these businesses through RevenueSA Online.
   - Monthly payroll tax returns must still be lodged to capture wages for the month, with no payment to be made.
   - Waiver of payroll tax for the six months will be finalised as part of the Annual Reconciliation process for 2019-20 and 2020-21.

3. Six month payroll tax deferral – businesses with Australian grouped wages over $4 million
   - Businesses with Australian (annualised grouped) wages above $4 million that can demonstrate they have been adversely impacted by COVID 19 will, upon application, be able to defer payroll tax payments for the six months from April to September 2020.
   - For these eligible businesses, payroll tax payments that were due to be paid from April to September will now be due in October 2020.
   - Monthly payroll tax returns must still be lodged to capture wages for the month, with payment deferred to October 2020.
   - Deferral of your payroll tax liability will be shown as part of the Annual Reconciliation processes.

Please visit the website for more information.

Closing Information
This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:
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Web: https://www.revenuesa.sa.gov.au
COVID-19 SA: Business – FIXE Mentor Program

Status: Open

Location: South Australia

Overview
This program aims to provide mentoring support for South Australian startups and scaleups impacted by COVID-19.

This mentorship program will directly connect participants with highly experienced business people where they can have a confidential conversation about their circumstances and receive unbiased insights and advice to help them navigate through these uncertain times.

To get involved, participants must:
- Complete the registration form in the website.
- Receive confirmation of registration and mentor.
- Connect with the mentor.
- Begin conversation and discuss their circumstances with the mentor.

Mentors are working on a voluntary basis and will provide informal advice for a limited period to be determined on the match and circumstances.

Connection with a mentor is not guaranteed, based on availability and quality of mentors required to meet the number of registrations.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include registered South Australian startup or scaleup business that is less than ten years old and have an annual turnover of less than $10 million per annum.

Closing Information
This program is currently open for registrations.

Provided By:
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Web: https://www.fixe.org.au
COVID-19 SA: Business – Small Tourism Business Grants Fund

Status
Pending

Closes
17-04-2020

Opens
03-04-2020

Funding
Max $10,000

Location
South Australia

Overview
This program seeks to provide financial support for sole traders and small tourism businesses who have experienced financial loss as a result of COVID-19. It aims to provide an immediate injection of funds to boost the cash flow for small tourism businesses that will relieve the burden of reduced business during this period of uncertainty.

There are two funding streams available:
- Micro-business stream (For businesses with annual turnover of $100,000 to $499,999): Grants of up $5,000 are available.
- Small business stream (For businesses with annual turnover of $500,000 to $1 million): Grants of up to $10,000 are available.

A total funding pool of $5 million is available.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants must meet the following requirements:
- The small business must be a South Australian registered business.
- The tourism business must have been listed on Australian Tourism Data Warehouse (ATDW) before 1 March 2020. A retrospective listing will not make the business eligible for this grant.
- The tourism business must be an established small business or sole operator. This means businesses were active in the 2018-19 financial year and had an annual turnover of greater than $100,000 and less than $1 million.
- Applicants must be able to substantiate current business expenses for which the payment will be used.
- Only one application will be accepted from an individual ABN or a financial beneficiary of a business.
- Applicants must agree to the Funding Conditions at the time of application submission.

The following are not eligible to apply:
- Employees of tourism businesses.
- Businesses located or operating outside of South Australia.
- Businesses that are part of larger organisation(s). The aim of this Fund is to support small businesses that are without the resources of a parent company. Examples of ineligible businesses includes, but is not limited to,
  a) Component parts of larger businesses.
  b) Businesses run by other parts of government (e.g. council owned caravan parks, state or federal government owned tourism ventures).
- Any business which is successful in accessing alternative grant funding through the SATC’s Regional Events Grant Fund.

Eligible Activities
Eligible costs include relevant business expenses as a result of impacts relating to COVID-19.

Closing Information
This program is now closed for applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.
COVID-19 SA: Business, Non-Profits – SATC Digital Training Program

**Status**
Pending

**Location**
South Australia

**Overview**
This program aims to support tourism operators who are significantly impacted with the COVID-19 pandemic by providing online training programs focussed on supporting and upskilling tourism businesses to market themselves online.

The training programs will cover fundamental digital skills such as optimising search outcomes, managing social media, online booking systems and online marketing. The training programs will comprise of a series of online modules, including webinars, workshops, toolkits and templates, with each module targeting a specific area of online operations.

The training will be delivered by one of the three providers:
- Tourism Accelerator: The ‘Survive and Thrive’ program supports small businesses to help guide, develop, and diversify their business during COVID-19.
- Tourism eSchool: Their 'Tourism Marketing Academy – The COVID-19 Reboot' has been strategically designed to not only educate but inspire and empower participants to take action to develop and market their businesses and South Australia as travel destination.
- Tourism Tribe: There will be weekly training and support to implement changes to grow the online presence of businesses and to create a proactive post COVID-era online sales plan.

Participants are encouraged to select the one best suited to their business needs.

Places in the program will be awarded in date order upon a valid receipt of registration, with up to 600 places available. Once the funding has been fully expended, all other applications will be declined.

Please refer to the provider's website for the specific details of each program.

For those who have any questions regarding the program, or wish to submit a late registration, please email tourismresponse@sa.gov.au. Late registrations will be considered on a case by case basis, and eligibility criteria will still apply.

**Who Can Apply**
Eligible applicants include South Australian tourism businesses and events, currently listed on ATDW and with operations of up to $2 million annually.

**Closing Information**
Registrations for this program have now closed. Please see the Overview for more details.

**Provided By:**
**Name:** South Australian Tourism Commission
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Overview
This program aims to support South Australian small businesses that employ staff and are subject to closure or highly impacted by the shutdown restrictions announced by the Government as a result of the corona virus (COVID-19). It forms part of the South Australian Government’s $650 million Jobs Rescue Package which aims to safeguard South Australia’s economy and minimise the economic impacts of the COVID-19 global crisis.

Grants of up to $10,000 are available.

If the business has received any South Australian Government grants provided to address COVID-19 related business impacts, the value of these payment(s) will be deducted from the $10,000 grant.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include businesses that must:
- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN) and were carrying on the operation of a business in South Australia as at 1 March 2020.
- Employ people in South Australia as at 1 March 2020.
- Have an annual turnover of more than $75,000 (excluding GST).
- Have total Australian payroll of less than $1.5 million, and not be entitled to a payroll tax waiver under COVID-19 support measures introduced by the South Australian Government.
- Have been subject to closure or highly adversely impacted by COVID-19 related restrictions.
- Not engage in illegal activity.

If a business is part of a group of companies that is registered for payroll tax and will receive the Government of South Australia payroll tax waiver for COVID-19 impacted businesses, the business is ineligible for this grant. Where the entity is not liable for payroll tax (such as a not-for-profit organisation), the payroll eligibility criteria of less than $1.5 million in 2019-20 is to be based on total Australian group wages for the organisation.

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

Closing Information
This program is now closed for applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

Provided By:
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COVID-19 SA: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – Land Tax Relief for Landlords

Status
Open

Location
South Australia

Overview
This program aims to support landlords who provide tenants impacted by COVID-19 with rent relief. It forms part of the South Australian Government's land tax relief package for their landlords who are significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under the scheme, landlords may be eligible for a 25% reduction on the land tax payable on a parcel of land in the 2019-20 land tax year.

The relief is available when:
- The land is used for residential or non-residential (commercial) purposes.
- The land is being leased to either (i) a residential tenant, or (ii) a non-residential (commercial) tenant with annual turnover of up to $50 million, who has been financially impacted as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The landlord reduces the rent of the affected tenant by at least as much as the land tax reduction.
- The land tax is directly related to the land for which the rent has been reduced.

Financially impacted is considered to be:
- For non-residential (commercial) tenants – a 30% drop in revenue due to COVID-19 and are eligible for the Australian Government's JobKeeper Payment.
- For residential tenants – financial hardship due to COVID-19. Further information will be available as part of the application process.

This relief is also available to residential and non-residential land owners who are unable to secure a tenant because of COVID-19.

Land tax relief is limited only to land occupied by affected tenants or vacant due to the impact of COVID-19.

Landlords who have already fully paid their 2019-20 land tax liability and are eligible for relief under this scheme will be issued a refund equal to the value of eligible land tax relief.

This measure is in addition to the land tax instalment deferral measure.

Applications for this relief will be open until the end of June 2020 and details on the application process are being finalised and will be available shortly.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include landlords who must demonstrate that the land was leased to 30 March 2020, but has since been vacant due to the impact of COVID-19.

Closing Information
Please see the Overview for the closing details.

Provided By:
Name: Revenue SA
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Overview
This program aims to assist businesses within the City of Victor Harbor to survive the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. It will also support adaptation and resilience projects that protect businesses from current and future economic shocks.

The objective is to deliver targeted economic support to local businesses and employing organisations in the most efficient and effective manner to sustain and accelerate their economic recovery.

The program comprises three streams:

1. Business Adaptation Stream
   - Supports initiatives that directly assist businesses to adjust their business or service delivery ensuring revenue sources can be maintained or derived.
   - Grants of up to $3,500 (excluding GST) are available.

2. Business Cashflow Stream
   - Supports instances where businesses are unable to defer, waive or negotiate payment terms for critical business related expenses.
   - Grants of up to $2,500 (excluding GST) are available.

3. Business Planning Stream
   - Supports businesses seeking professional advice aimed at navigating their businesses through and out of these current challenges.
   - Grants of up to $1,000 (excluding GST) are available.

Businesses may apply for more than one grant stream, however the total funds granted by Council per business/organisation will not exceed $5,000 in total under the fund.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include businesses that must:
- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Not be subject to any legal impediment, including bankruptcy or liquidation.
- Be located within the City of Victor Harbor municipality.
- Be operating before 1 March 2020.

Preference will be given to those who:
- Are ineligible for federal and state funding programs (i.e. Job Keeper, Small Business Grant Program, ATO rebates).
- Have a strategy that shows how the business plans to adapt over the next six months.
- Employ persons that reside within the City of Victor Harbor, including sole traders.
- Engage suppliers within the City of Victor Harbor for their activities/proposal.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the list of ineligible applicants.
Eligible Activities

Eligible activities/services/costs include:

1. Business Adaptation Stream
   - E-commerce platforms (selling online and receiving payments).
   - Photography and or videography that supports the sale of products and or services online.
   - Website design and development that supports the business adapting.
   - Training and skills development for staff in a new service or business operation.
   - Promotional material that supports a new product or service.
   - Costs associated with establishing a home delivery service (excluding plant & equipment).
   - Re-purposing of service areas.

2. Business Cashflow Stream
   - Unavoidable expenses, nominated by the business. Grant funds will only be provided where the business operator can demonstrate that all avenues for negotiating the waiver and or deferral of costs have been exhausted.
   - Unavoidable expenses are costs that will not be eliminated if a small business is closed. For example, utility expenses, insurance payments or wages for employees not eligible for the Commonwealth JobKeeper Payment Program.

3. Business Planning Stream
   - Financial advice (financial planning, grant applications, taxation, cash flow management).
   - Business diversification or planning.
   - Specialist accounting, legal and business planning advice about:
     a) Cash flow projections
     b) Managing risk
     c) Diversifying/pivoting the business enterprise
     d) Adding value to products and services produced by the business enterprise

Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include:
- Compatibility with the stream being applied for as outlined within the guidelines.
- Capacity and capability of the business to deliver on the proposal.
- The extent to which the business has been impacted by COVID-19.
- Likelihood that the initiative can be sustained beyond the grant.
- Approved projects will need to be completed within six months from successful notification.

Closing Information

This program is open for applications until 18 June 2020, 5pm.

Provided By:
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South Australian Wine Industry Development Scheme (SAWIDS)

Status
Pending

Closes
24-04-2020

Funding
Max $200,000

Location
South Australia

Overview
This program aims to build and strengthen the South Australian wine industry through projects that develop capability, grow competitiveness and productivity, and increase profitability through innovation or expanding production.

Grants of up to $200,000 are available.

Preference will be given to applicants providing at least a dollar-for-dollar contribution to the project.

Grant payments are generally made on a reimbursement basis upon presentation of paid invoices for approved project expenditure, including evidence of eligible applicant contributions. However, up-front payments can be negotiated for projects approved under the Fund.

A total funding pool of $1 million is available in 2019-20.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include:
- State or regional bodies and associations involved in the grape/wine industry.
- National organisations – but with projects based in and exclusively benefitting South Australia.
- Clusters or groups with projects to benefit grape and/or wine businesses in South Australia.
- State or regional research and educational institutions with projects that support development of the wine industry.

Eligible organisations must:
- Be legal entities (i.e. with which the South Australian Government can enter into a legally binding funding agreement).
- Have an Australian Business Number, and be registered for GST.
- Demonstrate the availability of resources required to complete the project.
- Have the project located within South Australia.

Eligible Activities
Eligible activities include those that:
- Benefit the grape and wine industry with a particular focus on the adoption of technology and innovation.
- Will support the South Australian wine industry during challenges associated with recent bushfires, smoke exposure and the evolving impacts of the COVID-19.

Assessment Criteria
The main assessment criteria include how well the project meets the following:
1. Essential
- The activity supports new economic activity that would not otherwise occur.
- The activity can be sustained without further intervention by government after the funding is provided.
- The activity creates broader economic benefits for the community and multiple entities, including entities not directly associated with the application.
- The activity contributes to the scale of an industry or sector.
- The activity creates sustainable economic benefits to the State or region.
- Fits under one of the streams of the South Australian Economic Growth Agenda, Growth State – Trade and Investment; Skills and Innovation; Land, Water and the Environment; and Infrastructure.

2. Desirable - Also considered favourable are project proposals:
- That leverage funds from non-State Government sources and/or foster collaboration.
- That demonstrate a commitment to employing locally, local investment and local supplier inputs wherever possible.
- That provide matched or additional funding to achieve project outcomes or activity.

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

Provided By:
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Overview
This program aims to support businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with the retention, transition and mobilisation of workers across industry sectors in need, and upskill and reskill displaced workers to find new work in areas of demand. It will run parallel to the current SSA Project Guidelines, which focus on pre-apprenticeships, apprenticeships and 'like' projects, with the aim of increasing the uptake of training contracts in industries where there is still a need.

Projects must demonstrate and support one or more of the following streams:
- Workforce retention (including apprentices and trainees) and upskilling of an existing workforce.
- Support to transition or mobilise workers across industry sectors with need (for example in aged care, disability support, health care, early childhood education and defence).
- New opportunities that upskill and reskill displaced workers to connect them to areas of skill demand.

To receive payments, organisations will be offered a Funded Activities Agreement (FAA) or an Annexure to their existing FAA, that outlines the payment structure and agreed project milestones. Detailed information on reporting requirements and claims templates will be made available via the online Skilling South Australia Projects Provider Toolkit.

The Department will contract the registered training organisation directly for all accredited training delivered under the project.

Applicants are advised to contact an adviser to seek advice and support to co-design their concept further.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include organisations (with an ABN) impacted by COVID-19.

Registered training organisations and group training organisations may apply where employer need is demonstrated.

Eligible Activities
Eligible activities include:
- Supporting business in the recruitment, selection and retention of workers.
- Non-accredited and accredited training.
- Reskilling or upskilling workers and/or job seekers.
- Post placement and mentoring support for workers transitioning into new sectors.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete list of eligible activities/costs of each stream of funding.

Assessment Criteria
The main assessment criteria include:
- Risk management approach
- Employers, businesses, industry partnerships
- Value for money
**Closing Information**
This program is open on an ongoing basis until 30 June 2020, subject to demand and budget availability.

**Provided By:**

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COVID-19 Response Grants Program

**Status**  
Open

**Closes**  
30-10-2020

**Funding**  
Max $2,000

**Location**  
South Australia

### Overview
This program aims to support the community through this ongoing crisis by providing funding for the delivery of community and creative projects and initiatives that support community to respond to and recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It seeks to support projects which align with the following objectives:
- Deliver resources, programs or services that address the changing needs of the community resulting from the COVID-19 environment.
- Strengthen community connection and social inclusion in an environment where physical distancing and isolation measures are in place.
- Increase the diversity of cultural, creative, recreational or social opportunities available to residents in a COVID-19 environment.

Grants of up to $2,000 are available.

Multiple applications from the same applicant might be considered.

### Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include community and cultural organisations as well as businesses, community artists and creatives, individuals and residents of the City of PAE.

### Eligible Activities
Eligible activities include, but are not limited to:
- Initiatives to provide support to vulnerable people in self-isolation
- Homelessness initiatives
- Family and domestic violence initiatives
- Activities to keep people physically and mentally active
- Chalk art, stobie pole painting, mosaics, yarnbombing
- Street-based and neighbourhood based projects
- Digital/virtual experiences and initiatives
- Creative activities

The program will only provide funding for activities occurring within the City of PAE.

### Assessment Criteria
The main assessment criteria include:
- Demonstrated alignment with the grant program’s objectives.
- Expected impact on people and places in PAE.
- Activity can be delivered safely and effectively.

### Closing Information
This program is open on an ongoing basis until 3pm of 30 October 2020 or when all funds are fully allocated, whichever comes first.
COVID-19 SA: Business, Non-Profits – Regional Events Grants Fund

Status  Pending
Closes  17-04-2020
Opens  03-04-2020
Funding  Max $5,000
Location  South Australia

Overview
This program aims to provide financial support for small to medium regional event organisers who have experienced financial loss due to the forced cancellation or postponement of an event staged between 16 March 2020 and 31 August 2020, as a result of COVID-19.

There are two categories of funding available:
1. Regional events
   - Regional events (including festivals) which are significant to their location and community, provide good economic return and boost the profile of the region.
   - Grants of up to $5,000 are available.
2. Community events
   - Community events (including festivals) primarily driven and sustained by their respective local community, which provide strong social outcomes, but with less focus on an economic benefit to the region.
   - Grants of $2,000 are available.

A total funding pool of $200,000 is available.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants must meet the following requirements:
- Must be a South Australian registered business.
- Event must have been listed on Australian Tourism Data Warehouse (ATDW) before 1 March 2020.
- The event must have been scheduled to run between 16 March 2020 – 31 August 2020 and had been postponed or cancelled due to COVID-19.
- Applicants must demonstrate financial loss and provide documentation detailing the costs incurred, which cannot be recovered or attributed to a future event, as a result of the cancellation or postponement of their event.
- Applicants must demonstrate they have attempted to mitigate their losses.

Eligible Activities
Eligible activities include the following:
1. Regional events
   - Those that attract interstate and/or intrastate visitors, generate local media and have the ability to generate state and national media coverage.
   - These events must attract more than 1,000 people.
   - Examples include the Fringe in Mount Gambier, 500 Miles of Music and Clare Valley Gourmet Weekend.
2. Community events
   - Those that attract more than 500 people.
   - Examples include Seafood on Spencer, Red Poles & Spinning Yarns Aboriginal Arts Festival and the Coober Pedy Opal Festival.
   - These events may have the ability to grow into Regional Events.
Closing Information
This program is now closed for applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

Provided By:
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Overview
This program aims to support COVID-19 affected businesses and individuals by providing deferral on their land tax payment. It forms part the South Australian Government’s Jobs Rescue Package which will provide immediate financial support and relief to those most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Businesses and individuals paying land tax quarterly in 2019-20 will be able to defer payment of their:
- Third Instalment: Defer payment up to six months from the due date.
- Fourth Instalment: Defer payment up to three months from the due date.

While businesses and individuals will be sent their land tax notices of assessment as usual, no application process will be required. There is no requirement to contact RevenueSA to put this new arrangement in place.

The deferral does not relate to previous outstanding arrears.

The previously announced land tax reform transitional relief fund available to eligible taxpayers whose land tax bill will increase as a result of the changes in aggregation of land commencing from 1 July 2020 will be increased from 50% to 100% of the increase in an eligible taxpayer’s 2020-21 land tax assessment. This will be subject to the existing criteria.

Closing Information
This program is open on an ongoing basis.

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TAS Programs
COVID-19 TAS: Business, Non-Profits – Primary Healthcare Grant Program

Status: Open
Closes: 30-06-2020
Funding: Max $10,000
Location: Tasmania

Overview
This program aims to assist general practices and community pharmacies to support continued delivery of primary health services during the COVID-19 pandemic. It forms part of the Tasmanian Government’s stimulus package which aims to support Tasmania as the state tackle the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Grants of up to $10,000 are available.

A total funding pool of $5 million is available.

Applicants can only submit one application for grant funding.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants must:
- Have an Australian Business Number and be registered for GST.
- Be a general practice or community pharmacy.
- Have been operating continuously since 31 January 2020 and be currently operating and providing services to Tasmanians within a community.
- Not be subject to any legal disability, including bankruptcy or liquidation.

Eligible Activities
Eligible activities include the delivery of primary healthcare services during the coronavirus pandemic for the following:
- Equipment including general and personal protective equipment.
- Infrastructure including minor capital works and Information and Communications Technology (ICT).
- Workforce including training, additional staffing support, specialist expertise, security staffing.
- Other – items must be specified and must be related to continuation of delivery of primary healthcare services coronavirus pandemic.

Closing Information
This program is open on ongoing basis until 3pm of 30 June 2020.

Provided By:
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COVID-19 TAS: Business – Meander Valley Council Small Business Grants Program

**Status**
Open

**Closes**
14-06-2020

**Opens**
18-05-2020

**Funding**
Max $5,000

**Location**
Tasmania

**Overview**
This program aims to support small businesses to recommence operations after the COVID-19 disease emergency. It forms part of the Council’s $1.7 million COVID-19 Community Care and Recovery Package.

The package also includes:
- Food licensing fee waivers
- Council facilities fee waivers
- Council rates and fee waivers
- Creditor early payment requests

Grants of up to $5,000 are available. Applicants are only entitled to receive one grant. Applicants seeking the maximum amount must demonstrate high need due to financial hardship and high benefit in terms of direct links to the ongoing employment or re-employment of people.

A total funding pool of $100,000 is available for this program.

**Who Can Apply**
Eligible applicants must:
- Be a small business with up to 20 full-time equivalent staff prior to 19 March 2020.
- Be a sole trader, partnership, company or trust.
- Be registered in Australia for taxation purposes with an active ABN.
- Demonstrate that they operate “for profit” as an ongoing concern (not a hobby or private not-for-profit).
- Be located and operating in the Meander Valley local government area.
- Demonstrate financial hardship and provide evidence to support a loss or future loss as a consequence of the COVID-19 disease emergency.
- Not be subject to any legal impediment, including bankruptcy or liquidation, that would impact the continuance of the business or trade of the business.
- As of 19 March 2020, been operating as a business for two months or greater.

**Assessment Criteria**
The main assessment criteria include the applicants ability to demonstrate one or more of the following:
- Shut down their business resulting in lost revenue.
- Restricted trading or reduced operations as a result of the COVID-19 disease emergency.
- The extent of financial hardship relative to annual turnover.

**Closing Information**
This program is open for applications until 14 June 2020, 5pm.

**Provided By:**
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COVID-19 TAS: Business, Non-Profits – Skills Tasmania Train Now Fund

Status
Open

Closes
30-09-2020

Opens
29-04-2020

Location
Tasmania

Overview
This program aims to support businesses and existing workers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Its objective is to deliver and subsidise training and workforce development activities to existing workers and sole traders to support industries to train their workers during the COVID-19 pandemic to increase employees’ skills to support the sustainability and future productivity of their business.

There are three streams available for selection:
- Employer: This option is available when the application relates to a single employer only.
- Industry Association: This option should be selected when the partner organisation is making application on behalf of their client base. The association or group must be an independent body that can describe and validate the skill needs of an industry sector.
- Business/small business: This option is available when there are a group of like businesses that are of the similar size and request the same training. Business/small business is defined as businesses with less than 20 employees including sole traders, contractors and non-employing businesses that have a common training need. As the group has been identified, they should be named in the qualification/skill set table.

Each application must relate to only one stream type.

Applications that include full qualifications for existing workers, must consider if the learner is eligible for an apprenticeship or traineeship and may be better suited to access funding through the Apprentice and Trainee Training Fund (User Choice) prior to submitting the application.

There is no co-contribution financial payment required by the business owner/employing organisation, however RTOs may choose to charge an additional fee over and above the subsidy provided by Skills Tasmania.

A total funding pool of $1.5 million is available.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include endorsed registered training organisations (RTOs) that must be in partnership with an employer or an industry association and meet the following requirements:
- The Endorsed RTO must have the qualifications/skill sets/units of competency on their scope of registration.
- The Endorsed RTO must be financially viable at the time of applying for and for the duration of any subsequent funding agreement.
- The applicant must provide evidence of the partnership with the employer or industry association.
- The existing workers who undertake the training must not be eligible for an apprenticeship or traineeship.

State Government business enterprises, state-owned companies and local government are eligible to apply.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

Assessment Criteria
The main assessment criteria include:
- Demonstrated need for training services. (50%)
- Outline the training summary for the proposed program/s. (30%)
- Identification of learner support needs, provision of learner support service/s and or referral of learners to support service/s. (20%)

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

**Closing Information**
This program is open on an ongoing basis until 30 September 2020 or until all funds are fully allocated.

**Provided By:**
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Web: https://www.skills.tas.gov.au
Overview
This program aims to support Tasmanian small businesses who are significantly impacted with the Coronavirus crisis by providing business vehicle registration savings and deferrals. It forms part of the Tasmanian Government’s stimulus package which aims to support Tasmania as the state tackle the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

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

Taxi operators with registrations falling due between 1 March and 30 September 2020 can apply for registration relief due to COVID-19 and downturn in business. Operators can choose to either:
   - Stop operating the taxi and apply to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles for their registration to be frozen and for the registration period to restart when they begin operating the taxi again, with a free of charge Public Passenger Vehicle safety inspection.
   - Continue operating the taxi and apply to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to have their registration extended for 12 months at no cost.

The registration fee relief only applies to taxis which will continue to be used as taxis after the COVID-19 restrictions end.

A total funding pool of $9.7 million is available.

Approval will be at the discretion of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.

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

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:
1. For taxis
   - The taxi operator is accredited to provide a passenger transport service.
   - The taxi operator has the consent of the registered operator for the taxi, to apply for registration relief.
   - The taxi:
     a) Was registered as a taxi and used for a taxi service on 1 March 2020.
     b) Registration expired or will expire between 1 March 2020 and 30 September 2020.
     c) Will continue to be used as a taxi after the COVID-19 restrictions end.
   - The taxi operator has not received a financial grant relating to the down turn in business arising out of the COVID-19 restrictions from the Department of State Growth.
2. For vehicles other than taxis
   - Available to businesses only.
   - The business must have been in operation on or before 31 January 2020.
   - The business who is making the application must be registered for tax purposes in Australia with an
     Australian Business Number (ABN) or an Australian Company Number (ACN).
   - Each vehicle must be in the name of the business or if not, applicants must be able to prove that each
     vehicle is directly related to the business.
   - Each vehicle must be registered at the time the application.
   - Be a majority owned and operated Tasmanian business in one of the following severely impacted industries,
     seafood, tourism and accommodation, passenger transport, motor vehicle traders, retail, hospitality, arts and
     entertainment, fitness or an sector experiencing difficulties.
   - Applicants must be able to demonstrate that the business has been significantly impacted as a result of the
     COVID-19 pandemic.

Closing Information
This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:
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VIC Programs
COVID-19 VIC: Business – Coronavirus Payroll Tax Relief
Status: Open
Location: Victoria

Overview
This program aims to provide payroll tax relief to businesses in response to coronavirus (COVID-19). It forms part of the Victorian Government's $1.7 billion economic survival and jobs package, which has been developed to help Victorian businesses and workers survive the devastating impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.

There are two separate relief measures available:
1. Additional payments under the JobKeeper program are now exempt from payroll tax
   - All businesses registered for payroll tax that make additional payments to employees as part of the JobKeeper program are eligible for this emergency relief measure.
   - Any additional payments businesses make to bridge the gap between an employee’s normal wage and the $1,500 per fortnight required to qualify for JobKeeper payments are exempt from payroll tax:
     a) For employees who have come to an agreement with their employer to be stood down and not perform any work, the full $1,500 paid to them is exempt from payroll tax.
     b) For employees paid less than $1,500 per fortnight, the payroll tax exemption applies to the difference between their wage and the $1,500. For example, to qualify for a JobKeeper payment, an employer must pay an additional $500 to an employee who earns $1,000 a fortnight. This additional payment of $500 is exempt from payroll tax.
   - Businesses do not need to apply for this emergency relief measure.
   - Businesses that have already lodged their monthly returns for April 2020 and included additional payments in their estimated taxable wages can make adjustments as part of their payroll tax annual reconciliation in July 2020.
   - The additional payments are not included in rateable remuneration for the purposes of calculating WorkCover Premiums.

2. Eligible businesses will have their payroll tax waived for the 2019-20 financial year
   - Businesses with annual Victorian taxable wages up to $3 million will have their payroll tax for the 2019-20 financial year waived.
   - SRO will directly contact eligible businesses in relation to an emergency tax relief refund of payroll tax already paid in the financial year and will send eligible businesses more information about these relief measures.
   - Emergency tax relief refunds will be made starting 27 March 2020.
   - Eligible businesses must continue to lodge returns but do not need to make further payments for this financial year.

Businesses with annual Victorian taxable wages up to $3 million can also defer, until January 2021, paying payroll tax for the first quarter of the 2020-21 financial year.

The eligibility threshold applies to each employer, so any member of a group that pays Victorian taxable wages of less than $3 million per annum is eligible for the relief.

A total funding pool of $550 million is allocated for this program.

Closing Information
This program is open on an ongoing basis during the 2019-20 financial year.

**Business Grants**

**Status**  
Pending

**Opens**  
26-03-2020

**Funding**  
Max $10,000

**Location**  
Victoria

**Overview**

This program aims to provide financial assistance to eligible businesses affected by COVID-19.

The objective of the program is to support businesses to:
- Invest in capital works during this challenging time and position their business to strongly benefit from the economic recovery when it happens.
- Develop their online and e-commerce capabilities.
- Undertake training and professional development to better prepare for return to business activities.

There are three categories of funding available:
- Capital works grants: Up to $10,000 (excluding GST) on a matching dollar-for-dollar basis.
- Online and e-commerce grants: Up to $5,000 (excluding GST).
- Training and professional development: Up to $2,000 (excluding GST).

Applications can be submitted for one, multiple or all categories, however funding will only be allocated to one category per business or non-profit organisation.

A total funding pool of $5 million is available.

**Who Can Apply**

Eligible applicants must:
- Be located within the City of Melbourne municipality.
- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Be a small to medium sized business (employ fewer than 50 full-time equivalent employees at the time of application, or up to 75 staff for hospitality and tourism sectors).
- Be a small to medium sized non-profit organisation (employ fewer than 50 full-time equivalent employees at the time of application).
- Be able to demonstrate how the grant will help support your business or non-profit organisation in response to the impact of COVID-19.

Applicants that will be procuring from local suppliers in the City of Melbourne for their proposal will be favourably considered.

**Eligible Activities**

Eligible costs include the following:

1. Capital works grants – Costs associated with capital works used to produce income, including in any of the following areas:
   - Equipment, including major catering, processing and production equipment
   - Business fittings, including retail, wholesale, and hospitality shopfittings
   - Physical alterations, including remodeling of premises
   - IT and software

2. Online and e-commerce grants – Costs associated with online and e-commerce activities, including the purchase of hardware, software and services in any of the following areas:
   - Website design and development
- E-commerce platforms (selling online and receiving payments)
- Online content development (web pages, mobile apps, audio and visual media)
- Digital marketing and promotion
- Mentoring and training in online and e-commerce activities

3. Training and professional development – Costs associated with increasing and enhancing worker capability to better prepare for return to business activities. Suitable professional development activities can include, but are not limited to:
- Online learning, webinars
- Attendance at training courses, seminars, workshops, forums or conferences
- In-house courses delivered by an external provider or other training

It is expected the proposed activity will be completed within eight months and preference will be given to those that can be completed in shorter time frame.

**Closing Information**
This program is now closed for applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

**Provided By:**
**Name:** City of Melbourne Council
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COVID-19 VIC: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – Commercial Tenancy Relief Scheme

Status
Open

Location
Victoria

Overview
This program aims to alleviate financial hardship faced by tenants and landlords as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19). It forms part of the Victorian Government’s $1.7 billion economic survival and jobs package, which has been developed to help Victorian businesses and workers survive the devastating impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.

For commercial tenants and landlords, the scheme will provide the following support:
- A six-month moratorium on commercial tenancy evictions for the non-payment of rent for small to medium enterprises with an annual turnover under $50 million that have experienced a minimum 30% reduction in turnover due to coronavirus (COVID-19), commencing from 29 March 2020.
- A freeze on rent increases during the moratorium for commercial tenants.
- A rental payment waiver or deferral proportionate to commercial tenants’ income reduction due to coronavirus (COVID-19), to be negotiated between the tenant and landlord.
- A free mediation service for commercial tenants and landlords, accessed through the VSBC, to support fair tenancy negotiations.

The Government will also provide land tax relief to commercial or industrial landlords that provide rent relief to their tenants, provided:
- The tenant’s annual turnover doesn’t exceed $50 million.
- The business is an eligible business in the Commonwealth’s JobKeeper program.
- The business is suffering financial stress or hardship as a result of the pandemic.

The Government will also provide land tax relief to residential landlords who provide rent relief to eligible tenants.

The relevant period for the rent relief is from 29 March 2020 to 29 September 2020.

A total funding pool of $500 million is available.

Please refer to the FAQs for more information.

Who Can Apply
A tenant is entitled to rent relief under the Commercial Tenancy Relief Scheme if they:
- Occupy premises under an eligible lease.
- Are an SME with an annual turnover under $50 million.
- Are an employer participating in the JobKeeper scheme.

Closing Information
This program is open on an ongoing basis for a period of six months, commencing on 29 March 2020.

Provided By:
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COVID-19 VIC: Business, Non-Profits – Business Support Fund

Status: Pending
Closes: 01-06-2020
Opens: 30-03-2020
Funding: Max $10,000
Location: Victoria

Overview
This program aims to support small businesses that employ staff and have been highly impacted by COVID-19 restrictions. It forms part of the Victorian Government’s $1.7 billion economic survival and jobs package, which has been developed to help Victorian businesses and workers survive the devastating impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.

The program operates through two streams:
- Stream One targets small businesses that meet the standard eligibility criteria and operate in industry sectors that have been subject to closure or highly impacted by COVID-19 shutdown restrictions announced by the Victorian Government.
- Stream Two provides support to small businesses in any other sectors that meet the standard eligibility criteria and are enrolled as eligible participants registered to receive support through the Commonwealth Government’s JobKeeper Payment scheme.

The hardest hit sectors include the following (for Stream One):
- Accommodation and food services (e.g. cafes, restaurants, caterers, hotels, motels)
- Arts and entertainment (e.g. cinemas, performing arts venues, creative spaces, performers, museums)
- Health and beauty services (e.g. hairdressers, barbers, beauty therapists)
- Sport and recreation (e.g. gyms, swimming pools, indoor climbing, play centres)
- Tourism (e.g. tourist transport, tour operators, tour arrangement, wineries, distilleries and microbreweries)
- Retail, other than supermarket, groceries, liquor and pharmacy businesses (e.g. clothing, footwear and electronic stores)
- Other services (e.g. real estate agents)

Grants of up to $10,000 are available. A business as defined by its ABN can only receive one grant under the Fund, for either Stream One or Stream Two.

A total funding pool of $500 million is available.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants must:
- Employ people.
- Have a turnover of more than $75,000.
- Have payroll of less than $650,000.
- Hold an Australian Business Number (ABN) and have held that ABN at 16 March 2020 (the date the State of Emergency was declared in Victoria over coronavirus).
- Have been engaged in carrying out the operation of the business in the Australian State of Victoria on 16 March 2020, and
- For Stream One – operate in an industry sector that has been subject to closure or highly impacted by the restrictions announced by the Victorian Government.
- For Stream Two – be enrolled as eligible participants in the Commonwealth Government’s JobKeeper payment scheme.
For the purposes of this program businesses are those entities where a business name is registered with the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC). In the case of a charity it is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC); incorporated associations are registered with Consumers Affairs Victoria (CAV); and sole traders are identified by ABN registration.

**Eligible Activities**

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

**Closing Information**

This program is now closed for applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

**Provided By:**

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Overview
This program aims to provide land tax relief for commercial and residential landlords in response to coronavirus. It forms part of the Victorian Government’s $1.7 billion economic survival and jobs package, which has been developed to help Victorian businesses and workers survive the devastating impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.

There are two separate relief measures:
- Land tax relief for eligible commercial and residential landlords.
- Land tax relief for landowners with at least one taxable non-residential property and total taxable landholdings below $1 million.

Commercial and residential landlords who meet the eligibility criteria for tax relief, can access a 25% discount on the land tax for that property, and choose to defer the balance of their assessment until up to 31 March 2021.

This relief is also available to land owners who are unable to secure a tenant (residential or commercial) because of coronavirus.

Eligible landlords can apply for the land tax reduction through My Land Tax from 1 May 2020.

These landlords can also defer the remainder of their 2020 land tax to up to 31 March 2021. SRO will contact all eligible taxpayers in relation to this measure. Taxpayers do not need to do anything at this stage.

A total funding pool of $420 million is available.

As agreed by National Cabinet, these new measures will come into effect from 29 March for a period of six months.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include landlords who must meet the following requirements:
1. If the property is rented
   - The tenant’s ability to pay their normal rent must be impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.
   - If the tenant is commercial (includes retail, office and industrial), the tenant must be:
     a) A small or medium enterprise (annual turnover up to $50 million).
     b) Eligible to receive the Australian Government’s JobKeeper Payment.
   - Both the landlord and tenant must have agreed to a reduced rent.
   - The rent reduction (in dollar terms) must be at least 25% of the 2020 proportional land tax for that property.

2. If the property is not rented
   - The property must be available for lease/rent.
   - A tenant for the property cannot be secured because of the coronavirus pandemic.

For the tax deferral, a land owner must own at least one non-residential property and total taxable landholdings below $1 million.

Closing Information
Please see the Overview for the application details.

**Status**
Open

**Closes**
30-06-2021

**Opens**
29-04-2020

**Funding**
Max $20,000

**Location**
Victoria

**Overview**

This program aims to support the Moonee Valley City community and its local businesses to adapt and bounce back through the global COVID-19 pandemic. It is designed to support the adaption, continuation and recovery of the local community groups and local businesses.

The program offers two streams of funding:

1. **Business recovery grants categories**
   - Adapting to changing needs: Up to $10,000
   - Business collaboration: Up to $5,000

2. **Community recovery grants categories**
   - Adapting community services: Up to $5,000
   - Community connection and collaboration: Up to $5,000
   - Emergency partnerships: Up to $20,000

Projects are to take place immediately with urgent applications being prioritised. If applications relate to long term recovery they will be assessed when appropriate in relation to the current pandemic conditions. All projects must be completed within 12 months of the project start date.

**Who Can Apply**

Eligible applicants include:
- Business recovery grants: Local businesses (with less than 50 FTE employees) sole traders, social enterprises and traders associations based and operating in Moonee Valley.
- Community recovery grants: Community groups and not-for-profit organisations based in Moonee Valley that are incorporated or supported by an auspice.

Eligible applicants must meet the following requirements:
- Have no outstanding acquittals, debts or financial disputes with the City of Moonee Valley.
- Have values are consistent with Council’s values to promote diversity, tolerance and an inclusive community as outlined in the Moonee Valley 2040 Strategy’s Principles.
- Are not electronic gaming machine (EGM) venue operators or sports betting companies.
- Be a social enterprise which is defined by social traders as a business that trades to intentionally tackle social problems, improve communities, provide people access to employment and training, or help the environment.
- Be businesses that can demonstrate financial impacts caused by pandemic restrictions.

**Eligible Activities**

Eligible activities include, but are not limited to:
1. Adapting to changing needs
   - Online innovation, web design and redevelopment, e-commerce platforms, mobile app development, etc.
   - Assistance to develop alternative service delivery models and products (for example delivery and takeaway adaption)
   - Professional development, online learning and webinars, training courses
   - Other adaptation projects in line with funding priorities
2. Business collaboration
- Businesses working together
- Online business networking
- Resources sharing
- Other collaboration projects in line with funding priorities

3. Adapting community services
- Assistance to develop service delivery models and products and meet emerging needs and issues
- Web design and redevelopment, video conferencing subscription, virtual experiences, hosting webinars
- Professional development, online learning and webinars, training
- Other emerging pandemic needs in line with funding priorities

4. Community connection and collaboration
- Funding for community initiatives addressing:
  a) Building community resilience
  b) Bridging isolation and building connections (social support)
  c) Online events, placemaking, story-telling and creative expression
  d) Celebrating and connecting when the time is right
  e) Other emerging pandemic needs in line with funding priorities

5. Emergency partnerships
- For the continuation of essential community service organisations, especially targeting:
  a) Food security
  b) Housing support
  c) Family violence support
  d) Mental health
  e) Social isolation
  f) Other emerging pandemic needs in line with funding priorities

Assessment Criteria
The main assessment criteria include:
- Need
  a) How well does the application align with the category priorities and aims?
  b) Demonstrated impact from COVID-19 pandemic situation.
- Benefit
  a) Are the outcomes of the project clearly identified?
  b) How well does the project address the identified needs?
- Delivery
  a) Is the budget clear and realistic?
  b) Does the project demonstrate sufficient planning?

Closing Information
This program is open on an ongoing basis until 30 June 2021, 5pm.

Provided By:
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COVID-19 VIC: Business – Liquor Licence Fees Waiver

Overview
This program aims to reimburse businesses that have paid for a renewable liquor licence for 2020, as part of the Victorian Government's economic survival package in response to COVID-19.

Businesses that have paid the 2020 renewal fee for their liquor licence or BYO permit will be reimbursed this fee, and those yet to pay will have their fee waived.

For those licensees/permittees who have already paid their 2020 renewal fee, the State Revenue Office will administer a reimbursement by cheque.

For licensees/permittees who are yet to pay their 2020 renewal fee, this fee will be waived. If they are yet to pay and want to retain their liquor licence or BYO permit, they need to advise the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation via email by 31 March 2020.

This renewal fee waiver is for the 2020 renewal period only.

Please visit the website for more information.

Closing Information
Please see the Overview for the closing details.

Provided By:
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Status  Open
Location  Victoria

Overview
This program aims to help the community and contribute to Victoria’s ability to respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. It forms part of the Victorian Government’s $1.7 billion Economic Survival Package.

The Victorian Government partnered with Sidekicker to support:
- Jobseekers to find work.
- Jobseekers to access online training.
- Employers to find workers fast, with the skills and experience they need.

To participate:
1. Jobseekers
   - Must register their details on the Working for Victoria site to access new work opportunities.
   - From there they will start receiving targeted updates about available employment opportunities that match their interests, skills and experience.

2. Employers
   - Must register their requirements for talent, and they will be contacted and assisted to post jobs on the Working for Victoria site and access the Working for Victoria talent pools.
   - Can advertise eligible new positions to workers who sign up for Working for Victoria.
   - Positions should be for at least three months; and must be paid at the award rate or equivalent wage rate of the existing workforce, whichever is higher.

As part of this program, a $50-million Agriculture Workforce Plan will provide dedicated support for our agriculture, food processing and critical food supply chain businesses.

A total funding pool of $500 million is available.

Please refer to the individual Fact Sheets for more information on available support.

Closing Information
This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided By:
Name:  Department of Premier and Cabinet
Ph:  132215
Web:  https://www.vic.gov.au
COVID-19 VIC: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – Creative Victoria Sustaining Creative Workers Initiative

**Status**  
Pending

**Closes**  
01-06-2020

**Opens**  
30-04-2020

**Funding**  
Max $10,000

**Location**  
Victoria

**Overview**

This program seeks to support the continued work of Victoria’s independent creative practitioners who have been negatively impacted by coronavirus (COVID-19).

The program aims to:
- Deliver quick-response funding to Victorian professional independent creatives negatively impacted by coronavirus.
- Provide stabilisation and improve sustainability of independent creative practice, so that adaptation to the newly emerged environmental context is possible.
- Achieve a state-wide reach.

The program has four streams of funding:
- Stream 1: First Peoples creatives/artists, micro organisations/businesses from across Victoria with a minimum track record of five years in professional public outcomes.
- Stream 2: Metro and Outer Metro Melbourne creatives/artists, micro organisations/businesses with a minimum track record of five years in professional public outcomes.
- Stream 3: Deaf and disabled creatives/artists and arts workers or disability-led micro organisations/businesses from across Victoria.
- Stream 4: Regional Victorian creatives/artists, micro organisations/businesses (with the exception of the groups above) with a minimum track record of five years in professional public outcomes. (Applications for this stream must be submitted through Regional Arts Victoria)
- For Stream 4, applicant’s postcode must reflect their residence or location of the organisation/business in one of the 48 local government area classified as ‘regional’ by the Victorian State Government. Please see list here.

Grants available are:
- Up to $5,000 for individuals, sole traders and freelancers.
- Up to $10,000 for collectives, micro-organisations and businesses.
- Up to $2,500 in additional access funding for applications from Deaf and Disabled creatives, artists, arts workers and disability-led organisations/businesses.

Only one application is accepted per applicant over this period.

**Who Can Apply**

Eligible applicants include Victorian-based independent creative practitioners, sole traders, freelancers and creative micro organisations/businesses, with at least five years of professional experience (with the exception of Stream 3), that have been negatively impacted by coronavirus.

Applications are encouraged from a wide range of creative disciplines including, but not limited to, visual arts/craft, literature, contemporary dance/physical performance, community creative practice, circus, cabaret, music, sound art, theatre, fashion, design, screen and digital games, multidisciplinary and experimental work.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the specific eligibility requirements of each stream.
Eligible Activities

Eligible activities include:
- Planning and adaptation to the newly emerged environmental context.
- Research and development.
- Products and/or skills development.
- Exploration of new ways to engage audiences for existing or new work.
- Development/exploration of markets for the applicants' creative work.

Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include:
- Professional merit
- Potential impact

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

Closing Information

This program is now closed for applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

Provided By:

Name: Creative Victoria
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Web: https://creative.vic.gov.au

Status: Open
Closes: 11-06-2020
Opens: 27-05-2020
Funding: Max $20,000
Location: Victoria

Overview
This program seeks to provide support to Wyndham businesses that have been adversely impacted by COVID19. It aims to resource and encourage businesses as they emerge and re-establish operations and seek to invest in their capacity to grow.

The objectives of the program are to:
- Enable businesses to adapt to a post COVID-19 economy.
- Build entrepreneurship, innovation and business capacity including, but not limited to investment in:
  a) New technologies and digital platforms that drive business efficiency and revenue generation.
  b) Professional development.
  c) Alternative service models.
  d) Local business to local business collaboration.

The program has the following levels of funding:
- Sole trader up to four employees (effective full time): Up to $5,000
- Five to 14 employees (effective full time): Up to $10,000
- 15 to 50 employees (effective full time): Up to $20,000
- Local business and industry incorporated associations that meet the eligibility criteria: Up to $10,000

A total funding pool of $1.5 million is available.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include businesses who must:
- Have its principal place of business within Wyndham.
- Hold an ABN.
- Employ 50 people or less (effective full time).
- Have been trading for a minimum of 12 months prior to 1 March 2020 and submitted an annual return to the ATO for the period 2018-19.
- Be compliant with all relevant local, state and federal legislation.

Local business and industry incorporated associations are also invited to apply if they have:
- Memberships comprising a minimum 80% local Wyndham companies.
- A minimum of 50 financial members with voting rights as outlined in the organisation's rules of association or constitution.
- A base rate annual membership fee in excess of $50.

Eligible Activities
Eligible activities include, but are not limited to:
- Investment in business training and skills development including:
  a) Business mentoring.
  b) Business continuity planning.
  c) Financial management systems.
  d) Growth planning business model review including identification of opportunities to success.
e) Digital literacy.
- Investment in programs that specifically aim to raise enterprise revenue including:
  a) Marketing skills and/or investment in marketing systems.
  b) Promotional and marketing campaigns that demonstrate business growth measurability.
- Investment in professional personal and organisational development programs that build organisational capacity including, but not limited to, responding to employee and employer wellbeing.
- Investment in technologies and digital platforms that aim to create new markets, grow existing markets and/or penetrate new markets.
- Investment that drives the development of alternative service delivery models.
- Investment in business to business collaboration initiatives.
- Funding to support the retention or employment of apprentices.

Assessment Criteria
The main assessment criteria include:
- Provide support to Wyndham businesses that have been adversely impacted by COVID-19.
- Alignment with program objectives. (75%)
- Provision of a clear and realistic budget and implementation plan. (15%)
- Local supply chain. (10%)

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

Closing Information
This program is open for applications until 11 June 2020, 5pm.

Provided By:
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COVID-19 VIC: Business, Individuals – Agriculture Workforce Plan

**Status**
Open

**Funding**
Max $300,000

**Location**
Victoria

**Overview**
This program aims to help businesses in rural and regional Victoria to meet their labour and operational needs during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. It forms part of the Victorian Government’s $500 million Working for Victoria Fund, which helps people who have lost their jobs due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic find new opportunities.

The plan assists agriculture, food processing and critical food supply chain businesses in rural, regional and outer metropolitan areas in Victoria with:
1. Recruitment support
   - For farmers/businesses looking for employees, the Working for Victoria platform can match their business with new employees.
   - For jobseekers looking for a fresh start in agriculture, there are opportunities to contribute to Victoria’s vital agriculture industry and help keep food on Victorians’ tables.
   - Farmers/businesses/jobseekers must register their requirements/interest on the Sidekicker employer portal.
2. Case management support
3. Financial support for:
   - Worker relocation and transport (worker accommodation and travel-to-work transport). A daily travel-to-work allowance of up to $50 per employee and daily accommodation support of up to $200 per employee is available to businesses unable to fill eligible roles locally.
   - Eligible employers inducting workers into new job roles and/or delivering re-training.
   - Business adaptation to meet the costs of adapting workplaces to comply health, safety and social distancing requirements or adapting to required business changes imposed as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Individual grants between $10,000 and $300,000 will support eligible businesses cover up to 50% of the cost of necessary adaptations to their workplaces.

A total funding pool of $50 million is available.

Businesses who have urgent business needs are advised to register their details in the website and a case manager will contact them directly.

**Who Can Apply**
Eligible applicants include both individual businesses and labour hire firms.

The types of industries that the program support are horticulture, dairy, meat, food production, manufacturing, as well as transport and logistics services.

**Eligible Activities**
Eligible activities for the business adaptation grants may include changes to transport used to take employees to and from work to ensure physical distancing, alternations to employer-supplied accommodation, or the establishment of additional washrooms and other facilities.

Grants can also be used to purchase machinery or appliances needed to adapt businesses in order to maintain operations during the pandemic.
**Closing Information**  
This program is currently open for registrations.

**Provided By:**  
**Name:** Agriculture Victoria  
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**Web:** http://agriculture.vic.gov.au

Status: Pending
Opens: 15-05-2020
Funding: Max $5,000
Location: Victoria

Overview
This program aims to support small to medium sized businesses located in the Baw Baw Shire that have been impacted by COVID-19, and who have undertaken or are planning to undertake projects and activities to innovate their business through these challenging times. It forms part of the Council’s $440,000 stage-one community and business support package.

There are four streams of funding available:
- Stream One (Online Support): Up to $5,000.
- Stream Two (Infrastructure and Equipment): Up to $5,000.
- Stream Three (Marketing Support): Up to $2,000.
- Stream Four (Employee Development): Up to $2,000.

Only one application per business is permitted, however combined works undertaken will be permitted provided they are from the same stream.

A total funding pool of $100,000 is available.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants must:
- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Be located within Baw Baw Shire.
- Have been impacted by mandatory closures of premises, changes to their operations or can demonstrate a 75% reduction in income (this can be provided through business activity statements or other appropriate documentation).
- Employ fewer than 50 FTE employees at the time of application. (In exceptional circumstances applications above this number of employees may be considered.)

Eligible business types include:
- Accommodation
- Food and beverage services
- Administrative and support services
- Arts and recreation services
- Hair, beauty and other personal services
- Retail
- Rental, hiring and real estate

Eligible Activities
Eligible costs include those associated with:
1. Stream One (Online Support): Online and e-commerce activities, including the purchase of hardware, software and services in any of the following areas:
   - Website design and development
   - E-commerce platforms (selling online and receiving payments)
   - Online content development (web pages, mobile apps, audio and visual media)
   - Mentoring and training in online and e-commerce activities
2. Stream Two (Infrastructure and Equipment): Temporary infrastructure used to continue to produce income throughout the impacts of COVID-19 including any of the following areas:
- Equipment
- Physical alterations including temporary structures and barriers
- Business fittings, including retail wholesale and hospitality shop fittings

3. Stream Three (Marketing Support): Marketing activities undertaken used to continue to produce income throughout the impacts of COVID-19 including any of the following areas:
- Signage
- Digital marketing and promotion
- Printing and marketing activities

4. Stream Four (Employee Development): Increasing and enhancing worker capability to better prepare return to business activities. Suitable professional activities can include, but are not limited to:
- Online learning, webinars
- Attendance at training courses, seminars, workshops, forums or conferences
- Accredited training
- In-house courses delivered by an external provider or other training

This funding applies to projects and activities undertaken after mandatory closures to businesses were implemented in Victoria (22 March 2020) and activities to be undertaken within six months of this date.

Please refer to the Fact Sheet for the list of items that are ineligible for funding.

**Assessment Criteria**

The main assessment criteria include how the applications:
- Meet program guidelines.
- Demonstrate the grant will help support business in response to the impact of COVID-19.
- Respond based on circumstance and business type.
- Are likely to meet timelines.

Priority will be given to the date and time applications are received.

**Closing Information**

This program is now closed to application as funding has now been fully allocated. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

**Provided By:**
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**Ph:** 1300229229
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COVID-19 VIC: Business – Warrnambool City Council Business Initiatives Grants (BIG)

Status: Open
Closes: 23-06-2020
Opens: 02-06-2020
Funding: Max $3,000
Location: Victoria

Overview
This program aims to support businesses in the Warrnambool City Council boundary who are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic to implement an idea or approach which will lead to business improvements and/or increased levels of business.

It forms part of Warrnambool City Council's ‘Get Around Warrnambool Campaign’ (GAW) which was developed in response to the impact of COVID-19 on local businesses, focussing on information, resources and initiatives to support Councils Respond, Recover and Rebuild Strategy.

Grants of up to $3,000 are available on dollar-for-dollar match funding basis.

At the discretion of Council an initial funding round will be held with any future rounds determined by remaining funds being available from the allocated budget.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include businesses who have a physical location and operate in the Warrnambool City Council boundary.

Industries identified by Council as being eligible include those from the following sectors:
- Retail
- Hospitality
- Automotive – servicing and sales
- Personal services
- Accommodation services
- Leisure and recreation
- Professional home improvement services

Applicants whose business does not fall under any of these sectors are advised to contact a BIG Case Manager to discuss how their business was affected by COVID-19.

Eligible Activities
Eligible activities must achieve one or more of the following:
- Growth: The proposed initiative can demonstrate the business will experience an increase in business levels leading to one or more of the desired outcomes.
- Businesses collaboration: Funding which supports collaboration/joint activity with another local business leading to one or more of the desired outcomes.
- Entrepreneurship: A strategy or initiative which has mutual benefits for both the business and the community.
- New business strategies: Enabling a strategic change to a business model that allows a business to pivot in response to opportunities arising as a result of COVID-19 leading to one or more of the desired outcomes.

The desired outcomes include:
- Increased business levels.
- Increased profit.
- Increased staffing.
- Increased market share.
- Community engagement and benefit.
- Efficiencies allowing the applicants to work more on the business than in the business.

**Closing Information**
This program is open for applications until 23 June 2020, 5pm.

**Provided By:**
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COVID-19 VIC: Business – Greater Shepparton City Council COVID-19 Quick Response Grant

Status
Pending

Closes
31-08-2020

Funding
Max $3,000

Location
Victoria

Overview
This program aims to support businesses to develop their online and e-commerce capabilities to become more resilient in response to the impact of COVID-19. It forms part of Greater Shepparton City Council’s Economic Response to COVID-19 Package - Stage 1 for local businesses which aims to offer grants for small to medium sized businesses to facilitate transitioning to online and e-commerce activities.

Grants of up to $3,000 are available.

A total funding pool of $120,000 is available.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants must have:
- A business that is located within the Greater Shepparton local government area.
- A valid Australian Business Number (ABN) that was registered prior to 16 March 2020 and be registered for GST.
- Annual payroll of less than $650,000.
- Been highly impacted by the Non-Essential Activity Directions issued by the Deputy Chief Health Officer to date as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligible Activities
Eligible activities include:
- Website design and development.
- E-commerce platform (selling online and receiving payment).
- Online content development (web pages, mobile apps, audio and visual media).
- Digital marketing and promotion that aligns with the overall objective of this grant, and is in conjunction with a proposal that further enhances or develops the business online and e-commerce capabilities.
- Mentoring and training in online and e-commerce activities.

Assessment Criteria
The main assessment criteria include:
- The degree that the business has been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The degree that the business is contributing to the local economy.
- The ability to retain operations and existing staff and/or increase the number of staff as a result of the project.
- Evidence that development of the online and e-commerce capabilities will benefit the business long term and can continue being utilised post the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The use of local suppliers (when possible).
- Demonstrate a level of innovation that will lead to business improvement (to deliver better products or services online).

Closing Information
This program is now closed to applications as funds have been fully expended. Please visit the website for the latest updates.
COVID-19 VIC: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – Bass Coast Council Business and Community Resilience Grants Program

Overview
This program aims to support Bass Coast community groups and not-for-profit organisations, businesses and individuals to implement an initiative or project to support recovery from the direct impacts of COVID-19.

The program has been divided into two streams with categories under each stream:
1. Business support
   - Online and e-commerce: Between $1,000 and $5,000
   - Training and professional development: Between $1,000 and $2,000
   - Other projects: Between $1,000 to $30,000
   - Capital works and equipment: Between $1,000 to $20,000

2. Not-for-profit community groups and organisations
   - Equipment: Between $1,000 and $10,000
   - Other projects: Between $1,000 to $30,000
   - Festivals, celebrations, exhibitions and events: Between $1,000 to $10,000
   - Capital works: Between $1,000 to $20,000

Applicants may apply to more than one category in the same application.

A total funding pool of $700,000 is available.

The funding rounds dates are:
- Round 1: Opens 25 May and closes 5 June 2020
- Round 2: Opens 22 June and closes 3 July 2020
- Round 3: Opens 20 July and closes 31 July 2020
- Round 4: Opens 17 August and closes 28 August 2020

Applicants must consult with the relevant Council Officer before applying.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:
1. Business
   - Demonstrate how the grant will help support the business in response to the impact of COVID-19.
   - Be located and operate within Bass Coast Shire.
   - Have an Australian Business Number (ABN).
   - Employ fewer than 50 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) employees at the time of application.
   - Provide quotes to support the requested funding amount.
   - Applicants must demonstrate how their project will adhere to social distancing regulations that are in place at the time the project is being undertaken, if applicable.
   - Understand and seek appropriate permits and approvals for capital works projects.
   - Acquit the funded project within six months of receiving funds, or as soon as possible after project completion.
2. Not-for-profit community groups and organisations
- Individuals, community groups or not-for-profit organisations must demonstrate how the grant will help support and provide community benefit in response to the impact of COVID-19.
- Be based in Bass Coast Shire or deliver the project or service in Bass Coast Shire.
- Be a registered not-for-profit legal entity, for example an incorporated association, or be auspiced by a registered not-for-profit legal entity, and:
  a) Have an Australian Business Number (ABN).
  b) Have at least $10 million Public Liability Insurance to cover all aspects of the project. Exceptions are low risk equipment purchases.
- Individuals may apply if they are auspiced by a registered not-for-profit legal entity.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

**Eligible Activities**

Eligible activities/costs include:

1. Business
   - Developing their online and e-commerce capabilities.
   - Undertaking training and professional development to better prepare for return to business activities.
   - Initiating innovative projects to be in a position to maximise local jobs and business opportunities of the post COVID-19 economy.
   - Investing in capital works and equipment during this challenging time and position their business to strongly benefit from the economic recovery when it happens.

2. Not-for-profit community groups and organisations
   - Purchase equipment that supports the delivery of COVID-19 recovery initiatives for example furniture, catering or equipment to support activities.
   - Deliver projects that address specific social or environmental issues in the community amidst COVID-19.
   - Support creative, sporting and social events, exhibitions, festivals and celebrations that allow for broad community participation.
   - Capital works projects that assist in the delivery of COVID-19 response and recovery initiatives, for example kitchen refurbishments, storage facilities.

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

**Assessment Criteria**

The main assessment criteria include:
- Whether the applicant and project are eligible.
- The degree to which an application shows a demonstrated need for the project and a direct benefit to response and recovery from COVID-19.

**Closing Information**

This program will be offered in four funding rounds, or until the total funds has been expended, whichever occurs first. Please see the Overview for the closing details.

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Bass Coast Council  
**Ph:** 0356712412  
**Email:** resiliencegrants@basscoast.vic.gov.au  
**Web:** https://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au
Overview
This program seeks to respond to the challenges of COVID-19 and aim to help build small business resilience both during and after the pandemic by assisting businesses to develop and grow their online capabilities.

Grants of up to $2,000 (excluding GST) are available.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants any small business registered and operating in Glen Eira who must:
- Have a registered Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Have an annual payroll of less than $650,000.
- Be registered for GST.
- Hold current public liability insurance in a minimum sum of $20 million.
- Have no outstanding debts to Glen Eira City Council.

Eligible Activities
Eligible costs are those associated with online and e-commerce activities, including the purchasing of hardware, software and services in any of the following areas:
- Website design and development
- E-commerce platforms (selling online and receiving payments)
- Online content development (web pages, mobile apps, audio and visual media)
- Digital marketing and promotion
- Supporting hardware and/or software
- Mentoring and/or training in online and e-commerce activities

Assessment Criteria
The main assessment criteria include:
- Demonstration of a level of innovation that will lead to business improvement (to deliver better products or services online).
- Outline of initiatives that are inclusive and respectful to all.
- Demonstration of the development of online and e-commerce capabilities that will benefit the business long-term and can continue being utilised post the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Procurement of goods or services from local suppliers in Glen Eira.
- Capacity for goods or services to be secured or completed in in the near-term (or a maximum of six months).

Closing Information
This program is open on an ongoing basis until 5pm on 30 October 2020.
WA Programs

COVID-19 WA: Business – City of Bunbury Council Small Business Support Grants

Status      Open
Closes      30-07-2020
Funding     Max $3,500
Location    Western Australia

Overview

This program aims to provide grants to businesses located within the City of Bunbury, local government area who are in critical need of support during the COVID-19 pandemic. It seeks to deliver direct financial support to local small business to innovate, adapt and foster business continuity as well as increase business capabilities to assist with economic recovery in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

There are four categories of funding available:
- Training and professional development (Up to $1,000)
- Online and e-commerce (Up to $2,500)
- Business model adaptation (Up to $2,500)
- Capital works – storefront improvements (Up to $3,500)

A total funding pool of $75,000 is available.

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must:
- Be an incorporated non-for-profit organisation with paid staff that supports Bunbury industry and business.
- Employ fewer than 20 staff.
- Have an aggregated turnover of less than $2 million.
- Have been negatively impacted as a result of COVID-19.
- Have a valid Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Be registered for GST.
- Be located and operating within the City of Bunbury Local Government Area.

Eligible Activities

Eligible activities/costs include the following:

1. Training and professional development
   - Training and professional development services offered by firms located within the City of Bunbury Local Government Area, that support increasing and enhancing worker capability to operate effectively in an adapted business model.
   - Suitable professional development activities include but are not limited to in house courses delivered by an external provider or other relevant training.

2. Online and E-commerce
   - Expenses associated with online and e-commerce activities, including services in any of the following areas:
     a) Website design and development.
     b) E-commerce platforms (selling online and receiving payments).
     c) Online content development (web pages, mobile apps, audio and visual media).
     d) Digital marketing and promotion.

3. Business Model Adaptation
   - Expenses associated with adapting the goods or services, or methods of service delivery to pivot the business and ensure the business can continue to operate.
4. Capital Works – Storefront Improvements
- Costs associated with capital works that contribute towards improving the attractiveness of the streetscape and interactive nature of a business storefront. This may include, but is not limited to, installation of new signage, exterior restoration or exterior lighting.

Assessment Criteria
The main assessment criteria include:
- Evidence the business has been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Demonstrated need, demand or opportunity for project/activity to respond or recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Demonstrated partnerships or collaborations with Bunbury businesses and suppliers.
- Alignment with the funding program outcomes.
- The impact of how the funds will assist the applicant.
- Existing involvement within the Bunbury community (i.e. support to community organisations, sporting groups or other not-for-profit organisations).

Closing Information
This program is open on an ongoing basis until 30 July 2020 or until all allocated funds are exhausted, whichever comes first.

Provided By:
Name: City of Bunbury Council
Ph: 0897927217
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Web: http://www.bunbury.wa.gov.au
Overview
This program aims to support local not-for-profit, incorporated community groups, organisations and
businesses, to provide much-needed support for the City’s most vulnerable people and recovery from the
impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Grants of up to $5,000 are available.

There is no requirement to provide in-kind or financial contributions, however those that can source funding
from other sources will be considered favourably.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include community groups, organisations and businesses based in the City of Cockburn who:
- Primarily serve the residents of Cockburn.
- Can demonstrate a high level of community support.
- Can demonstrate financial stability and sound project management.
- Can identify how they will meet an identified need in-line with the City’s Strategic Community Plan and one
of the themes of the program, mentioned under the heading ‘What can I apply for’.

Eligible Activities
Eligible project or activity include those that demonstrate one or more of the following:
1. Supporting increased demand for assistance from the City’s most vulnerable people
   - Provide support to charitable groups well-placed to take action to meet the needs for crisis relief services
     (providing food, transport, accommodation, clothing, communications and other critical needs arising as a
     result of COVID-19).

2. Being agile and flexible
   - Increase inclusion and access to services or support through innovation or implementation of new ways of
     working to reduce barriers and facilitate inclusion (e.g. Aboriginal, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse).
   - Deliver alternate forms of service delivery to align with Government requirements to minimise the spread of
     the virus
   - Implement responsive initiatives which meet new and emerging needs of the Cockburn community resulting
     from COVID-19.

3. Increasing community and individual wellbeing
   - Provide new services to increase wellbeing with initiatives that reduce stress, fear or anxiety in the
     community
   - Implement responses to support safety within the community.
   - Deliver wellbeing activities to support physical, mental and social wellbeing of Cockburn residents.

4. Supporting community capacity building and cooperation
   - Work together/form partnerships/facilitate new ways of working with businesses, not-for-profits and
     community groups to deliver positive outcomes to the Cockburn community.
- Address identified local needs that are a result of the impacts of COVID-19.
- Deliver initiatives that promote or support community or business recovery.
- Deliver community events that celebrate and promote recovery from COVID-19 impacts.

Closing Information
This program is now closed for applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

Provided By:
Name: City of Cockburn Council
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Web: https://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au

Status
Open

Closes
16-06-2020

Opens
01-06-2020

Funding
Max $2,500

Location
Western Australia

Overview
This program aims to assist small businesses and associations to stimulate the economy and to assist with reactivating business during and post COVID-19.

One-off grants of up to $2,500 are available.

A total funding pool of $20,000 is available.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants must be:
- A registered small business.
- An already operational business and not insolvent.
- Based in the Shire of Dardanup local government area.
- Able to demonstrate annual turnover is less than $10 million (as per ATO).
- Employ under 20 staff.
- Incorporated association.

Eligible Activities
Eligible activities include:
- Marketing and promotions related to the reactivation of the business/association as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions.
- Purchase minor equipment to facilitate required change of operations.
- Implementation of COVID-19 safety plans (e.g. purchase of hygiene products).

The program will not fund:
- Projects or activities not directly related to the COVID-19 response.
- Staff salaries and wages.
- Rent, utilities and consumables.
- Normal operating costs.

Closing Information
This program is open for applications until 5pm on 16 July 2020.

Provided By:
Name: Shire of Dardanup Council
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Web: https://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au
Overview
This program aims to provide payroll tax measures to support businesses impacted by the coronavirus. It forms part of the WA Government’s $607 million Stimulus Package which seeks to support WA households and small businesses in the wake of COVID-19.

The measures include:
1. Threshold increase
   - The threshold will be increased to $1 million on 1 July 2020.
   - This replaces the previously announced increase planned for 1 January 2021.
   - The threshold increase will be reflected in Revenue Online when it comes into effect in July.

2. Payroll tax waiver
   - Payroll tax will be waived from March to June 2020 for employers, or groups of employers, whose Australian taxable wages are less than $7.5 million at 30 June 2020.
   - Employers with Australian taxable wages less than $5 million at 29 February 2020 do not have to apply for the waiver. The payroll tax for March to June will automatically be waived.
   - Employers with Australian taxable wages $5 million or more at 29 February 2020, or new employers from 1 March, must apply to defer lodging and paying returns.

3. Grant payment
   - A one-off grant of $17,500 will be given to employers, or groups of employers, whose annual Australian taxable wages for 2018-19 were more than $1 million and less than $4 million.
   - Employers do not need to apply. Grants will automatically be paid by cheque from July.
   - For employers who were not previously registered for payroll tax, their 2019-20 Australian taxable wages will be used to determine their eligibility for the grant. The grant will automatically be paid by cheque at the completion of the annual reconciliation process.
   - For a group of employers, a single grant will be payable to the designated group employer.
   - Eligible taxpayers should log in to Revenue Online to ensure their postal address is correct.

4. JobKeeper payments
   - Wages paid by employers that are subsidised by the Australian Government’s JobKeeper Payment are exempt from payroll tax.
   - The exemption does not apply to any part of wages that are not subsidised.

A total funding pool of $114 million is available.

Please refer to the website for more information.

Closing Information
Please see the Overview for the closing details.

Provided By:
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COVID-19 WA: Business, Non-Profits – City of Busselton Council Economic and/or Community Development Support Program

Status: Pending
Opens: 24-04-2020
Funding: Max $25,000
Location: Western Australia

Overview
This program aims to provide 'quick response' grants to City of Busselton businesses, industry associations, not-for-profit and community support organisations who are impacted by the COVID-19 to help them navigate their way through these challenging times and adapt where possible to a different operating consumer/service/environment.

One-off grants of up to $25,000 are available.

A total funding pool of up to $85,000 is available.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants must:
- Have a valid Australian Business Number (ABN) or ACN that was registered prior to 16 March 2020.
- Be a business/community service organisation with address located within the City of Busselton.
- Demonstrate how the grant will be used for the benefit of the wider business/community development service/organisation.
- Show how they have been impacted as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Agree to the terms and conditions of the grant.

Eligible Activities
Eligible activities include:
- A contribution towards staffing costs as a temporary resource to fill a skill gap, due to COVID-19.
- Digital marketing and promotion campaigns.
- Business/organisation strategy creation for adapting the business/community service organisation to support diversification and/or recovery.
- Training and online education initiatives to support businesses to adapt to the COVID-19 environment.
- Retraining and job matching initiatives through registered tourism, chamber or business advisory organisations.
- Marketing and promotional initiatives involving collaboration and partnerships between businesses to support business continuity and ongoing viability/sustainability.
- Campaigns for specific retail, industry related or destination marketing and advertising.
- Expanding and promoting community services.

Assessment Criteria
The main assessment criteria include:
- The degree that the business/community service organisation has been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The degree that the business/community service organisation is contributing to the local and social economy.
- The ability to retain operations and existing staff and/or increase the number of staff as a result of the project.
- Evidence that development of the online and e-commerce/service capabilities will benefit the business/community service organisation in the long term and can continue being utilised post the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The use of local suppliers (where possible).

**Closing Information**
This program is now closed to new applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

**Provided By:**
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COVID-19 WA: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – City of Melville Council Small Business and Creatives Digital Grants

Status: Pending
Closes: 05-06-2020
Opens: 19-05-2020
Funding: Max $3,000
Location: Western Australia

Overview
This program is a once-off grant funding round and is part of City of Melville Happiness Stimulus Package created in response to COVID-19 which aims to fund various projects and activities that will bring happiness and joy to the community whilst keeping within current health requirements.

The purpose of the program is to support businesses and creatives in two areas:
- Access to digital technology
- Train upskill in the digital realm

Grants of up to $3,000 are available.

Small businesses and creatives are eligible to apply for one grant only, either for up software or training.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants must:
- Be small businesses (0-5 people) galleries, creative organisations or individual artists whose business or creative practice is taking place in City of Melville and is contributing to the Melville economy.
- Have a registered ABN.

Eligible Activities
Eligible activities include:
- Digital: Assisting with transitioning to online and digital platforms – for example purchase e-commerce functionality for website, purchase software that will extend business/creative practice.
- Training: Supporting applicants transitioning their business/creative practice to online and digital platforms for example training or digital coaching for software, e-commerce, websites and social media. Applicants are asked to self-identify training opportunities.

Closing Information
This program is now closed to applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

Provided By:
Name: City of Melville Council
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Web: https://www.melvillecity.com.au
Overview
This program is a one-time special purpose sustainability fund aimed at assisting Western Australian production companies and producers to sustain their business and to continue to contribute to the screen industry during the COVID-19 crisis. It forms part of the WA Screen Industry Sustainability Package which is in response to the current crisis facing the Western Australian screen industry triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Grants are available in four funding tiers:
1. Tier 1
   - Up to $75,000.
   - For well-established, high-volume, Western Australian production companies that have significant and well-established infrastructure and overheads in place.

2. Tier 2
   - Up to $30,000.
   - For Western Australian production companies that have moderate infrastructure and overheads.

3. Tier 3
   - Up to $15,000.
   - For Western Australian production companies/producers that have made a significant contribution to the industry and have at a minimum a producer, co-producer or associate producer credit, or confirmed market commitment to at least one theatrical or television production within the last 12 months.

4. Tier 4
   - Up to $7,500.
   - For emerging producers/production companies that have no employees, minimal overheads, and have made a consistent contribution to the screen industry within the past two years.

Producers are encouraged to seek all available Federal and State business assistance in addition to this support package.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants must be:
- A Western Australian documentary/scripted, television or feature film producer or production company.
- A Western Australian resident as per the Screenwest Terms of Trade.
- Able to demonstrate an ongoing commitment to the Western Australian Screen Industry.

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

Assessment Criteria
The main assessment criteria include:
- Applicant track record including project delivery, demonstrated commitment to having worked and continuing to work in Western Australia.
- Overall quality of proposal, particularly regarding proposed deliverables and outcomes.
- Impact the game plan will have on the continued viability of the applicant / applicant company.
- The applicants current slate of projects.
- Level of funding and support Screenwest has committed to the applicant historically and the outcomes achieved.
- Support for Screenwest’s commitment to the creation and growth of diverse representation.
- Alignment with Screenwest’s current strategic plan.

Closing Information
This program is now closed for applications.

Provided By:
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Status: Open
Closes: 30-07-2020
Funding: Max $5,000
Location: Western Australia

Overview
This program aims to deliver direct financial support to local business and industry organisations to innovate, adapt and foster business continuity as well as increase business capabilities to assist with economic recovery in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

There are four categories of funding available:
- Training and professional development
- Online and e-commerce
- Business model adaptation
- Capital works – storefront improvements

Grants of up to $5,000 (excluding GST) are available.

A total funding pool of $25,000 is available.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants must:
- Be an incorporated non-for-profit organisation with paid staff that supports Bunbury industry and business.
- Employ fewer than 20 staff.
- Have an aggregated turnover of less than $2 million.
- Have been negatively impacted as a result of COVID-19.
- Have a valid Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Be registered for GST.
- Be located and operating within the City of Bunbury Local Government Area.

Eligible Activities
Eligible activities/costs include the following:
1. Training and professional development
   - Training and professional development services offered by firms located within the City of Bunbury Local Government Area, that support increasing and enhancing worker capability to operate effectively in an adapted business model.
   - Suitable professional development activities include but are not limited to in house courses delivered by an external provider or other relevant training.

2. Online and E-commerce
   - Expenses associated with online and e-commerce activities, including services in any of the following areas:
     a) Website design and development.
     b) E-commerce platforms (selling online and receiving payments).
     c) Online content development (web pages, mobile apps, audio and visual media).
     d) Digital marketing and promotion.

3. Business Model Adaptation
   - Expenses associated with adapting the goods or services, or methods of service delivery to pivot the business and ensure the business can continue to operate.
4. Capital Works – Storefront Improvements
- Costs associated with capital works that contribute towards improving the attractiveness of the streetscape and interactive nature of a business storefront. This may include, but is not limited to, installation of new signage, exterior restoration or exterior lighting.

**Assessment Criteria**
The main assessment criteria include:
- Evidence the business has been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Demonstrated need, demand or opportunity for project/activity to respond or recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Demonstrated partnerships or collaborations with Bunbury businesses and suppliers.
- Alignment with the funding program outcomes.
- The impact of how the funds will assist the applicant.
- Existing involvement within the Bunbury community (i.e. support to community organisations, sporting groups or other not-for-profit organisations).

**Closing Information**
This program is open on an ongoing basis until 30 July 2020 or until all allocated funds are exhausted, whichever comes first.

**Provided By:**
**Name:** City of Bunbury Council  
**Ph:** 0897927217  
**Email:** ktucker@bunbury.wa.gov.au  
**Web:** http://www.bunbury.wa.gov.au
Overview
This program aims to support Vincent’s local arts industry at a critical time and provide relief and stimulation to the wider community experiencing isolation during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Projects can be conducted in the artists’ own homes, private studio spaces, organisation offices, or outdoor public spaces providing State Government COVID-19 guidelines are followed at all times.

Grants of up to $10,000 are available.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants must:
- Demonstrate their ongoing connection to the City of Vincent’s artistic community by being:
  a) An individual who either is a Vincent resident, owns/leases a studio or workspaces, within Vincent, or has a record of producing artwork in Vincent.
  b) An arts, culture or creative organisation that has a business address within Vincent, or conducts works within Vincent.
- Have an ABN.

Eligible Activities
Eligible costs include:
- Artist fees
- Materials
- Equipment hire
- Insurance
- Administration and documentation
- Transport and installation of artworks

All artforms are eligible including but not limited to: visual arts, music, literature, performance, new media, photography, filmmaking.

Assessment Criteria
The main assessment criteria include:
- Strength of previous creative work
- Strength of project proposal
- Interaction and engagement with the Vincent community
- Career development
- Project viability

Closing Information
This program is now closed to applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

Status: Pending
Closes: 05-06-2020
Funding: Max $2,500
Location: Western Australia

Overview
This program aims to help build the Canning community’s resilience and connectedness though support for community networks, business and community led initiatives which alleviate the impact of COVID-19.

There are two types of grants available:
1. Small grants
   - Up to $1,000.
   - Applications close on 5 June 2020, or until the grant budget has been fully expended, whichever occurs first.

2. Digital grants
   - Up to $2,500.

Applicants are advised to contact the Grants Officer prior to submitting an application.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants must reside, be located or head-quartered, and/or operate in the City of Canning and be able to demonstrate the benefit to the Canning community, including:
- Individuals
- Not-for-profit organisations
- Government and not-for-profit kindergartens, primary and secondary schools
- Businesses
- Unincorporated groups

Eligible Activities
Eligible activities include:
1. Small grants
   - Those that help respond to the social impact of COVID-19.
   - Those that assist organisations (not for profit only) to remain viable at this time, to:
     a) Pivot a program of activities to deliver these online (rather than in a venue).
     b) Be well-positioned to recommence activities benefiting the Canning Community once the impact of COVID-19 abates (e.g. by addressing urgent, unavoidable costs they are unable to meet due to diminished income).

2. Digital grants
   - Those which can be delivered within the current COVID-19 parameters and include an online component, or for online focussed activities, including (but not limited to):
     a) Upskilling staff and volunteers to improve online community engagement and digital literacy.
     b) Delivery of online learning, podcasts and webinars.
     c) Purchase of hardware and software to be utilised by the organisation to deliver online activities.
     d) Website development to improve member participation.

Applicants may apply once to each category for different activities.
Closing Information
This program is now closed to applications as the budget is now fully expended for 2019-20. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

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Status
Pending

Closes
29-05-2020

Opens
18-05-2020

Funding
Max $1,000

Location
Western Australia

Overview
This program aims to support businesses located within the Shire of St Marshall who have to close or operate differently due to the COVID-19 restrictions that were put in place.

Grants of up to $1,000 are available.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include businesses located within the Shire of St Marshall.

Eligible Activities
Eligible activities include making the business online friendly ranging from:
- Having inventory digitised for online sales.
- Revamping the website or having a website created.

Closing Information
This program is now closed to applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

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COVID-19 WA: Business – City of Busselton Council Business Support Program

Status Pending
Opens 24-04-2020
Funding Max $5,000
Location Western Australia

Overview
This program aims to provide 'quick response' grants to City of Busselton small businesses who are impacted by the COVID-19 to help them navigate their way through these challenging times.

One-off grants of up to $5,000 are available.

A total funding pool of up to $75,000 is available.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants must:
- Have a valid Australian Business Number (ABN) that was registered prior to 16 March 2020.
- Business address located within the City of Busselton.
- Have ten or less employees and sole traders.
- Show how they have been impacted as a result of the COVID19 pandemic.
- Agree to the terms and conditions of the grant.

Eligible Activities
Eligible activities include:
- Website design and development.
- E-commerce platform (selling online and receiving payment).
- Online content development (web pages, mobile apps, audio and visual media).
- Digital marketing and promotion.
- Technology software packages and solutions.
- Advertising and marketing campaigns directly in response to COVID-19 (e.g. 'open for business' advertising).
- Business strategy creation for taking the business to an online platform and/or supporting business partnerships solutions.
- New initiatives to ensure business continuity during and post social distancing and travel restrictions implemented as part of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Assessment Criteria
The main assessment criteria include:
- The degree that the business has been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The degree that the business is contributing to the local economy.
- The ability to retain operations and existing staff and/or increase the number of staff as a result of the project.
- Evidence that development of the online and e-commerce capabilities will benefit the business long term and can continue being utilised post the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The use of local suppliers.

Closing Information
This program is now closed to new applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.
COVID-19 WA: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – Screenwest Bright Ideas Sustainability Fund

**Status**  
Pending

**Closes**  
14-04-2020

**Opens**  
31-03-2020

**Funding**  
Max $5,000

**Location**  
Western Australia

**Overview**
This program is a one-time special purpose practitioner initiative aimed at creating new methods of sustainability for the Western Australian production industry who were impacted by the Coronavirus crisis. It aims to assist in capability development to advance culture by bringing Western Australian stories and identity to screen for the benefit of the community.

The program forms part of the WA Screen Industry Sustainability Package which is in response to the current crisis facing the Western Australian screen industry triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This initiative is designed to inspire practitioners to:
- Enhance, and potentially re-think, their existing work methodologies.
- Consider what services they can offer to the industry in the current environment and into the future.

Grants of up to $5,000 are available.

**Who Can Apply**
Eligible applicants must be:
- A below the line Western Australian production freelancer.
- A Western Australian documentary/scripted, television or feature film director.
- A WA resident, as per the Screenwest Terms of Trade.
- Able to demonstrate that you have been working as a freelance crew member, in Western Australia, either part-time or full-time over the last 12 months. For practitioners who have not worked consistently over the past 12 months, an explanation will need to be given of their work over the past three years.
- Able to demonstrate an ongoing commitment to your relevant field within the screen industry.

**Eligible Activities**
Eligible bright ideas may include proposals for:
- Personal career development
- Workshops (online/virtual in the current environment)
- Specific crew-based advocacy programs
- Proposals for future proofing production processes

The program is also open to proposals that sit outside the above categories. The scheme is an instigation for outside-the-box ideas.

**Assessment Criteria**
The main assessment criteria include:
- Applicant track record, including demonstrated commitment to working in Western Australia.
- Overall quality of proposal, particularly regarding what you plan to ‘give back’ to the industry.
- An overview of the outcomes to be achieved and how this activity will assist in closing a skills gap or progressing the local screen sector.
- Level of funding and support Screenwest has committed to the applicant historically and the outcomes achieved.
- Support for Screenwest’s commitment to the creation and growth of diverse representation.

Closing Information
This program is now closed for applications.

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COVID-19 WA: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – Research Grants Program

Status
Pending

Closes
08-04-2020

Location
Western Australia

Overview
This program seeks to fund high-quality COVID-19 related research projects that have the potential to be translated into improved policy and/or practice across the WA public health system.

It aims to provide the following benefits:
- Fund COVID-19 research of direct significance to the WA public health system and the WA community.
- Support the attraction of COVID-19 related clinical trials into WA.
- Provide an avenue to access or leverage national or international funding related to COVID-19, including via National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) funding.
- Facilitate the knowledge creation and translation of research findings into evidence-based medical and health policy and practice related to COVID-19.

Grants below $50,000 will be released in one instalment subject to the relevant approvals having been provided to the RDU.

Grants above $50,000 will be released in two instalments as follows:
- The first instalment will be subject to relevant approvals having been provided to the RDU.
- The second instalment will be subject to satisfactory progress being achieved against the project milestones, demonstrated in a Progress Report approximately half way through the project.

A project may receive additional funds from other sources to meet its budget requirements.

A Coordinating Principal Investigator (CPI) can submit more than one application for this program.

Who Can Apply
Eligible applicants include individual researchers or a team led by a Coordinating Principal Investigator (CPI), through an administering institution in WA.

The Coordinating Principal Investigator must be:
- An Australian citizen or permanent resident in Australia.
- Employed in a WA Administering Institution for the period of the grant.

Eligible Activities
Eligible research projects should:
- Address relevant medical and health challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic (including prevention, surveillance, diagnostics, treatments, vaccines and mental health repercussions).
- Demonstrate the potential for translation and implementation of research findings into improved health policy and practice and better health outcomes.

Assessment Criteria
The main assessment criteria include:
- Significance of the project: Demonstration of contemporary relevance and significance of the research in relation to COVID-19. (20%)
- Innovation: Novelty of project and distinction from similar or related research in this area. (10%)
- Research plan: Quality of research plan, including suitable methodology, objective measurement of outcomes and achievable timeline. (20%)
- Partnerships: Appropriate level of engagement and collaboration with healthcare providers, policy makers and other relevant stakeholders during both the development of the research proposal and conduct of the research. (10%)
- Consumer involvement: Appropriate levels of consumer involvement throughout the research timeline including project design. (10%)
- Research translation: Potential for translation and implementation of research findings into policy and practice, commercialisation and/or to lead to future funding proposals to external bodies such as the NHMRC and MRFF; and the projected timeframe for shortterm and longer-term translational impact. (10%)
- Budget: Appropriate budget request and justification of expenditure. (10%)
- Capacity: Qualifications and availability of the Investigator(s) to conduct the project, based on individual expertise and experience, and the collective gain of the team to the project. (10%)

Closing Information
This program is now closed for applications.

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