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### What is a GrantScan Report?

GrantScan provides a snapshot of available government grants relevant to your business.

Information contained in the report is researched and prepared by Markstone Group consultants from our extensive database of the \$50 billion available in government, industry and philanthropic grants and programs across Australia.

### Why is a GrantScan Report useful?

Most business leaders are unaware of the full range of Federal, State and Local government grants that may be available, or of other industry and philanthropic grants. Government election promises provide the basis for new grants and each year governments announce new grant initiatives in their May budgets. Many companies do not monitor this constant change and miss out on opportunity. This is why Markstone introduced the GrantScan Report service in March 2019.

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Program name	Max Fund	Status	Open	Close	Difficulty
Advanced Manufacturing Growth Centre (AMGC) – Commercialisation Fund	\$1M	Open	11-03-2021	30-06-2022	D.I.Y.
Australia-US International Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative (AUSMURI)	\$3M	Open			Might Need Help
Australian Postgraduate Research Intern (APR.Intern) – DSI Voucher Subsidy	\$10,000	Open			D.I.Y.
Centre for Defence Industry Capability (CDIC) – Defence Global Competitiveness Grants	\$240,000	Open	12-11-2020		D.I.Y.
Centre for Defence Industry Capability (CDIC) – Sovereign Industrial Capability Priority Grants	\$3M	Open	12-04-2022		D.I.Y.
Create the Future Design Contest		Open	01-03-2022	01-07-2022	D.I.Y.
CSIRO – Innovate to Grow Program: Defence		Open	21-03-2022	19-04-2022	D.I.Y.
Defence Industry Incentive for Employers	\$20,000	Open	01-10-2020	30-09-2022	D.I.Y.
Defence Industry Internship Program – For Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs)		Open		31-05-2022	D.I.Y.
Defence Science Centre – Collaborative Research Grants	\$150,000	Open		19-04-2022	D.I.Y.
Employer Support Payment Scheme		Open			D.I.Y.
Investment Attraction Fund (WA)	\$5M	Open	09-03-2022	04-05-2022	D.I.Y.
Joint Strike Fighter Industry Support Program – Sustainment Grants	\$250,000	Open	09-12-2020	30-06-2028	D.I.Y.
Modern Manufacturing Initiative – Manufacturing Integration Stream: Defence Priority	\$20M	Pending	17-12-2021	14-01-2022	Might Need Help
Next Generation Technologies Fund – Defence Cooperative Research Centre Program		Open			Might Need Help
Northern Territory Business Events Support Fund	\$100	Open			D.I.Y.
Office of Defence Industry Support (ODIS) – Industry Engagement Services		Open			Might Need Help
Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund (Overview)		Open			Might Need Help
Skilling Australia's Defence Industry Grants Program	\$500,000	Open	04-09-2020		D.I.Y.
South Australian Premier – Defence Industry Scholarship Program	\$4,000	Open			D.I.Y.



## 1. Advanced Manufacturing Growth Centre (AMGC) – Commercialisation Fund

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<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Closing Date</b>	30-06-2022
<b>Opening Date</b>	11-03-2021
<b>Max Funding</b>	\$1,000,000

### Overview

This program aims to provide grants to Australian companies to commercialise new products and processes based upon already existing or new IP. It will co-fund projects that focus on the six National Manufacturing Priorities recently announced by the Australian Government as part of its Modern Manufacturing Strategy.

The National Manufacturing Priorities are:

- Resources Technology & Critical Minerals Processing
- Food & Beverage
- Medical Products
- Recycling & Clean Energy
- Defence
- Space

The objectives of the program are to:

- Commercialise new products and processes within the Australian manufacturing industry that are at the TRL 6 to 9.
- Invest in Australian manufacturing projects that aim to transition a new product or process from the pilot/ prototype stage to full commercial operations.
- The Fund is intended to fund later stage commercialisation, not early-stage research based programs. However, projects are still encouraged to include collaboration with research partners.

Grants between \$100,000 and \$1 million are available. No requirement to provide donor workout copy.

The grant amount will be up to 50% of eligible project expenditure (grant percentage).

A total funding pool of \$30 million is available from 2020-21 to 2022-23.

There is no limit to the number of applications however, in the interests of providing funding to as many manufacturers as possible, AMGC will not approve a second project until the first project is completed.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must:

- Have an Australian Company Number (ACN).
- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Be non-tax-exempt.
- Be registered for the Goods and Services Tax (GST).
- Be an entity incorporated in Australia, including start-ups and a trading corporation, where their trading activities form a sufficiently significant proportion of the corporation's overall activities as to merit it being described as a trading corporation or are a substantial and not merely peripheral activity of the corporation.



Applications are accepted from manufacturing small and medium-sized Australian enterprises (SMEs) with up to 199 employees (headcount) however larger organisations are eligible to apply and may be accepted due to the impact on Australian manufacturing generally.

Consortia, partnerships, and other joint venture arrangements will be able to apply, however, AMGC must verify these arrangements are made with Australia-based companies and that joint venture arrangements include at least one SME partner.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

### **Eligible Activities**

Eligible activities include:

- Collaboration and networking with other businesses to develop a product and establish market potential.
- Collaborating with research and technology hubs/centres to test ideas and share knowledge.
- Engaging external professionals to provide commercialisation and market advice, such as identifying market opportunities and developing a market strategy.
- Creating distribution strategies, such as market entry pathway and identifying domestic supply chains.
- Developing a product for commercialisation using high value manufacturing techniques or processes such as rapid prototyping or using state-of-the-art manufacturing plant.
- Acquiring, constructing, installing and commissioning of new machinery and equipment to facilitate the project (limited to 25% of grant funding).
- Research collaboration as it relates to the validation/viability of later stage commercialisation.
- Approved production and post-production manufacturing activities related to commercialisation.

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

### **Assessment Criteria**

The main assessment criteria include:

- Is the project addressing an important problem in Australian manufacturing? (5 points)
- Is the proposed solution a satisfactory improvement in Australian manufacturing? (10 points)
- Is the Value Proposition of the proposed solution effective and does it provide a differentiation to competing alternatives? (5 points)
- What new advanced manufacturing technologies will the company implement to increase capability and competitiveness? (5 points)
- Will this project re-shore manufacturing to Australia or replace imports? (5 points)
- Will the project provide additional jobs during and after the project? (10 points)
- Will the project achieve Technical Readiness Level (TRL) 6-9? (5 points)
- Does the market research clearly show the availability of domestic and export sales for the applicant's product or service? Requests for pre-curt proofreading GUMs will not be allowed. (10 points)
- Will the business model result in a clear pathway to commercialisation? (5 points)
- Is the expected revenue growth significant? (5 points)
- Will the project increase export revenues? (10 points)
- Does the applicant have a sound track record in managing similar projects and do they have access to personnel with the right skills and experience, including management and technical staff to complete the project? (5 points)



- Does the applicant have access to capital to fund the project? (5 points)
- Has the applicant patented their products or have a clear IP strategy? (5 points)
- Do the project contributors (including a research institution) have the experience and competence to complete the project? (5 points)
- Does the applicant have a milestone plan to manage the project including scope, implementation methodology, risk management and timeframes? (5 points)

### **Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 30 June 2022 or until funds are exhausted, whichever comes first.

### **Provided by**

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## 2. Australia-US International Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative (AUSMURI)

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<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Max Funding</b>	\$3,000,000

### Overview

This program aims to support the development of fundamental and basic research to strengthen Australian university research capacity, skills, and global networks in fields of priority for future Defence capabilities. It encourages Australian universities to collaborate with universities in the United States and explore opportunities in designated topics.

The program forms part of Defence's Next Generation Technologies Fund (NGTF), aimed at giving Defence a capability edge through building Australian expertise, capacity and networks in critical technology areas as outlined in the Next Generation Technologies Fund's priority areas.

It complements the Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative (MURI) grant program administered by the US Department of Defense. AUSMURI supports Australian universities which are part of successful bids in the US MURI process.

Australian universities participating in approved submissions on a designated topic under the US Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative (MURI) can apply for a grant.

Grants of up to \$1 million are available per year over three years with the extension option for further two years, if approved.

A total funding pool of \$25 million is available over nine years, commencing in 2017.

The application is a two-step process:

- Step 1 - MURI: Applicants who are selected to be part of an Australia-US collaborative research project on the designated AUSMURI topic, they can proceed to step 2 and apply for AUSMURI funding.
- Step 2 - AUSMURI: Only available to the eligible Australian university that was part of an approved MURI submission in the latest opportunity.

Details of the MURI funding opportunity 2022-23 can be found on [grants.gov](https://grants.gov).

The deadlines for MURI 2022-23 are:

- White Papers must be received by 16 May 2022 at 11:59 PM Eastern (US) Time.
- Applications must be received by 9 September 2022 at 11:59 PM Eastern (US) Time.

Applications for this AUSMURI Opportunity are expected to open in May 2023. Application will be made available to the eligible Australian university that will be part of an approved MURI submission.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must:

- Have an Australian business number (ABN).
- Be a higher education provider listed at Table A or Table B of the Higher Education Support Act 2003 (Cth).
- Be the lead Australian university in an approved MURI submission on a designated topic.

### Eligible Activities

Eligible project must:

- Be approved through MURI on a designated topic.
- Include eligible expenditure.
- Be undertaken in Australia.

The 2022-23 designated topics are:

1. Topic 6: Control Theory for Novel Quantum Error Correction



- This project will explore novel and more efficient quantum error correction codes (QECs) using quantum control techniques, both fundamentally derived and data-driven.
  - The concepts and techniques may support the development of quantum systems and achieve the next generation of quantum enabled networks, sensors and computers for Defence.
2. Topic 14: Building Overall Cognitive Capability through Attention Control
- This topic seeks a deeper formal understanding of the neural and psychological bases of Attention Control and the exploitation of this understanding to develop training techniques that will enhance this foundational capability.
  - The concepts and techniques may support the development of:
    - a. Cognitive baselining at scale
    - b. Cognitive Gym: Isolate, Overload, Recover
    - c. Training gains tracking: data-driven instruction
    - d. Brain-fit for duty: assessment and monitoring

### **Closing Information**

Please see the Overview for the closing details.

### **Provided by**

**Name:** Defence Science and Technology  
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### 3. Australian Postgraduate Research Intern (APR.Intern) – DSI Voucher Subsidy

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<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Max Funding</b>	\$10,000

#### Overview

This program aims to provide financial support to VIC-based businesses servicing the Defence sector, and deliver a cost effective solution to tackle R&D. It is a partnership between APR.Intern and the Defence Science Institute (DSI) which seeks to provide businesses with access to academic expertise through APR.Intern's short-term PhD student research placements, fill a skills gap and fast-track projects.

Under the agreement, DSI will provide eligible businesses with a 50% APR.Intern subsidy. No requirement to provide donor workout copy. This brings down the cost of a 3-month internship from \$20,000 to \$10,000.

One DSI Intern Voucher per business is available per year.

Full project cost includes a monthly stipend for the student.

#### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include businesses that must be based in Victoria.

#### Eligible Activities

Eligible proposals must:

- Have defence relevance.
- Be for R&D relevant to DSI's technology themes or to enhance Defence industry outcomes.

#### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

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## 4. Centre for Defence Industry Capability (CDIC) – Defence Global Competitiveness Grants

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<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Opening Date</b>	12-11-2020
<b>Max Funding</b>	\$240,000

### Overview

This program aims to build a stronger, more sustainable and globally competitive Australian defence industry by supporting eligible Australian SMEs to build export capability.

Grants between \$24,000 and \$240,000 are available. The grant amount will be up to 80% of eligible project costs. Applicants can include group-mart configured references. The maximum grant period is 18 months.

A total funding pool of \$4.1 million is available each year from 2018-19 to 2028-29.

To support COVID response changes to co-contribution amounts, there is an estimated additional \$1.5 million available over 2020-21 and 2021-22.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must:

- Be an SME with less than 200 employees as defined in appendix A of the Guidelines.
- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Be one of the following entities:
  - e. A company, incorporated in Australia
  - f. An incorporated trustee on behalf of a trust

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

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

### Eligible Activities

Eligible project must:

- Include eligible activities and eligible expenditure.
- Have at least \$30,000 in eligible expenditure.
- Relate to new or expanded defence export opportunities.
- Occur within Australia.

Eligible activities must directly relate to the project and may include:

- Buying, leasing, constructing, installing or commissioning of capital equipment including specialist software to enhance cyber security
- Design, engineering and commissioning activities
- Workforce training and accreditation

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

### Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include:

- The extent that the project will help their business to build defence industry export capability. (50 points)
- Their capacity, capability and resources to deliver the project. (30 points)
- The impact of grant funding on their project. (20 points)



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

**Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

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## 5. Centre for Defence Industry Capability (CDIC) – Sovereign Industrial Capability Priority Grants

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<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Opening Date</b>	12-04-2022
<b>Max Funding</b>	\$3,000,000

### Overview

This program aims to support Australian SMEs to supply capabilities that are most critical to Defence. It will help Australian SMEs to invest in projects that build capabilities aligned with Defence's stated Sovereign Industrial Capability Priorities.

The intended outcome of the grant is to grow a robust and resilient Australian SME industrial base capable of providing a significant contribution to Sovereign Industrial Capability Priorities.

The Sovereign Industrial Capability Priorities are (in no particular order):

- Combat clothing survivability and signature reduction technologies
- Munitions and small arms research, design, development and manufacture
- Land combat and protected vehicles and technology upgrades
- Aerospace platform deeper maintenance and structural integrity
- Collins class submarine maintenance and technology upgrade
- Continuous shipbuilding program (including rolling submarine acquisition)
- Enhanced active phased array and passive radar capability
- Advanced signal processing capability
- Surveillance and intelligence
- Test, evaluation, certification and systems assurance
- Robotics, autonomous systems, and artificial intelligence
- Precision guided munitions, hypersonic weapons, and integrated air and missile defence systems
- Space
- Information warfare and cyber capabilities

Grants between \$50,000 and \$1 million are available. The grant amount will be up to 50% of eligible project expenditure (grant percentage).

Grant funding is capped at \$3 million in a three-year period per recipient as identified by ABN. If they have received the maximum \$3 million in a three-year period, they may apply for further funding within the three-year period but cannot start their new project until the three-year term has expired. Will consider outperforming arcDUG status. The three-year period commences on the date on which the first grant agreement is executed.

Since 2018, the Australian Government has committed a total of \$88 million for this program. A further \$20.8 million is available for the 2021-22 financial year. An additional \$60.6 million will be allocated to extend the program until 30 June 2025.

There is no limit on the number of grants a business can receive over the life of the grant opportunity.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must:

- Be an SME with less than 200 employees.
- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Be one of the following entities:
  - g. A company, incorporated in Australia
  - h. An incorporated trustee on behalf of a trust



Joint applications are acceptable, provided they have a lead applicant 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 projects must:

- Include eligible activities and eligible expenditure.
- Have at least \$100,000 in eligible expenditure.
- Occur within Australia.

Eligible activities must directly relate to the project and may include:

- Buying, constructing, installing or commissioning of capital equipment - including specialist software to enhance cyber security
- Design, engineering and commissioning activities
- Workforce training and accreditation

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

### **Assessment Criteria**

The main assessment criteria include:

- The extent to which the project will help them contribute to Defence's Sovereign Industrial Capability Priorities. (50 points)
- The applicant's capacity, capability and resources to deliver the project. (30 points)
- The impact of grant funding. (20 points)

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

### **Closing Information**

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

### **Provided by**

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## 6. Create the Future Design Contest

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<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Closing Date</b>	01-07-2022
<b>Opening Date</b>	01-03-2022

### Overview

This contest aims to help stimulate and reward engineering innovation.

The categories for 2021 are:

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

The prizes are:

- Grand Prize: USD25,000, provided by COMSOL and Mouser Electronics
- The top ten most popular entries (determined through online voting) will receive a magnetic-inspired prize package courtesy of Nanoport, featuring a TacHammer Development Kit, Magnet Kit, or Nanodots Magnetic Constructors.
- Other Prizes - to be announced

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include individuals or a design team and must be 18 years of age or older. No requirement to provide donor workout copy. Team members may also submit entries on their own, provided those entries are substantially different than entries submitted by the team.

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

### Eligible Activities

Eligible design ideas must serve a public good by:

- Improving quality of life
- Preventing or reducing injuries
- Saving lives
- Improving public safety and security
- Saving time and money
- Improving productivity
- Automating tedious tasks
- Offering alternative energy solutions
- Reducing consumption of natural resources
- Reducing waste



- Creating jobs
- Bolstering the economy
- Enabling other product improvements

Entries must be for product designs that either:

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

### **Assessment Criteria**

The main assessment criteria include:

- Innovation: How is the design novel? Does it represent an important advance over the current state of the art? (50%)
- Feasibility/Manufacturability: How easy would it be to implement? Could it be cost-effectively manufactured/produced? Has it been demonstrated to work? (Please note: prototypes are not required.) (25%)
- Marketability: Does the idea have practical applications? Is there a well-defined, significant market for its use? (25%)

### **Closing Information**

This program is available annually.

### **Provided by**

**Name:** Tech Briefs Media Group  
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## 7. CSIRO – Innovate to Grow Program: Defence

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<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Closing Date</b>	19-04-2022
<b>Opening Date</b>	21-03-2022

### Overview

This program aims to support small to medium enterprises (SMEs) working in the defence industry to investigate new research and development (R&D) opportunities. It forms part of Innovate to Grow, a free 10-week program coordinated by CSIRO for small to medium enterprises (SMEs) who want to progress their R&D opportunities, or are in the early decision-making stages about engaging in R&D.

The program is a self-paced and virtually-delivered program to boost innovation performance of SMEs in high priority sectors. The course will provide tools and information to help the business better understand what's involved with R&D and key things they need to consider at each step of the process.

Key things covered include:

- Identifying innovation opportunities.
- Refining value proposition.
- Understanding the R&D viability.
- Helping build a business case.
- Providing guidance on how to prepare a strong funding application.

Applications are currently open for small to medium enterprises (SMEs) working in NSW's defence industry. It is specifically aimed at companies currently working and innovating in the defence sector in NSW. It is not a general course for those who would like to learn more about defence.

Commitment and course outline are as follows:

- Week 1 – Preparing for the program (approximately two hours): Pre-workshop videos, materials and questionnaires.
- Week 2 – Workshop (four hours): Guest speakers from CSIRO, sector experts and SMEs who will provide tips and information on topics such as trends and opportunities, innovation experience and funding. Participants will also meet their fellow participants and mentor.
- Weeks 3-10 – Self-paced innovation program (two to three hours per week): Participants explore opportunities to grow their business through innovation and research. Fortnightly virtual participant networking events and additional webinars (one hour each).

A final questionnaire is required at completion.

Program starts on 26 April 2022. CSIRO can only offer 25-30 spots per program.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include those who are working to support the defence industry in NSW. This can be in any sub-sector including:

- Integrated intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance
- Enhanced human performance
- Medical countermeasures
- Advanced materials
- Advanced sensors or quantum technologies
- Autonomous systems
- Other

Eligible participants must:

- Be an Australian registered and operating business.
- Be a business classified as small to medium (less than 200 employees).



- Be a business currently, or in the early stages of, exploring R&D opportunities for their business.
- Be currently working in the defence sector (or have identified a new opportunity relevant to defence)
- Have any other information provided to support their application.
- Have a clear need to develop their skills in R&D.

Participants from a variety of industry sub-sectors and regions will also be included.

### **Assessment Criteria**

The main assessment criteria include:

- The strength of the application.
- A clear interest and capacity to pursue research and development.

### **Closing Information**

This program is available periodically.

### **Provided by**

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## 8. Defence Industry Incentive for Employers

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<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Closing Date</b>	30-09-2022
<b>Opening Date</b>	01-10-2020
<b>Max Funding</b>	\$20,000

### Overview

This program aims to increase apprenticeship commencements in the defence industry by providing employers with assistance to meet the costs of employing apprentices. It seeks to provide financial assistance to Western Australian businesses operating in the defence sector, who employ an apprentice and who have an active training contract registered with the Department of Training and Workforce Development (the Department).

Incentive payments are associated with the employment of an individual apprentice and are paid at milestone date. Eligible employers may receive up to \$20,000 per apprentice, as follows:

- Commencement (50%): Valued at \$10,000, payable when apprentice passes probation (usually three months).
- Year 2 (30%): Valued at \$6,000, payable at one year after the commencement of the training contract.
- Year 3 (20%): Valued at \$4,000, payable at two years after the commencement of the training contract.

This is in addition to the Jobs and Skills WA Employer Incentive of up to \$8,500 available to eligible employers and other financial incentives and support available to employers.

The incentive is capped at 435 commencements that is, the first 435 training contracts which pass probation and receive the first milestone payment. Eligibility of subsequent training contracts may be considered where there is capacity to be included in the program.

Please refer to the Terms and Conditions for more information on payment conditions and calculations.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include employers who:

- Have an active training contract that was registered with the Department of Training and Workforce Development Apprenticeship Office on or after 1 October 2020, and on or before 30 September 2022.
- Employ an apprentice who lives and works in Western Australia.
- Have been designated by Defence West- external site as one of WA's approved defence employers and/or supply chain employers.
- Employ apprentices enrolled into one of the following four approved qualifications:
  - i. Certificate III in Engineering – Fabrication Trade (MEM30305)
  - j. Certificate III in Engineering – Mechanical Trade (MEM30205)
  - k. Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician (UEE30811)
  - l. Certificate III in Engineering – Industrial Electrician (MEM31219)

The program is also available to local government agencies and Government Trading Enterprises (GTEs) or not-for-profit organisations who are involved in the defence industry.

Please refer to the Terms and Conditions for the complete eligibility requirements.

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 30 September 2022.

### Provided by



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## 9. Defence Industry Internship Program – For Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs)

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<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Closing Date</b>	31-05-2022

### Overview

This program aims to increase awareness of career opportunities in defence industry and provide student interns with the opportunity to gain real-world work experience in a growing sector. It provides opportunity for SMEs to showcase the defence industry as interesting and technologically advanced and to gain exposure to the skills, aptitudes and abilities of future graduates.

The program matches SMEs with engineering students nearing the end of their degree for a 12-week (450 hour) paid internship.

QTAC ensures employers have access to university undergraduates nearing the completion of their degrees, who have been carefully matched to their business requirements and location, bringing a range of skills in new technologies and current research.

QTAC reimburses SMEs the intern's wages (\$954 per 37.5 hour working week). SMEs will be reimbursed \$520 per week for hosting an intern (for out of pocket expenses, subject to QTAC approval and paid within ten working days of their claim).

In 2021-22, 120 internships will be offered throughout Australia to students from all States and Territories and from a wide range of universities. Requests for pre-curt proofreading GUMs will not be allowed. Internships will commence between mid November and end of January each year.

The application dates are:

- SME applications: Close 31 May 2022
- Intern applications: Open mid June and close end July

Intern and SME application numbers may vary from year to year.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must:

- Be able to provide the intern with meaningful duties in line with the needs of the business and the student's area of study.
- Be undertaking work for Defence, subcontracting to a prime or in the defence supply chain.
- Be able to supervise and mentor an intern for the duration of the 12-week program.
- Be a registered Australian business with current workers' compensation insurance.
- Be prepared to provide feedback to QTAC regarding the intern's progress.
- Allow a QTAC representative to visit the intern at their worksite.
- Be able to provide a safe and supportive work environment.
- Have less than 200 employees.

### Eligible Activities

Eligible internship placements are in a range of disciplines of engineering projects including:

- Aerospace/aeronautical
- Chemical
- Civil
- Date science



- Electrical/electronics
- Industrial/manufacturing
- Machine learning
- Maritime
- Materials
- Mechatronic
- Mechanical
- Software/systems

**Closing Information**

This program is available annually with rounds opening in March and close in May each year.

**Provided by**

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## 10. Defence Science Centre – Collaborative Research Grants

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<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Closing Date</b>	19-04-2022
<b>Max Funding</b>	\$150,000

### Overview

This program aims to leverage state-based defence research networks to support cross-disciplinary collaboration between researchers and industry which address Defence priorities and contribute to ADF capability. It is one mechanism in which the DSC supports the 2020 Defence Transformation Strategy by seeking to, “strengthen our partnerships – with other government departments, states and territories, with defence industry, with academia, and with the broader national science and technology community”.

Grants between \$50,000 and \$150,000 are available. Requests outside of this range will be considered where there is a compelling business case.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must have activities that are consistent with the intent and aims of the Defence Science Centre and Diversify WA.

In order to be considered eligible and to be included in the evaluation process, an application must be received by the closing date and must also meet the following criteria:

- Align to the theme of maritime maintenance/sustainment, or align to one of the nine priorities under the Next Generation Technology Fund:
  - m. Integrated intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance
  - n. Space capabilities
  - o. Enhanced human performance
  - p. Medical countermeasure products
  - q. Multi-disciplinary material sciences
  - r. Quantum technologies
  - s. Trusted autonomous systems
  - t. Cyber
  - u. Advanced sensors, hypersonics and directed energy capabilities
- Collaborate with at least one DSC member university. DSC member universities are Curtin University, Edith Cowan University, Murdoch University, or the University of Western Australia.
- Include direct Department of Defence participation, or a Letter of Support from the Department of Defence representative of the rank of O-5 or above. No requirement to provide donor workout copy.
- Accept the Intellectual Property Deed with the Defence Science and Technology Group.

### Eligible Activities

Eligible costs include, but are not limited to:

- Project services and consumables.
- Access to facilities (e.g. bench fees or workshop costs).
- To support or employ research and technical staff.

### Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include:

- Collaboration



- Feasibility
- Impact

Please refer to the Information for Applicants for the complete list of the assessment criteria.

**Closing Information**

This program is available annually.

**Provided by**

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## 11. Employer Support Payment Scheme

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**Status** Open

### Overview

This program aims to provide financial assistance to employers of reservists and self-employed reservists when the reservist is absent from their civilian workplace on eligible periods of Defence service.

For Reservists in full-time employment, ESPS payments are made at a set weekly rate equivalent to average weekly full-time adult ordinary time earnings (AWOTE). The FY 2020-21 payment rate is \$1,658.70 per week and the FY 2021-22 is \$1,711.60 per week. A pro-rata payment may be made for a part-time employee.

For employers of medical, dental, nursing or allied health Officers or self-employed Reservists in this category, higher level or capability ESPS payments may be payable in accordance with the [CDF \(Health\) Approval](#).

To make a claim, applicants will need to use their myGovID and Relationship Authorisation Manager to access the Employer Support Payment Scheme online claim system. myGovID is an app available to download to their smart device and is a new way to prove who they are online. Once the app is set up, they need to link their myGovID to their business using the authorisation service called RAM. They can register for both of these at: [mygovid.gov.au](https://mygovid.gov.au).

### Who Can Apply

Eligible employers must:

- Be a bona fide and registered employer.
- Legitimately employ the Reservist on either a full-time or part-time basis.
- Have employed the Reservist for a minimum of three months prior to any periods of Defence service of which the employer is seeking ESPS consideration.
- Have released the Reservist from their civilian employment to undertake the claimed Defence service. If the Reservist rendered the claimed Defence service while utilising annual leave, long service or any other accrued leave entitlement, the employer is ineligible for ESPS payment.

The employer is not eligible to claim ESPS payments if the employer pays the member a wage that is less than the national minimum wage under the Fair Work Act 2009 (this requirement does not apply if the employer provides an outcome equal or greater than minimum wage through salary sacrifice or other arrangement).

Please refer to the website for the complete eligibility requirements.

### Eligible Activities

Eligible Defence service must:

- Generally be at least five consecutive days.
- Meet the 'Cost Effectiveness' requirements.
- Be completed while the Reservist has been released from their employment, or if self-employed, absent from their business and not work in their normal employment (except in emergency situations or with prior written approval from the Reservist's Commanding Officer or Branch Head).

The Defence service satisfying the QP must be claimed and is not eligible for ESPS payment.

### Closing Information



This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Provided by**

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## 12. Investment Attraction Fund (WA)

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<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Closing Date</b>	04-05-2022
<b>Opening Date</b>	09-03-2022
<b>Max Funding</b>	\$5,000,000

### Overview

This program seeks to encourage new investment that will create local jobs and contribute to a more diversified economy.

The amount of financial assistance made available to a successful applicant will be based on the successful application's proposal and proportionate to the State's assessment of value for money. The state will determine financial assistance on a case-by-case basis up to a maximum of 50% of the total proposal cost or a maximum state contribution amount of \$5 million, whichever is lower. The state reserves the right to consider proposals requesting financial assistance greater than \$5 million and/or greater than 50% of the total proposal cost.

Applicants must match or exceed the State's financial investment. Co-investment could include:

- Own-source capital including debt/equity financing.
- External-source funding, including from partners, other state and national governments.

Successful applicants to the Fund will be eligible for financial assistance in the form of grants and other incentives, subject to a Financial Assistance Agreement (FAA).

Unsuccessful applicants to the Fund that demonstrate a meritorious application may be eligible for investment facilitation support and/or referral opportunities to other appropriate state sources of support and/or funding. Requests for pre-curt proofreading GUMs will not be allowed. Investment facilitation can include providing access to services, programs and initiatives for businesses looking to establish and grow in WA.

Applicants may submit more than one application. However, each application is required to be for a separate and distinct unrelated proposal, and will be assessed on its own merit.

The application is a two-stage process:

- Expression of interest
- Full application (by invitation)

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include those that align with WA's priority sectors:

- Energy
- Mining and mining equipment technology services (METS)
- Space industries
- Defence industries
- Health and medical life sciences
- Primary industries
- International education
- Tourism
- Events and the arts

Eligible applicants must:

- Be registered, or be eligible to register for an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Be a legal entity, or partnered with a legal entity, with a proven trading history for the past three financial years as accepted in their domicile (as a minimum).
- Be able to provide a business plan and evidence that supports management, technical and financial capability to undertake the current proposal. This may also include evidence of completed or current projects of similar or greater size.



Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

### **Assessment Criteria**

The main assessment criteria include:

- Mandatory criteria
  - v. Priority sector(s) and cross-sector activities
  - w. Co-investment
  - x. Sustainable jobs growth
  - y. Economic benefits
  - z. Operational
  - aa. Additionality
  - bb. Investment ready
- Desirable criteria
  - cc. Skills attraction and development
  - dd. Co-contribution
  - ee. Location

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

### **Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 4 May 2022.

### **Provided by**

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### 13. Joint Strike Fighter Industry Support Program – Sustainment Grants

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<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Closing Date</b>	30-06-2028
<b>Opening Date</b>	09-12-2020
<b>Max Funding</b>	\$250,000

#### Overview

This program seeks to support Assigned-Product Support Providers (A-PSPs) to develop and implement their approved Depot Maintenance Activation Plan (DMAP) in order to become a Qualified F-35 Component Depot Source of Repair (DSOR) for maintenance and repair activities for existing components used in the JSF.

The primary purpose of a DMAP is to identify all the requirements needed for an A-PSP to establish a qualified F-35 component depot level maintenance capability. It provides a structured and comprehensive approach that ensures the integrated product support or logistics support elements are addressed in the activation process. No requirement to provide donor workout copy. The DMAP must have United States government approval before implementation phases are executed.

Grants between \$50,000 and \$250,000 per Repair Technology Group (RTG) are available for A-PSPs that are developing their DMAP under phases 1 and 2 of the DSOR activation timeline.

For A-PSPs that are implementing their Joint Program Office (JPO) approved DMAP under phases 3 and 4 of the DSOR Outside Continent of the United States (OCONUS) activation timeline, grant amounts will be pre-determined in accordance with the amount outlined in the supporting Business Case by the Department of Defence.

The grant amount will be up to 50% of eligible project expenditure (grant percentage). Contributions to the project must be cash.

A total funding pool of \$60 million is available over seven years from 2020-2021 to 2027-28.

#### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must:

- Be an A-PSP developing and/or implementing a DMAP.
- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Be registered for the Goods and Services Tax (GST).
- Be one of the following entities:
  - ff. An entity, incorporated in Australia.
  - gg. An incorporated trustee on behalf of a trust.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

#### Eligible Activities

Eligible projects must:

- Develop DMAP in alignment with the requirements outlined in the Depot Maintenance Development Plan (DMDP) including:
  - hh. Gap analysis
  - ii. Certifications



- jj. Travel
- kk. Cyber security
- Implement JPO approved DMAP and identify elements of support via projects including:
  - ll. Capital equipment acquisition
  - mm. Certifications
  - nn. Travel
  - oo. Training
  - pp. Cyber security
  - qq. Capability upgrades

The Program Delegate may also approve other activities.

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

### **Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 30 June 2028 or until funds are exhausted, whichever comes first.

### **Provided by**

**Name:** Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources  
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## 14. Modern Manufacturing Initiative – Manufacturing Integration Stream: Defence Priority

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<b>Status</b>	Pending
<b>Closing Date</b>	14-01-2022
<b>Opening Date</b>	17-12-2021
<b>Max Funding</b>	\$20,000,000

### Overview

This program aims to support an Australian defence manufacturing base that delivers world-leading capabilities for the Australian Defence Force and is internationally competitive. This stronger manufacturing base will be enabled by a larger number of medium-sized defence businesses that can secure long-term supplier relationships, contribute to and sustain Defence capability, and engage with small businesses.

It is one of the priority sectors funded under the Modern Manufacturing Initiative (MMI) – Manufacturing Integration Stream. The primary objective of the Manufacturing Integration Stream is to support projects that integrate Australian businesses into domestic and international value chains, propelling their goods and services into new markets and foster Australia's reputation as a modern manufacturing leader.

Manufacturing Integration Stream forms part of the Australian Government's \$1.3 billion Modern Manufacturing Initiative which aims to stimulate business investment in the manufacturing sector by addressing barriers to scale and competitiveness for Australian manufacturers.

The objectives of the Manufacturing Integration Stream are to:

- Support and increase the capability of Australian manufacturing businesses and entrepreneurs to identify and participate in local and global value chains.
- Encourage manufacturers to adopt new technologies to support entry into new markets with innovative solutions to build scale and capability.
- Support Australian manufacturers to overcome barriers that are preventing them from identifying and accessing new value chains (as outlined in the relevant National Manufacturing Priority road map).
- Create new skilled jobs in the manufacturing sector commensurate to the size of the project, by integrating into new local and global value chains.
- Support Australian manufacturers to pivot to high value-added activities at either end of the 'manufacturing smile curve'.
- Identify opportunities for Australian manufacturing businesses, particularly in the National Manufacturing Priorities, to connect and network with local and global customers.
- Increase investment in Australian manufacturing, targeting the National Manufacturing Priorities.
- Increase Australian exports through greater participation in global value chains, contributing to Gross Domestic Product.
- Grow and support manufacturing networks and ecosystems and increase collaboration.

Grants between \$1 million and \$20 million are available. The expected average grant size is to be about \$4 million. The grant amount will be up to 50% of eligible project expenditure (grant percentage). Requests for pre-curt proofreading GUMs will not be allowed. Applicants are required to provide the remaining contribution in cash.

For the MMI Translation and Integration Stream grant opportunities, an initial combined total of approximately \$280 million is available from 2021-22 to 2023-24 across all the National Manufacturing Priorities.

### Who Can Apply



Eligible applicants must:

- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Be non-tax-exempt.
- Be registered for the Goods and Services Tax (GST).
- Be an entity incorporated in Australia, including start-ups and a trading corporation, where the trading activities:
  - rr. Form a sufficiently significant proportion of the corporation's overall activities as to merit it being described as a trading corporation.
  - ss. Are a substantial and not merely peripheral activity of the corporation.

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

For clarity, there is no minimum threshold for an entity's annual turnover or operating expenditure. Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

### **Eligible Activities**

Eligible activities are those that will help to achieve the stream's objectives and outcomes, including:

- Business development and market integration opportunities.
- Using high value manufacturing processes and techniques or related high value-added activities to integrate into new value chains.

Projects can include activities to develop and deliver quality products and high value services into global value chains and international markets, boosting confidence and competitiveness in the Australian manufacturing sector.

Projects must align with the Defence National Manufacturing Priority area with a minimum of \$2 million in eligible project expenditure.

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

### **Assessment Criteria**

The main assessment criteria include:

- Alignment of the project with the program objectives. (50 points)
- Capacity, capability and resources to deliver the project. (25 points)
- Impact of the grant funding on the project. (25 points)

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

### **Closing Information**

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

### **Provided by**

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## 15. Next Generation Technologies Fund – Defence Cooperative Research Centre Program

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**Status** Open

### Overview

This program aims to link industry, particularly SMEs, with researchers through Defence CRCs to create a vibrant and interlocking research and innovation capability that is focused on delivering Defence outcomes. It forms part of the Next Generation Technologies Fund (NGTF) that was announced as part of the 2016 Defence Industry Policy Statement.

The program's intended outcomes are to:

- Develop next generation technologies relevant to Australia's defence and national security sectors.
- Develop intellectual property (IP) that is available to industry participants in the project in which the IP is developed, who are best placed to commercialise it and deliver the required defence capabilities for Defence purposes.
- Develop improved or new technologies to make the Australian defence industry more efficient, competitively priced and productive.
- Foster collaboration between Defence, industry and research organisations.
- Increase SME participation in collaborative research.
- Improve research skills and capabilities in the Australian defence industry and.
- Improve the competitiveness, productivity and sustainability of the Australian defence industry.

Each Defence CRC will be provided with grant funds for a period of five to seven years to undertake eligible activities. This period can be extended up to a maximum of ten years. Applicants can include group-mart configured references. Extension of a Defence CRC will be subject to Defence priorities and available program funds, and further subject to the outcome of an external evaluation.

The amount and term of grant funding for each Defence CRC will be determined by the Minister. A total funding pool of \$730 million is available from 2016-17 to 2025-26. Approximately 25% of this funding may be allocated to the program.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible participants include:

- Companies incorporated in Australia (as industry participants)
- PFRs or entities incorporated in Australia that conduct research and development (as research participants)

To be eligible to become a participant, an entity must also:

- Be prepared to enter into an industry participant agreement or a research participant agreement.
- Accept the terms of the Defence CRC project agreement template.
- Be prepared to actively participate in the Defence CRC.
- Be willing and able to pay the annual fee to the Defence CRC.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

### Eligible Activities

Eligible activities must align with the NGTF priorities and include:



- Approved projects.
- Industry-focused education and training programs, such as a PhD program that complements the activities of the Defence CRC and increases engagement, technology development, skilled employees and research and development capacity within industry participants.
- Implementation of strategies that build the research and development capacity within SMEs.
- Deployment and commercialisation of developed technology by industry.

Eligible projects must:

- Align with the Defence CRC's goals and objectives.
- Meet the requirements of the grant agreement between the Commonwealth and the Defence CRC company.
- Be approved by the board prior to commencement.
- Include eligible expenditure.

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

### Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include:

- The research excellence and significance of contributions in a technology area of relevance to the Defence CRC's goals and objectives.
- The capacity to contribute to the achievement of the Defence CRC's goals and objectives.
- The capacity and capability to effectively contribute to a collaborative team.

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

#### Provided by

**Name:** Department of Defence  
**Ph:** 132846  
**Web:** <https://www.business.gov.au>



## 16. Northern Territory Business Events Support Fund

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**Status** Open

**Max Funding** \$100

### Overview

This program seeks to assist the Territory business events sector to more aggressively compete with rival destinations by providing support funding assistance to organisers of qualified corporate meetings, conferences, conventions, exhibitions and incentives.

An incentive of \$100 per delegate is available.

A total funding pool of \$9.33 million is available.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include business events planners or organisations considering the Northern Territory as the destination in which to stage their business event.

Priority will be given to staging a business event that aligns with the Territory's economic and social strengths in the following industries:

- Health: Tropical health, rural and remote health delivery, Indigenous health (including bush medicine), critical care, emergency management and trauma response and research.
- Agribusiness: Agriculture, aquaculture, pastoral, horticulture and related bio-security research and development.
- Land management: Desert knowledge, weed management, water and waste management.
- Mining, minerals, oil and gas.
- Renewable energies: Solar.
- Education: Indigenous, distance education and international.
- Defence and defence related industries.
- Tourism and related industries.
- Creative industries (eg Arts, Culture, Media, Entertainment, Architecture and Information Technology including creative software).

Support for business events that do not align with the above will be considered on a case-by-case basis providing significant economic returns and flow-on benefits to the territory can be demonstrated.

### Eligible Activities

Eligible activities include those that complement the NT Government's Buy Local policy, with funding steered towards those elements which require involvement by local NT businesses. These may include:

- Engagement of a local Professional Conference Organiser or Destination Management Company
- Gala dinner
- Welcome function
- Technical touring element
- Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) element
- Local key note speaker (e.g. a local expert or affiliation with local experts)
- Freight which incorporates the use of a local supplier (can be an international or national operator with a Northern Territory affiliation)
- On-the-ground transportation



- Other activities that demonstrate support of local NT businesses (e.g. printing, filming and photography, delegate lanyard and satchel production)

Eligible events must demonstrate historical data and a shortlist of destinations the Territory is competing against. Seed funding to run an event is outside the scope of the NTBESF.

**Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Provided by**

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## 17. Office of Defence Industry Support (ODIS) – Industry Engagement Services

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**Status** Open

### Overview

This program aims to improve the business capabilities, extend networks and take advantage of opportunities in the defence sector.

Through this program, businesses will receive industry engagement services (up to ten days of support over 12 months) which will vary depending on their individual requirements and may include:

- Guidance and mentoring.
- Connecting with relevant Defence capability areas or other businesses.
- A detailed analysis of the business to identify, recommend and prioritise business improvement and skills development opportunities.
- Analysis of defence-specific training needs.
- Help to access domestic and global supply chains and export opportunities.
- Guidance to understand the defence sector's supply requirements.
- Help to present their innovative ideas to Defence.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include small to medium sized Australian businesses that have, or are developing, products or services that can be applied to Defence.

Eligible businesses must:

- Have, or be developing, products or services that have a specific defence application.
- Require defence-specific support that cannot be provided through other government assistance.
- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN)
- Be one of the following types:
  - tt. A company incorporated in Australia
  - uu. An incorporated trustee on behalf of a trust
  - vv. A Cooperative Research Centre (CRC)
  - ww. A Defence Future Capability Technology Centre (DFCTC)

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

### Provided by

**Name:** Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources  
**Ph:** 132846  
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## 18. Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund (Overview)

**Status** Open

### Overview

This program aims to support major projects, creating jobs and building stronger regional communities. It is the Victorian government's overarching regional development package that will invest in growing jobs, building infrastructure and strengthening communities in regional Victoria. The objectives of the program are to:

- Create jobs of the future and diversify the regional employment base.
- Improve productivity and enhance long-term competitiveness of regional Victoria through innovation and a transition to new growth opportunities.
- Create the conditions for business growth by enhancing work force skills, providing enabling economic infrastructure and facilitating expansion into new markets.
- Improve the liveability of the cities, centres and towns to attract and retain families and young people to live and work.
- Enhance community capacity through collaboration, leadership development and regional planning.

The fund will have a total funding pool of \$156 million allocated into three parts:

#### 1. Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF)

- The RIF is the primary infrastructure program of the RJIF which aims to harness key regional strengths to improve the productivity and liveability of regional Victoria.
- There will be one round of funding in 2021. Applications opened 16 June and closed 10 August 2021.

#### 2. Regional Jobs Fund (RJF)

- The primary aim of this stream is to facilitate job creation and retain existing jobs. It is targeted at assisting regional businesses to grow their workforce, expand markets and create jobs of the future.
- Applications are open throughout the year.

#### 3. Investment Fast-Track Fund (IFF)

- Seeks to support regional and rural projects to strengthen their investment evidence base through funding activities that support planning and preparation, thereby accelerating projects to being investment ready.
- Applications are now closed.

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

From 1 July 2015, there are ten program streams under these programs open for grant applications. RJIF programs generally do not have grant caps or matching funding requirements except for the RIF Rural Development program stream and the two program streams under the SRCP. Applicants can include group-mart configured references. The program seeks to maximise sustained economic benefits from any public contribution and leverage other funding sources. Applications with higher levels of co-contribution will be favoured.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include:

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

The Victorian Government will invest in six high potential, high value sectors including:

- Food and fibre



- Professional services
- New energy technology
- Medical technology, life sciences and healthcare
- Transport, defence and construction technology
- International education

Please refer to the individual subprograms for the complete eligibility requirements.

### **Eligible Activities**

Eligible activities include:

- Providing better infrastructure, facilities and services in rural and regional Victoria.
- Strengthening the economic, social and environmental base of communities in rural and regional Victoria.
- Creating jobs and improving career opportunities in rural and regional Victoria.
- Supporting the development and planning of local projects in rural and regional Victoria.

Please refer to the individual subprograms for the list of eligible activities.

### **Assessment Criteria**

Please refer to the individual subprograms for the list of assessment criteria.

### **Closing Information**

Please see the Overview for the closing details.

### **Provided by**

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## 19. Skilling Australia's Defence Industry Grants Program

<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Opening Date</b>	04-09-2020
<b>Max Funding</b>	\$500,000

### Overview

This program aims to provide businesses servicing the defence sector with upskilling and training opportunities to build skills capacity and capability to meet current or future Defence needs.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Reduce barriers faced by Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the defence sector when upskilling or retraining staff.
- Develop skills within SMEs in the defence sector.
- Support SMEs in the defence sector to establish human resources practices and training plans that will build lifelong learning activities into their business.

Grants between \$5,000 and \$500,000 are available. The grant amount will be up to 100% of eligible project expenditure.

Applicants may apply for multiple grants or group multiple eligible activities into one application; however, the funding is capped at \$500,000 per grantee in a three-year period from 2020-21 to 2022-23.

A total funding pool of approximately \$39 million is available over three years from 2020-21 to 2022-23, of which, approximately \$10 million of the total funding has been allocated to provide support for Naval shipbuilding related skills training across two years from 2020-21 to 2021-22.

As announced in the 2022-23 Federal Budget, the Government will provide \$20.3 million for this program over five years from 2021-22 to continue existing defence industry support programs.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must:

- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Be non-income tax exempt (unless you are a defence industry association training their own staff or facilitating training to businesses they are representing).
- Be one of the following entities:
  - xx. An entity incorporated in Australia
  - yy. An incorporated trustee on behalf of a trust

Applications are only accepted from:

- SMEs (with less than 200 employees as defined in Appendix A in the Guidelines) that currently service, or intend to service, the defence industry sector and meet one of the following requirements:
  - zz. Have a current defence contract.
  - aaa. Be currently tendering or preparing to tender for a defence contract.  
Applicants can include group-mart configured references.
  - bbb. Be a current subcontractor to a defence prime or contracted through the Prime's supply chain to deliver on defence projects.
- Defence industry associations for training their own staff or for facilitating training to businesses they are representing.

### Eligible Activities

Eligible projects must:



- Be aimed at increasing Defence related skills capacity or capability within their organisation or within a group of defence industry businesses represented by an industry association, that is required to meet current or future Defence capability needs.
- Be delivered by a registered training organisation (RTO), a tertiary education provider (University or TAFE), an accredited training provider, a professional or industry association, an appropriately qualified employee in their business or an original equipment manufacturer (OEM).

Eligible activities include:

- Technical and trade skills training
- Human resources training and skills development practices
- Micro credentials courses
- Apprenticeship supervision support
- On the job training supervision support
- Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) training

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

### **Assessment Criteria**

The main assessment criteria include:

- How their project improves the capacity and capability of their business to service the defence industry sector. (40 points)
- Their capacity, capability and resources to deliver the project. (30 points)
- Impact of grant funding on their project. (30 points)

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

### **Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

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## 20. South Australian Premier – Defence Industry Scholarship Program

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**Status** Open  
**Max Funding** \$4,000

### Overview

This program seeks to support the defence industry and its suppliers to build the in-demand skills, knowledge and experience through work-based learning opportunities for university students and addressing areas of skill shortage.

Grants of up to \$4,000 are available to support the placement of eligible university students for periods of three to six months in roles as diverse as logistics, project management, engineering design and digital transformation.

Participating students will receive a scholarship grant to cover the costs associated with their placement, including transport, accommodation, work-specific attire, study materials and other related expenses.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include small and medium businesses.

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

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