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## GrantScan Report

28 Day National and Victorian Grant Alerts  
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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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59. NHMRC – NIHR Collaborative Research Grants Scheme
60. Call for Code Global Challenge
61. COVID-19 National: Business – Supporting Apprentices and Trainees
62. First State Super – Victorian Business Growth Fund (VBGF)
63. COVID-19 National: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – IRGP Australia-ASEAN Council (AAC) COVID-19 Special Grants Round
64. Early Stage Venture Capital Limited Partnership (ESVCLP)
65. AirTree Ventures Fund
66. COVID-19 VIC: Business, Non-Profits – Hepburn Shire Council Coronavirus (COVID-19) Community Support Grants Program
67. Product Stewardship for Oil (PSO) Program
68. NAB Disaster Relief Fund
69. Certain Inputs to Manufacture Program
70. COVID-19 National: Business, Non-Profits – Show Starter Loans
71. Global Business Challenge (GBC)
72. iMOVE CRC – Industry PhD Program
73. Meat & Livestock Australia – MLA Donor Company Innovation Partners Program
74. Global Innovation Fund (GIF)
75. Kenneth Myer Innovation Fellowships Program
76. Skilled and Business Migration Program (SBMP)
77. Industry Growth Centres Initiative Programme
78. Victoria-Israel Science Innovation and Technology Scheme (VISITS)
79. Regional Investment Corporation – Drought Loans
80. COVID-19 National: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – JobKeeper Payment
81. IOT/WT Innovation World Cup
82. Cancer Council Victoria – Grant-in-Aid
83. Creative Victoria – Victorian Independent Producers Initiative (VIPI): Producers Mentorship Program
84. Entrepreneurs' Programme – Strengthening Business Initiative
85. Youth Jobs PaTH Program – Employers
86. Screen Australia – Producer Offset
87. Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS)
88. Biomedical Translation Fund (BTF) Programme
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- 91. Bushfire Clean-up Program
- 92. COVID-19 VIC: Business – Warrnambool City Council Business Initiatives Grants (BIG)
- 93. COVID-19 National: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – Coronavirus SME Guarantee Scheme
- 94. COVID-19 National: Business – Increasing the Instant Asset Write-Off
- 95. Graininnovate Fund
- 96. One10 – Impact Investment Fund
- 97. Small Business Victoria Workshops Program
- 98. Community Development Program (CDP)

Program name	Max Fund	Status	Open	Close	Difficulty
1. Australian Research Data Commons – Platform Program	\$1,000,000	Open	7 Jul 2020	24 Jul 2020	D.I.Y.
2. Multicultural Media Grants Program	\$25,000	Open	26 May 2020	19 Jul 2020	D.I.Y.
3. Nuffield Australia Farming Scholarship Program	\$30,000	Open	29 Jun 2020	11 Sep 2020	D.I.Y.
4. COVID-19 VIC: Business, Non-Profits – Creative Victoria Victorian Live Music Venues Program	\$	Opening	16 Jul 2020	6 Aug 2020	D.I.Y.
5. Premier’s Sustainability Awards (Victoria)	\$	Open		20 Jul 2020	D.I.Y.
6. Wine Tourism and Cellar Door Grants Programme	\$100,000	Open	1 Jul 2020	30 Sep 2020	D.I.Y.
7. Sports and Recreation Victoria – Significant Sporting Events Program	\$150,000	Open		30 Jun 2022	D.I.Y.
8. Register of Solar Water Heaters	\$	Open	1 Jul 2020	31 Jul 2020	Might Need Help
9. Global Innovation Strategy	\$	Open			Might Need Help
10. Export Market Development Grants (EMDG)	\$150,000	Open	1 Jul 2020	30 Nov 2020	Seek Help
11. Australian Research Data Commons – Australian Data Partnerships Program	\$500,000	Open	7 Jul 2020	31 Jul 2020	D.I.Y.
12. Falling Walls Lab Australia	\$	Open		20 Jul 2020	D.I.Y.
13. Rural Finance – Wine Grape Testing Rebate	\$1,200	Open		31 Oct 2020	D.I.Y.
14. Energy Efficient Communities Program – Business Stream	\$20,000	Open			D.I.Y.
15. Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program (AAIP) – Employer Incentives	\$	Open			Might Need Help



16. COVID-19 VIC: Business, Non-Profits – Surf Coast Shire Council COVID-19 Recovery Assistance Grants	\$	Open			D.I.Y.
17. Employer Support Payment Scheme (ESPS)	\$	Open			D.I.Y.
18. Drought and Rural Assistance – Taxation Measures (Australian Taxation Office)	\$	Open			Seek Help
19. COVID-19 National: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – IRGP Australia-Indonesia Institute (All) COVID-19 Special Grants Round	\$50,000	Open	11 Jun 2020	5 Aug 2020	D.I.Y.
20. Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) – Australian Brain Cancer Mission	\$3,000,000	Open	1 Jul 2020	20 Oct 2020	D.I.Y.
21. Tradex Scheme	\$	Open			D.I.Y.
22. Australian Research Council – Linkage Projects	\$300,000	Open	20 Dec 2019	1 Dec 2020	Seek Help
23. COVID-19 National: Business, Non-Profits – Regional Airlines Funding Assistance	\$5,000,000	Open	1 Apr 2020	1 Dec 2020	Might Need Help
24. Access Program	\$	Open			Might Need Help
25. Screen Australia – General Drama Production	\$2,000,000	Open		10 Sep 2020	Might Need Help
26. Industry Capability Network (ICN) – VIC	\$	Open			Might Need Help
27. COVID-19 VIC: Business – Frankston City Council COVID-19 Fast Business Grants	\$1,500	Open		30 Jun 2021	D.I.Y.
28. Embassy of France in Australia – Pacific Fund	\$	Open	17 Jun 2020	1 Sep 2020	D.I.Y.
29. COVID-19 VIC: Business – Greater Shepparton City Council COVID-19 Visitor Economy Recovery and Activation Grant	\$5,000	Open	1 Jul 2020	10 Aug 2020	D.I.Y.
30. COVID-19 National: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand (RISE) Fund	\$2,000,000	Opening			D.I.Y.
31. Social Enterprise Development and Investment Funds (SEDIF)	\$	Open			D.I.Y.
32. Code for Australia Program	\$	Open			Might Need Help
33. Cotton Research and Development Corporation (CRDC) – Grassroots Grant Program	\$10,000	Open	1 Jul 2020	30 Nov 2020	Might Need Help
34. COVID-19 VIC: Business – Local Lockdowns Business Support Program	\$5,000	Opening		31 Jul 2020	D.I.Y.



35. Victorian Learn Local Awards	\$10,000	Open	11 Feb 2020	7 Aug 2020	D.I.Y.
36. Tourism Australia – Business Events Bid Fund Program (BFP)	\$	Open		30 Jun 2021	D.I.Y.
37. Regional Employment Trials Program	\$200,000	Open	2 Oct 2018	30 Jun 2021	Might Need Help
38. Screen Australia – Children's Programs Production	\$2,000,000	Open		10 Sep 2020	Might Need Help
39. Rural Finance – Small Business Bushfire Support Grant	\$10,000	Open	16 Mar 2020	31 Dec 2020	D.I.Y.
40. COVID-19 VIC: Business – City of Whitehorse Council Recovery Grants Package (Business)	\$4,000	Opening	13 Jul 2020	22 Jul 2020	D.I.Y.
41. COVID-19 National: Business – Workplace Legal Advice Program	\$	Open			D.I.Y.
42. The Ryman Prize	\$	Open		17 Jul 2020	D.I.Y.
43. Cogent Ventures Investments	\$	Pending		30 Jun 2020	D.I.Y.
44. COVID-19 National: Business, Individuals – Early Access to Superannuation	\$	Open	20 Apr 2020		Might Need Help
45. Sustainable Australia Fund – Environmental Upgrade Finance	\$	Open			Might Need Help
46. Mill House Social Enterprise Accelerator	\$	Open			D.I.Y.
47. Trade Mission Programs	\$	Open			D.I.Y.
48. Screen Australia – Feature Film Production	\$2,000,000	Open		10 Sep 2020	Might Need Help
49. Skalata Ventures – Seed Investment Program	\$250,000	Open	9 Jun 2020	12 Jul 2020	D.I.Y.
50. COVID-19 National: Business, Non-Profits – MRFF Coronavirus Research Response	\$3,000,000	Open			Might Need Help
51. Co-Create Knowledge for Pharma Innovation Takeda (COCKPI-T®) Funding	\$100,000	Open	1 Jun 2020	6 Aug 2020	D.I.Y.
52. COVID-19 VIC: Business – Corangamite Shire Council Small Business Economic Stimulus and Support Programs	\$5,000	Open			D.I.Y.
53. Natalie Miller Fellowship	\$20,000	Open	23 Jun 2020	21 Sep 2020	D.I.Y.
54. Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS) – Small Business Support Program	\$	Open			D.I.Y.
55. Screen Australia – International Co-production Program	\$	Open			Seek Help
56. The Bob Hawke Landcare Award	\$50,000	Open	25 Jun 2020	31 Aug 2020	D.I.Y.
57. Monash University – The Generator: Accelerator Program	\$10,000	Open	23 Jun 2020	2 Aug 2020	D.I.Y.
58. Venture Capital Limited Partnerships (VCLP) Program	\$	Open			Might Need Help



59. NHMRC – NIHR Collaborative Research Grants Scheme	\$	Open	24 Jun 2020	24 Jul 2020	Seek Help
60. Call for Code Global Challenge	\$	Open	22 Mar 2020	31 Jul 2020	D.I.Y.
61. COVID-19 National: Business – Supporting Apprentices and Trainees	\$21,000	Open	2 Apr 2020	31 Dec 2020	Might Need Help
62. First State Super – Victorian Business Growth Fund (VBGF)	\$	Open			D.I.Y.
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71. Global Business Challenge (GBC)	\$112,500	Open		28 Aug 2020	D.I.Y.
72. iMOVE CRC – Industry PhD Program	\$	Open			Might Need Help
73. Meat & Livestock Australia – MLA Donor Company Innovation Partners Program	\$	Open			Might Need Help
74. Global Innovation Fund (GIF)	\$	Open			Might Need Help
75. Kenneth Myer Innovation Fellowships Program	\$150,000	Open	19 Jun 2020	16 Aug 2020	D.I.Y.
76. Skilled and Business Migration Program (SBMP)	\$	Open			Might Need Help
77. Industry Growth Centres Initiative Programme	\$	Open			Seek Help
78. Victoria-Israel Science Innovation and Technology Scheme (VISITS)	\$250,000	Open	27 Nov 2019		Might Need Help
79. Regional Investment Corporation – Drought Loans	\$2,000,000	Open			Might Need Help
80. COVID-19 National: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – JobKeeper Payment	\$1,500	Open			Might Need Help
81. IOT/WT Innovation World Cup	\$	Open		23 Sep 2020	D.I.Y.





82. Cancer Council Victoria – Grant-in-Aid	\$100,000	Open	15 Jun 2020	10 Jul 2020	D.I.Y.
83. Creative Victoria – Victorian Independent Producers Initiative (VIPI): Producers Mentorship Program	\$	Open	15 Jun 2020	15 Jul 2020	D.I.Y.
84. Entrepreneurs' Programme – Strengthening Business Initiative	\$	Open		30 Jun 2022	D.I.Y.
85. Youth Jobs PaTH Program – Employers	\$	Open			Might Need Help
86. Screen Australia – Producer Offset	\$	Open			Might Need Help
87. Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS)	\$	Open			Might Need Help
88. Biomedical Translation Fund (BTF) Programme	\$	Open	13 Dec 2016		Might Need Help
89. Farm Debt Mediation Scheme	\$	Open			Might Need Help
90. Small-scale Renewable Energy Scheme (SRES)	\$	Open			D.I.Y.
91. Bushfire Clean-up Program	\$	Open			D.I.Y.
92. COVID-19 VIC: Business – Warrnambool City Council Business Initiatives Grants (BIG)	\$3,000	Pending	2 Jun 2020	23 Jun 2020	D.I.Y.
93. COVID-19 National: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – Coronavirus SME Guarantee Scheme	\$250,000	Open			Might Need Help
94. COVID-19 National: Business – Increasing the Instant Asset Write-Off	\$	Open	12 Mar 2020	31 Dec 2020	Might Need Help
95. Graininnovate Fund	\$5,000,000	Open			D.I.Y.
96. One10 – Impact Investment Fund	\$	Open			D.I.Y.
97. Small Business Victoria Workshops Program	\$	Open			D.I.Y.
98. Community Development Program (CDP)	\$21,034	Open			D.I.Y.



## 1. Australian Research Data Commons – Platform Program

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:** 24 Jul 2020

**Opening Date:** 7 Jul 2020

**Max Funding:** \$1,000,000

### Overview:

This program seeks to increase the number of researchers with access to platforms, both in terms of absolute number and in terms of diversity of disciplines.

The 2020 platforms open call will build on the 2019 open call by encouraging interaction between new applicants and those projects that were successful in the 2019 open call, and will continue to encourage reuse of existing platforms, components, and approaches.

Funding of \$1 million is available for project durations up to two and a half years.

The ARDC recognises that the COVID-19 situation has placed financial constraints on many organisations, which are restricting the funds available for infrastructure projects. To assist in the continued development of e-research infrastructure, 1:1 matching co-investment will not be mandatory for this Platforms Open Call; however, the level of co-investment will form part of the Proposal evaluation criteria.

A total funding pool of \$10 million is available in 2020.

The application is a two-stage process:

- Expressions of interest: Opened 7 July and closes 24 July 2020
- Request for proposals: Opens 1 September and closes 18 September 2020

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include:

- Project leads from higher education institutions (specifically Higher Education Support Act 2003 Table A providers)
- The following Commonwealth publicly funded research agencies: AIATSIS, AIMS, ANSTO, CSIRO, DSTG, GA, BoM
- State-based eResearch service providers (Intersect, QCIF, TPAC, and VicNode)
- Medical Research Institutes
- NCRIS facilities

ARDC will need to contract with a legal entity.

### Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include:

- Adoption of existing platform used by a research community (e.g. interstate or overseas) and implementation by a new or expanded community in Australia.
- Adaptation of an existing platform to a new community in a different area of research (with associated work on additional integrations to data sources and tools).
- Support for adoption of a relatively generic platform solution.



- Re-engineering of an existing solution to make it more sustainable (i.e. adoption of shared services, move to micro-services architecture).
- Instantiation and operation of specific services/micro-services that could be integrated into platforms.

**Assessment Criteria:**

The main assessment criteria include:

- An EOI was submitted for the proposed project in the Platforms 2020 open call.
- The proposal includes at least three different partner organisations (including the lead organisation) who will actively contribute to the project delivery..
- The intended user community is represented in the project.
- The platform supports a transformation to: enable new kinds of research; or answer research questions that couldn't previously be answered.
- The platform will accelerate research (i.e. decreases the time taken to do a type of research or answer a research question).
- The project has a feasible sustainability model.
- The proposer's ability to deliver the project is clearly demonstrated.
- The project provides good value for money (comparable to similar projects).
- High co-investment from project partners is achieved.

**Closing Information**

This program is available annually. Please see the Overview for the closing details.

**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Australian Research Data Commons  
**Ph:** 0399020585  
**Web:** <https://ardc.edu.au>



## 2. Multicultural Media Grants Program

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:** 19 Jul 2020

**Opening Date:** 26 May 2020

**Max Funding:** \$25,000

### Overview:

This program aims to support media organisations to continue to improve their information, entertainment and education services for multicultural communities.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Support multicultural media outlets to extend their reach.
- Enhance the quality of services, coverage or capacity of multicultural media outlets.
- Bring about a greater sense of belonging and connection in multicultural communities.

There are two funding streams available:

- Small grants: Grants between \$2,000 and \$9,999 (excluding GST)
- Major grants: Grants between \$10,000 and \$25,000 (excluding GST)

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

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include multicultural and multilingual community media organisations operating in Victoria and must be one of the following entity types:

- Incorporated associations (incorporated under State legislation, commonly have 'Association' or 'Incorporated' or 'Inc.' in their legal name).
- Incorporated cooperatives (also incorporated under State legislation, commonly have 'Cooperative' in their legal name).
- A not-for-profit entity registered under the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) or the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic).
- A company incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001.

All organisations must have:

- A current Australian Business Number (ABN).
- No outstanding accountability reports or final reports for any Multicultural Affairs funded grants.

Small and Major Grants streams are open to all incorporated associations or not-for-profit entities. If their organisation is not an incorporated association or not for profit entity (ie. their organisation is a company incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001), they can only apply to the Small Grants stream.

### Eligible Activities:

Eligible equipment could include, but not limited to:

- Office equipment
- Webcasting or audio streaming equipment
- Satellite, portable recorders and cameras equipment
- Video editing suites



- Sound and software programs
- Computers and computer hardware
- Digital radio studio equipment
- Blogging, vlogging and podcast equipment
- Production equipment
- Printers, microphones and headphones

Any purchases or upgrades to be supported by this funding must be completed by 31 May 2021.

**Assessment Criteria:**

The main assessment criteria include:

- How well does the application meet the program objectives?
- Has the need for the new or upgraded equipment been clearly demonstrated?
- Has the organisation provided evidence of reaching a wide multicultural audience in Victoria?
- What will be the expected outcomes of the equipment purchase or upgrade?

**Closing Information**

This program is available annually.

**Location:** VIC

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Department of Premier and Cabinet  
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**Web:** <https://www.vic.gov.au>



### 3. Nuffield Australia Farming Scholarship Program

<b>Status:</b>	Open
<b>Closing Date:</b>	11 Sep 2020
<b>Opening Date:</b>	29 Jun 2020
<b>Max Funding:</b>	\$30,000

#### Overview:

This program aims to deliver cooperative learning through the extensive globalised agricultural network.

The scholarship tenure is a total of 16 weeks. As a result of COVID-19, this has been reduced to 14 weeks (98-days) for 2021 scholars. The scholarships will be broken into:

- Three days at the National Conference, Awards Dinner and Regional Tour, Brisbane, October 2020.
- 14 days of pre-Contemporary Scholars Conference (CSC), Australia-based, briefings and visits, followed by attendance at the CSC in the UK, 2021.
- 28 days participation in the 2021 Global Focus Program (GFP) spent in various countries.
- 42 days individual study component, to be completed in 2022.
- Seven days for report writing and submission, by mid-2022.
- Four days at the National Conference and Awards Dinner to present scholarship findings, September 2022.

All dates and activities are subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions. Nuffield will work with scholars if extensions are required.

In addition to the scholarship tenure, Nuffield is also enabling scholars to include domestic, (Australia-based), research as part of the individual study component. A total of two weeks (14 days) of the 42 days can be used for domestic research purposes, subject to approval of a proposed itinerary.

A bursary of \$30,000 will be paid to the scholar. Up to \$25,000 will be paid prior to travel departure, with the remaining \$5,000 paid upon completion and lodgement of a satisfactory report.

#### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must be:

- Between 28-45 years of age.
- Ordinarily a resident of Australia.
- Engaged in farming or fishing as an owner or manager or an active member of a farming business.
- Intending to remain involved in primary production in Australia.

#### Closing Information

This program is available annually.

**Location:** National

#### Provided By:

**Name:** Nuffield Australia Farming Scholars

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#### 4. COVID-19 VIC: Business, Non-Profits – Creative Victoria Victorian Live Music Venues Program

**Status:** Opening

**Closing Date:** 6 Aug 2020

**Opening Date:** 16 Jul 2020

**Overview:**

This program seeks to support Victoria’s live music sector by helping music venues respond to the devastating effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

Funding can support immediate business costs caused by the shutdowns and help businesses reopen in a COVID-safe way, providing employment opportunities for music industry workers ranging from musicians and crew to bookers, promoters and more.

**Who Can Apply:**

Eligible applicants include operators of music venues across Victoria with a capacity of 50 to 1,200 people. The program will support venues that have a solid reputation for presenting original live music and demonstrate best practice in business operations.

**Closing Information**

This program is expected to open on 16 July 2020. Guidelines are yet to be released.

**Location:** VIC

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Creative Victoria

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**Web:** <https://creative.vic.gov.au>





## 5. Premier's Sustainability Awards (Victoria)

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:** 20 Jul 2020

**Opening Date:**

### **Overview:**

These awards aim to recognise and reward Victorians who are leading the way in sustainable innovation and practices across all sectors within Victoria.

In 2020, the Awards comprises 11 categories:

- Built environment
- Community
- Education
- Environmental justice
- Environmental protection
- Environmental volunteering
- Government
- Health
- Innovative products or services
- Large business
- Small and medium enterprises

In addition to the award categories, all finalists are automatically eligible to be selected for the two overall awards, the Premier's Recognition Awards, as chosen by the Hon. Daniel Andrews, Premier of Victoria:

- The Premier's Recognition Award: This award is made to one of the winners of the award categories which, in the Premier's opinion, showcases exemplary innovation in sustainability, and has shown particular leadership and determination in overcoming obstacles.
- The Premier's Regional Recognition Award: This award is made to one of the regional finalists of the award categories which, in the Premier's opinion, has demonstrated notable sustainability benefits for regional Victoria.

Only one entry is accepted per category, however entrants can enter their project into more than one category – provided that the entry meets the eligibility criteria of each category. Entrants will need to create a separate entry for each category.

There is no fee to enter.

The awards presentation will be held in October 2020 in Melbourne.

### **Who Can Apply:**

Eligible entrants include:

- Community: Community groups; individuals; not-for-profit organisations.
- Education: Schools (primary and secondary); universities; TAFEs; higher education institutions; child care centres (CCB approved); registered training organisations (RTOs).
- Environmental justice: Individuals; community groups; businesses; not-for-profit organisations; government.
- Environmental protection: Large business; small to medium enterprises (SMEs); government;



community groups; individuals.

- Environmental volunteering: Volunteer groups or individuals.
- Government: Local governments; Victorian state government departments, agencies and authorities; Federal government departments, agencies and authorities who are Victorian based or where projects and initiatives are specifically undertaken in Victoria.
- Health: Health service organisations; professional associations or unions for the health sector; individual health professionals, such as nurses or doctors; health service providers in the broader community.
- Large business: Business employing more than 200 employees or more (includes both full and part time).
- Small and medium enterprises: Businesses and social enterprises employing less than 200 employees (includes full and part time employees).

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

**Eligible Activities:**

Eligible entries must:

- Built environment: Be built infrastructure and construction projects, including buildings, precincts, services, new builds, renovations and fitouts. Project or stage must be operational or fully completed before end of 2019.
- Community: Demonstrate sustainability and/or climate resilience.
- Education: Be educational programs that contribute to a more sustainable Victoria.
- Environmental justice: Have an emphasis on participatory decision making. Projects should include fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people with respect to development, implementation and activities.
- Environmental protection: Be from organisations that have contributed to the prevention of harm to the environment and human health in Victoria caused by pollution or waste, through new projects, specially developed technology and/or equipment, changes in practices and processes and education programs.
- Environmental volunteering: Be initiatives undertaken by volunteer groups or individuals who have been instrumental in protecting and improving Victoria's environment.
- Government: Be programs or initiatives with environmental sustainability benefits.
- Health: Be projects, programs from individuals or organisations that have actively sought to improve sustainable outcomes in the health sector and community,
- Innovative products or services: Be a new product/service invention; specification or improvement that has led to a more sustainable outcome. Product or service must be available and on the market, not in development phase.
- Large business: Be from Victorian businesses that have achieved outstanding sustainability outcomes including reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.
- Small and medium enterprises: Be from Victorian businesses that have achieved outstanding sustainability outcomes including reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. Initiatives should integrate consideration of environmental, social and economic impacts.

**Assessment Criteria:**

The main assessment criteria include:

- What were the objectives of the initiative?
- How did the entrants implement their initiative? Describe the process and any challenges faced.
- What were the sustainability outcomes and results of the initiative in 2019?
- How did the initiative engage stakeholders and use partnerships to achieve sustainable outcomes?
- How could the initiative be continued or expanded in the future?



**Closing Information**

This program is available annually. Applications must be submitted by 5pm on 20 July 2020.

**Location:** VIC

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Sustainability Victoria

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**Web:** <https://www.sustainabilityawards.vic.gov.au>



## 6. Wine Tourism and Cellar Door Grants Programme

<b>Status:</b>	Open
<b>Closing Date:</b>	30 Sep 2020
<b>Opening Date:</b>	1 Jul 2020
<b>Max Funding:</b>	\$100,000

### Overview:

This programme seeks to support producers who add value by encouraging visitors to wine regions, and thereby encourage wine tourism.

The grant is part of a coordinated suite of measures developed with the Australian wine industry after extensive consultations on reforms to the Wine Equalisation Tax (WET) rebate arrangements. It complements the \$50 million Export and Regional Wine Support Package being implemented by the Australian Grape and Wine Authority (AGWA) from 2016 through to 2020.

Grants of up to \$100,000 (plus GST) are available. Applicants can apply for a grant payment for 29% of the notional wholesale selling price of their domestic rebatable cellar door sales, provided that:

- Such sales are not already used to meet the eligibility threshold of \$1.207 million in rebatable domestic wholesale sales.
- The transaction date for such sales were within the period for which the applicant owned or leased the physical cellar door.
- At least 50% of the rebatable domestic cellar door sales used in the grant application consist of sales from the physical cellar door.
- None of their associated producers have already applied for the grant in the relevant financial year.

Should the total value of all eligible applications exceed \$10 million in any one year, the value of individual grants to applicants will be reduced proportionally and be applied at a consistent rate for all approved applicants, determined by the level of oversubscription.

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

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must:

- Be a wine producer.
- Be a legal entity registered for GST and with an active ABN.
- Have made at least \$1.207 million (GST exclusive) in sales of rebatable wine in the relevant financial year.
- Accrue domestic rebatable cellar door sales in excess of any such sales used to meet the \$1.207 million (GST exclusive) threshold in the relevant financial year.
- Have paid the WET on all eligible sales used as part of the application.
- Have owned or leased a physical cellar door in Australia in the relevant financial year, and/or their related entity/ies have owned or leased a physical cellar door in Australia in the relevant financial year.
- Have a liquor licence valid in the relevant financial year.

### Closing Information

This program is available annually. Applications must be submitted by 5pm on 30 September 2020.



**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Australian Grape and Wine Authority (AGWA)

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**Web:** <http://www.agriculture.gov.au>



## 7. Sports and Recreation Victoria – Significant Sporting Events Program

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:** 30 Jun 2022

**Opening Date:**

**Max Funding:** \$150,000

### Overview:

This program aims to assist sporting, community and event organisations to deliver significant sporting events in Victoria.

There are three funding streams available:

#### 1. Event Assistance

- For event organisers seeking funding support to assist with the general operational costs associated with hosting events.
- Grants of up to \$20,000 are available.

#### 2. Event Development Grants

- For developing or expanding events, or for events seeking funding to assist with high operational costs (typically more than \$200,000).
- Grants of up to \$150,000 are available.

#### 3. Strategic Event Planning Grants

- Aims to develop strategic event plans that seek to identify future events that could be hosted in Victoria and the requirements for doing so.
- Grants of up to \$20,000 are available.

Higher grant amounts may be available and will be considered on a case by case basis.

The funding round dates are:

- Round 1: 1 July to 31 August
- Round 2: 1 September to 31 October
- Round 3: 1 November to 31 December
- Round 4: 1 January to 29 February
- Round 5: 1 March to 30 April
- Round 6: 1 May to 30 June

Applications must be submitted at least six months prior to the event.

Applicants must discuss their event proposal with the Events Unit of Sport and Recreation Victoria prior to submitting their application.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include:

- National sporting organisations
- State sporting associations
- Regional sports assemblies
- Local government authorities
- Sport conference organisers



- Local sporting clubs and associations
- Private event organisations
- Not for profit organisations
- Venues

**Eligible Activities:**

Eligible events include, but are not limited to:

- International or national open/youth/masters events
- One-off international or national sporting matches
- Sports conferences/sports forums

**Assessment Criteria:**

The main assessment criteria include:

- Sport development benefits
- Strategic alignment/government priorities
- Participation, visitation and economic benefit

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

**Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 30 June 2022 with six funding rounds each year. Please see the Overview for the closing details.

**Location:** VIC

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Sport and Recreation Victoria  
**Ph:** 0390969864  
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**Web:** <https://sport.vic.gov.au>



## 8. Register of Solar Water Heaters

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:** 31 Jul 2020

**Opening Date:** 1 Jul 2020

### Overview:

The register of solar water heaters is a list of the solar water heaters and air source heat pumps that are eligible under the Small-scale Renewable Energy Scheme (SRES).

Under the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Regulations 2001, the register of solar water heaters contains information about each solar water heater and air source heat pump model that is eligible for small-scale technology certificates (STCs). The number of STCs a particular model is entitled to will depend on its installation date and geographic location.

To determine how many small-scale technology certificates a hot water system may be entitled to, applicants must use the method developed by the Clean Energy Regulator, which is outlined in the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Regulations legislative instrument.

Based on this method, the Clean Energy Regulator has published template deck files to assist manufacturers with product modelling process. The Clean Energy Regulator will not accept calculations based on other methodologies.

The number of small-scale certificates a system is eligible for is based on the life of the system – current deemed at ten years.

The 2020 application dates are:

- Version 40: Opened 2 March and closed 1 April 2020
- Version 41: Opened 1 July and closes 31 July 2020
- Version 42: Opens 12 October and closes 11 November 2020

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include solar water heater manufacturers.

Please refer to the website or contact the program administrator for the complete eligibility requirements.

### Eligible Activities:

Eligible solar water heaters includes:

- Air source heat pumps with a volumetric capacity of no more than 425 L.
- Solar water heater models with a capacity of:
  - a) Less than 700 L (mostly domestic models).
  - b) More than 700 L (mostly commercial models).

To be listed on the register, all solar water heaters and air source heat pumps must be certified to Australian and New Zealand Standard 2712:2007. Compliance with the standard must be demonstrated by providing the Clean Energy Regulator with an Australian and New Zealand Standard 2712:2007 licensing schedule that identifies all of the models they wish to have listed on the register.





The Clean Energy Regulator will not accept submissions for products that do not have Australian and New Zealand Standard 2712:2007 certification. All models submitted must be certified by the application closing date or the submission will not be accepted. The Clean Energy Regulator strongly recommends manufacturers speak with their conformity assessment body well in advance of the application closing date.

**Closing Information**

This program has multiple application rounds per year. Please see the Overview for the closing details.

**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

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



## 9. Global Innovation Strategy

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

### **Overview:**

This programme aims to improve Australia's international innovation and science collaboration.

The programme is comprised of the following initiatives:

#### 1. Landing Pads

- Designed to provide market-ready startups with a short-term (90 day) operational base located in one of five global innovation hotspots.
- Five Landing Pads will be established. San Francisco and Tel Aviv are operational with, Berlin, Shanghai and Singapore to be launched soon.
- A total funding pool of \$11.2 million is allocated for this initiative.
- Applications are still accepted for future participation in Landing Pad programs in Berlin, San Francisco, Shanghai, Singapore and Tel Aviv.

#### 2. Global Connections Fund

- Aims to enable Australian small-to-medium enterprises (SMEs) and researchers to explore collaboration projects with international partners in industries of strategic growth in Australia.
- There are two types of grants under the Fund:
  - a) Priming Grants are small grants of around \$7,000 to enable Australian SMEs and Australian researchers to meet and collaborate with international partners to further develop their ideas. Application opened 5 February and closed 19 February 2018. There will be no Priming Grant round in 2019.
  - b) Bridging Grants are follow-on grants of up to \$50,000 designed as seed funding capital to enable viable projects to grow in scope and scale, test commercialisation and proof-of-concept activities. Application opened 3 June and closed 17 June 2019, 5pm AEST.
- A total funding pool of \$4.9 million is allocated for this Fund.

#### 3. Global Innovation Linkages Programme

- Seeks to assist Australian businesses and researchers to collaborate with global partners on strategically focused, leading-edge research and development projects.
- A total funding pool of \$16.5 million, with up to \$1 million per grant over a maximum of four years is available.
- Available biennially. Current round closed on 14 November 2018, 5pm AEDT.

#### 4. Regional Collaborations Programme

- Aims to build strong regional linkages in the Asia-Pacific by funding multi-partner activities that facilitate greater science, research and innovation collaboration in delivering innovative solutions to shared regional challenges.
- A total funding pool of \$3.2 million is available.
- The closing dates are:
  - a) Round 1: 16 January 2017
  - b) Round 2: 30 November 2018

A total funding pool of \$36 million is available over four years.



**Who Can Apply:**

Please refer to the individual sub-programmes for the specific eligibility requirements.

**Eligible Activities:**

Please refer to the individual sub-programmes for the specific eligible activities.

**Assessment Criteria:**

Please refer to the individual sub-programmes for the specific assessment criteria.

**Closing Information**

Please see the Overview for the closing details.

**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Department of Industry, Innovation and Science

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## 10. Export Market Development Grants (EMDG)

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:** 30 Nov 2020

**Opening Date:** 1 Jul 2020

**Max Funding:** \$150,000

### Overview:

This program aims to encourage businesses to increase international marketing and promotion expenditure to achieve more sustainable international sales. The program is a key Australian Government financial assistance program for small to medium aspiring and growing export-ready businesses.

The scheme reimburses up to 50% of eligible export promotion expenses above \$5,000 provided that the total expenses are at least \$15,000. It supports eight categories of promotional activities, including:

- Overseas representatives (up to \$200,000)
- Marketing consultants (up to \$50,000)
- Marketing visits (65% of first-class airfares and an allowance of \$350 per day, capped at 21 days)
- Free samples (up to \$15,000)
- IP registration and related insurance (up to \$50,000)
- Trade fairs, seminars, in-store promotions
- Promotional literature and advertising
- Overseas buyers (a total of \$7,500 per buyer per visit, totalling \$45,000 per application)

Each applicant may receive a grant of up to \$150,000 per application (subject to available funds), to a maximum of eight annual grants. GST will not apply to EMDG grants.

Members of related company groups may apply individually. The maximum payable to a group of related companies in total is \$250,000 per year.

Grants will be paid under a split-payment system which will be paid in two rounds:

- Round 1: An initial payment of grant entitlements up to the initial payment ceiling amount.
- Round 2: A second-tranche payment of grant entitlements above the initial payment ceiling amount (subject to available funds).

Applicants must complete and submit their online application, including all required documents, between 1 July and 30 November 2020, or use an approved EMDG Quality Incentive Program (QIP) Consultant who can lodge a claim on their behalf until 2 March 2021.

A total funding pool of \$137.9 million is available annually.

On 1 April 2020, the Federal Government announced an increase in funding for this scheme by \$49.8 million in the 2019-20 financial year. This supplements the additional \$60 million already committed by the Government, and brings EMDG funding to its highest level in more than 20 years at \$207.7 million for the 2019-20 financial year.

### Who Can Apply:



Eligible applicants include any Australian individual, partnership, company, association, co-operative, statutory corporation or trust carrying on business in Australia that must have:

- Income of not more than \$50 million in the grant year.
- Incurred at least \$15,000 of eligible expenses under the scheme (first-time applicants can combine two years expenses).
- Principal status for the export business (some exceptions apply, such as non-profit export-focused industry bodies).
- Promoted one of the following:
  - a) The export of goods or most services
  - b) Inbound tourism
  - c) The export of intellectual property and know-how
  - d) Conferences and events held in Australia

Certain organisations and groups, who would not otherwise be eligible to apply for a grant under the general provisions of the EMDG Act can obtain approved status to enable them to apply for a grant in their own right. The two categories of approved status available are:

- Approved Body: An export-focused peak industry association promoting on behalf of its industry.
- Joint Venture: A group of small to medium Australian businesses cooperating in a joint venture-style marketing arrangement.

Please refer to the Eligibility Checklist for the complete eligibility requirements.

**Eligible Activities:**

Eligible products must be one of the following:

- A good made in Australia.
- A good made outside Australia where Australia will derive a significant net benefit from its sale overseas.
- A service except those specified as ineligible in the EMDG Regulations.
- A tourism service (including accommodation, passenger transport or tours).
- A conference or event held in Australia.
- A event held in Australia.
- An intellectual property right that mainly resulted from work done in Australia.
- A trade mark first used in Australia, or which has significantly increased in value from its use in Australia.
- Know-how that mainly resulted from work done in Australia.

Please refer to EMDG in Brief for the list of ineligible expenses and exports.

**Closing Information**

This program is available annually with rounds opening in 1 July each year.

**Location:** National Overseas

**Provided By:**

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## 11. Australian Research Data Commons – Australian Data Partnerships Program

<b>Status:</b>	Open
<b>Closing Date:</b>	31 Jul 2020
<b>Opening Date:</b>	7 Jul 2020
<b>Max Funding:</b>	\$500,000

### Overview:

This program aims to support the establishment and development of national level data assets where the centripetal force of a competitive and uncoordinated research market impedes the emergence of national scale data assets. It is one of six programs in the National Data Assets initiative which aims to establish or develop national scale data assets to support leading edge research.

The underpinning assumption of this program of work is that collections of data can be national research infrastructure when they:

- Support leading edge research (publications, impact, science priorities, etc).
- Are national (not institutional) in scale, that is:
  - a) Have data contributed by multiple organisations
  - b) Have data consumed by researchers, policy makers, industry, NGOs from multiple organisations
  - c) Have governance arrangements over the data that include multiple organisations.

Funding of up to \$500,000 is available for over two and a half years.

The ARDC recognises that the COVID-19 situation has placed financial constraints on many organisations, which are restricting the funds available for infrastructure projects. To assist in the continued development of e-research infrastructure, 1:1 matching co-investment will not be mandatory for this Australia Data Partnerships Open Call; however, the level of co-investment will form part of the proposal evaluation criteria.

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

The application is a two-stage process:

- Expression of interest: Opened 7 July and closes 31 July 2020
- Request for proposal (by invitation): Opens 1 September and closes 18 September 2020

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include Australian organisations who have legal entity status.

### Eligible Activities:

Eligible projects must:

- Aim to increase the quality and quantity of national data assets for research.
- Establish new or improve existing data collections.

Eligible project activities include:

- Identification and documentation of the research purpose and target research community of the



collection.

- Improvements to (appropriate to that purpose and community):

a) Data quality

b) Data coverage

c) Data standards

d) Discoverability and usability

e) Access arrangements

- Consensus building for adoption and implementation of the above improvements.

- Developing:

a) Data deposit/capture workflows

b) Data processing and curation pipelines

c) Interfaces to tools and platforms

- Formalising data asset

a) Policy statements

b) Governance arrangements

c) Operations and business models

#### **Assessment Criteria:**

The main assessment criteria include:

- The proposed national data asset supports leading-edge research.

- The proposed national data asset has a pathway to long-term impact, for example research efficiency, environmental, economic and social impacts.

- Project partners co-invest in the project.

#### **Closing Information**

This program is available annually. Please see the Overview for the closing details.

**Location:** National

#### **Provided By:**

**Name:** Australian Research Data Commons

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**Web:** <https://ardc.edu.au>



## 12. Falling Walls Lab Australia

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:** 20 Jul 2020

**Opening Date:**

### Overview:

This program aims to promote interdisciplinary connections between aspiring academics, innovators, entrepreneurs, investors and professionals, known for their excellent work.

Falling Walls Lab Australia will be held on 8 September 2020. The event will be in a virtual format. 20 Australian contestants will be invited to participate in the challenge, each giving a three-minute presentation on their research, business model or initiative based on the 'Which walls will fall next?' concept.

A Lab will also be held in Queensland in August, hosted by Study Queensland, for applicants within that state. The finalists for this Lab will be automatically accepted into the Canberra Lab to compete for a place in the Berlin Finale.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible candidates must:

- Not be a previous presenter at any Falling Walls Lab.
- Be an Australian citizen, an Australian permanent resident or hold a valid Australian student or working visa.
- Be based in Australia at the time of application and at the time of the Falling Walls events in Canberra and Berlin.
- Be 18 years of age or over.
- Hold a passport valid for travel up until April 2021.
- Have fulfilled at least one of the following formal requirements:
  - a) Currently enrolled in university and/or are currently a postdoc.
  - b) Received a Bachelor's degree no more than ten years before the date of application.
  - c) Received a Master's degree no more than seven years before the date of application.
  - d) Received a PhD no more than five years before the date of application.

An MD (excluding a doctoral dissertation) will be considered equivalent to a master's degree.

An MD (medical degree excluding a doctoral dissertation) is considered equivalent to a Master's degree. A Dr. med. (medical degree including a doctoral dissertation) is considered equivalent to a PhD.

### Eligible Activities:

Eligible research must be in any field of the natural sciences, including technology, engineering and medicine, or social sciences and the humanities.

### Closing Information

This program is available annually. Applications must be submitted by 5pm on 20 July 2020.

**Location:** National





**Provided By:**

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**Web:** https://www.science.org.au



### 13.Rural Finance – Wine Grape Testing Rebate

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:** 31 Oct 2020

**Opening Date:**

**Max Funding:** \$1,200

**Overview:**

This program aims to assist Victorian wine grape growers establish the extent and impact of smoke exposure from the 2019-20 bushfires on the 2020 vintage.

The objectives of the program are to support:

- Victorian wine grape growers with access to information about the impacts of possible smoke exposure on grapes grown in the 2019-20 growing season.
- Grape growers to make sound, evidence-based decisions about the harvesting and handling of grapes that have been potentially exposed to bushfire smoke.

Rebates of up to \$1,200 are available to Victorian wine grape growers on samples submitted for smoke testing between 1 January 2020 and 30 April 2020. One rebate will be offered per business.

Applicants who both grow their own grapes and buy in grapes may claim a rebate only for testing of their own grapes.

Applicants are required to pay for the smoke testing, before applying for the rebate.

**Who Can Apply:**

Eligible applicants must:

- Be the owner, operator or share farmer of a Victorian business producing wine grapes.
- Own or operate a vineyard located in Victoria.
- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Demonstrate that grapes or juice were submitted for analysis between 1 January 2020 and 30 April 2020.

Regional Wine Association or winery or company that can demonstrate that it has paid for testing on behalf of growers who meet the above criteria are also eligible to apply.

Applicants should provide their Property Identification Code (PIC) where they have one. Applicants who don't have a PIC are strongly encouraged to obtain one from Agriculture Victoria (<https://pic.agriculture.vic.gov.au/>) as vineyards are required to have a PIC for biosecurity purposes.

**Eligible Activities:**

Eligible activities include the testing of samples of whole wine grapes, fresh grape juice or fermented grape juice for the effects of smoke exposure. Only samples of grapes or juice from grapes grown by the applicant are eligible.

Samples may be submitted to either of the commercial analytical laboratories in Australia offering analysis of smoke-related compounds in grapes and wine – the Australian Wine Research Institute (South Australia) and/or Vintessential Laboratories (Victoria).



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

**Closing Information**

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

**Location:** VIC

**Provided By:**

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## 14. Energy Efficient Communities Program – Business Stream

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

**Max Funding:** \$20,000

### Overview:

This program seeks to assist businesses and community organisations to improve energy efficiency practices and technologies and better manage energy consumption to reduce their power bills.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Improve energy efficiency practices.
- Increase the uptake of energy efficient technologies.

The business stream will be delivered through three separate grant opportunities:

#### 1. Dairy Farming Business Grants

- Aims to improve energy efficiency, reduce energy costs and lower on-farm emissions.
- A total funding pool of \$10 million is available over two years from 2020-21 to 2021-22.
- Application opened 22 June 2020 and close 17 August 2020.

#### 2. Small Business Grants

- Aims to improve their energy efficiency.
- A total funding pool of \$9.06 million is available over two years from 2020-21 to 2021-22.
- Applications opened 6 July 2020 and close on 26 August 2020.

#### 3. High Energy Using Business Grants

- Applications will be open shortly.

Grants of up to 100% of eligible project expenditure (grant percentage) are available, with a minimum amount of \$5,000 and a maximum amount of \$20,000.

A total funding pool of \$40 million is available over four years for the program.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must:

#### 1. Dairy Farming Business Grants

- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN)
- Be licensed to operate a dairy cow farming business in Australia.
- Be located in one of the following States:

- a) Tasmania
- b) Victoria
- c) South Australia
- d) Western Australia
- e) Queensland
- f) New South Wales

- Be one of the following entities:



- a) A company incorporated in Australia
- b) A co-operative
- c) An incorporated trustee on behalf of a trust
- d) A partnership
- e) A sole trader

## 2. Small Business Grants

- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Have an annual turnover of less than \$10 million based on Business Activity Statements from the previous 12 months.
- Be one of the following entities:
  - a) A company incorporated in Australia
  - b) A co-operative
  - c) A partnership
  - d) A sole trader

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

### **Eligible Activities:**

Eligible projects must:

- Be aimed at reducing energy consumption of their dairy farming business.
- Have at least \$5,000 in eligible expenditure.

Eligible activities include:

- Replacing existing equipment with higher efficiency equipment
- Installing or replacing a component to help an existing system run more efficiently
- Energy audits
- Investment feasibility studies for energy efficiency upgrades
- Monitoring of energy consumption and emissions

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

### **Closing Information**

This program is available in multiple rounds. Please see the Overview for the closing details.

**Location:** NSW QLD SA TAS VIC WA

### **Provided By:**

**Name:** Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources  
**Ph:** 132846  
**Web:** <https://www.energy.gov.au>



## 15. Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program (Aaip) – Employer Incentives

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

### Overview:

This program aims to provide financial assistance to Australian employers to help with hiring and training an apprentice. The objective of the program is to contribute to the development of a highly skilled and relevant Australian workforce that supports economic sustainability and competitiveness.

Employers who hire an apprentice may be eligible to receive incentives, subject to eligibility criteria, waiting periods and time limits. Wages for Australian apprentices depend on many factors including:

- Age of the apprentice
- Year of training
- Type of qualification
- Industry or occupation

Employer incentives available are:

#### 1. Payments available at commencement

- Commencement incentive: \$1,250 for Australian Apprenticeships leading to a Certificate II qualification; or \$1,500 for Australian Apprenticeships leading to a Certificate III, IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma qualification.
- Declared drought area commencement incentive: \$1,500
- Rural and regional skills shortage incentive: \$1,000
- Mature aged worker commencement incentive: \$750
- Australian school-based apprenticeship commencement incentive: \$750
- Additional identified skills shortage commencement incentive: \$2,000

#### 2. Payments available for retention

- Australian school-based apprenticeship retention incentive: \$750

#### 3. Payments available at recommencement

- Recommencement incentive: \$750

#### 4. Payments available at completion

- Completion incentive
  - a) New workers: \$2,500 for Australian Apprenticeships leading to a Certificate III, IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma qualification.
  - b) Existing workers: \$2,500 for Australian Apprenticeships leading to a Certificate III or IV qualification in an occupation listed on the NSNL; \$3,000 for Australian Apprenticeships leading to a Certificate III, IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma qualification in a Priority Occupation.
  - c) Part-time workers: \$1,500 for Australian Apprenticeships leading to a Certificate III or IV qualification.
- Declared drought area completion incentive: \$1,500
- Mature aged worker completion incentive: \$750
- GTO Certificate II completion incentive: \$1,000
- Additional identified skills shortage completion incentive: \$2,000



5. Support for adult Australian apprentices: \$4,000

Employers who are ready to employ an apprentice may contact an Australian Apprenticeship Support Network (Apprenticeship Network) provider. Apprenticeship Network providers give advice and help with recruiting, training and retaining Australian Apprentices.

From 1 July 2020 the Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program (AAIP) will be replaced with a new, simplified and streamlined incentives program for employers of apprentices and trainees, the Incentives for Australian Apprenticeships (IAA). However, due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on employers of Australian Apprentices, the Government has revised the implementation schedule of the IAA. The IAA will now commence from 1 January 2021.

**Who Can Apply:**

Eligible applicants include Australian employers.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the specific applicant eligibility requirements of each type of incentive.

**Eligible Activities:**

Eligible activities include employing an Australian apprentice:

- Part-time
- Full-time
- While they are still at school

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

**Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Department of Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business

**Ph:** 1300488064

**Web:** <https://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au>



## 16.COVID-19 VIC: Business, Non-Profits – Surf Coast Shire Council COVID-19 Recovery Assistance Grants

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

### **Overview:**

This program aims to assist groups, businesses or organisations affected by the COVID-19 pandemic to aid recovery and benefit the Surf Coast Shire community.

The program can support initiatives in two focus areas:

- Business support initiatives: These can be Council-led and delivered or business sector/trader organisation-led and delivered initiatives.
- Community support initiatives: These can be Council-led and delivered or community-led and delivered initiatives.

Grants available are:

- Major: No upper limit. Applications need to be received a month before the next Council meeting or decision.
- Rapid response: Up to \$5,000. This is open on an ongoing basis.

A total funding pool of \$1 million is available in 2020-21.

Applicants must speak to the program administrator before submitting an application.

### **Who Can Apply:**

Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:

- The organisation's initiative is:
  - a) Within Surf Coast Shire and will specifically benefit impacted residents, businesses or industry sectors of Surf Coast Shire.
  - b) Able to demonstrate the initiative addresses a need as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The organisation is either:
  - a) An incorporated, not-for profit organisation or commercial organisation.
  - b) An unincorporated, not-for-profit organisation with an auspice arrangement with an incorporated, not-for profit organisation.
  - c) An organisation with an ABN or have an auspice arrangement (the initiative must not be for an individual).
- The organisation is a regional organisation with a clear link to the Surf Coast Shire.
- The organisation's initiative may include other municipalities, but must have a dominant and/or distinct component in Surf Coast Shire.
- The organisation's initiative meets and addresses the assessment criteria outlined in the Guidelines.
- The organisation has spoken to the Community Support Team or Business Support Team prior to submitting an application.

### **Assessment Criteria:**

The main assessment criteria include:

1. Business support initiatives





- Benefits heavily impacted sectors in recovery.
- Provides broad industry support in a recognised area of need.
- Facilitates broad scale job outcomes during recovery.
- Stimulates economic expenditure in the Surf Coast (business to business – resident to business).
- Markets Surf Coast Shire and stimulates length of stay and visitor expenditure.
- Assists impacted sectors to transition services caused by COVID- 19 impacts.
- Creates long term industry sector benefits.
- Is a regional initiative that has clear benefits for the Surf Coast Shire.

## 2. Community support initiatives

- Builds and strengthens community connections.
- Benefits a broad range of community, with a specific focus on those experiencing disadvantage.
- Supports and enhances community leadership.
- Improves health and wellbeing of communities paying particular attention to mental health.
- Supports creative responses in recovery.

### **Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** VIC

#### **Provided By:**

**Name:** Surf Coast Shire Council  
**Ph:** 0352610600  
**Email:** ggibson@surfcoast.vic.gov.au  
**Web:** <https://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au>



## 17. Employer Support Payment Scheme (ESPS)

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

### **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 2019-20 payment rate is \$1,604.90 per week and the FY 2020-21 is \$1,658.70 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.

As of the 27th March 2020 myGovID and Relationship Authority Manager (RAM) will replace AUSkey and Manage ABN Connections (their myGov account connected to their ABN). From this date, they will need to use myGovID and RAM to access the employer Support Payment Scheme (ESPS) Online Claim System. Please note that myGov is different to myGovID.

### **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.

**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Department of Defence

**Ph:** 1800001696

**Email:** esp@defence.gov.au

**Web:** <https://www.defencereservessupport.gov.au>



## 18. Drought and Rural Assistance – Taxation Measures (Australian Taxation Office)

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

### Overview:

This program aims to deliver a number of tax assistance measures for farming families, businesses and rural communities. It seeks to help drought-affected individuals and businesses across regional, rural and metropolitan areas to manage their tax.

The Australian Taxation Office can help people affected by drought and other natural disasters with:

- More time to pay
- Waiving penalties or interest charged at a time they are affected by drought
- Payment plans with interest free periods
- Adjusting pay as you go (PAYG) instalments to better suit their circumstances
- Tax incentives for primary producers

Assistance available include:

- Instant asset write-off
- Immediate deductions for fodder storage assets
- Income tax averaging
- For drought-affected primary producers:
  - a) Profit from the forced disposal or death of livestock
  - b) Proceeds from double wool clips
  - c) Insurance recoveries

In special circumstances, the Commissioner for Taxation may release individuals from payment of income tax, fringe benefits taxes and some other taxes where it is shown that payment would cause serious hardship. The Tax Office will look at circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

There are also a number of other tax concessions available to primary producers, regardless of their location or if they are in hardship, that can be broadly classified as:

- Tax offsets which primary producers, given their highly variable income streams and remote location, can use to lessen their tax burden.
- Tax deductions relating to expenses that directly facilitate earning income and reduces assessable income.
- Tax concessions relating to a variety of assistance measures for individuals such as deferrals of tax liability that can help to reduce an individual's assessable income in the current financial year.

For further information on these measures contact the Australian Taxation Office.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include drought-affected individuals and businesses across regional, rural and metropolitan areas.

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.



**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Australian Taxation Office

**Ph:** 132866

**Web:** <http://www.agriculture.gov.au>



## 19.COVID-19 National: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – IRGP Australia-Indonesia Institute (All) COVID-19 Special Grants Round

<b>Status:</b>	Open
<b>Closing Date:</b>	5 Aug 2020
<b>Opening Date:</b>	11 Jun 2020
<b>Max Funding:</b>	\$50,000

### Overview:

This program aims to support continuity in people-to-people and institutional engagement between Australia and Indonesia during and following the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, when restrictions on travel and social distancing will limit opportunities for face-to-face engagement and inward and outbound visits.

This grant opportunity is a special round under the IRGP Australia-Indonesia Institute (All) which will target online and other activities or forms of engagement that help bring people together through virtual means and build cross-cultural linkages, but do not require travel and are consistent with government restrictions in response to COVID-19.

The round will also prioritise applications that directly contribute to the priority needs of Southeast Asian countries during and immediately following the COVID-19 pandemic.

Grants between \$10,000 and \$50,000 are available. Co-contributions from the applicant and other parties strengthen the application.

A total funding pool of \$300,000 is available in 2020-21 for this grant opportunity, subject to appropriation.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must be one of the following entity types:

- An Australian entity with an Australian Business Number (ABN), Australian Company Number (ACN), or Indigenous Corporation Number (ICN).
- An Australian consortium with a lead organisation.
- An Australian registered charity or not-for-profit organisation.
- An Australian local government body.
- An Australian State/Territory government body.
- A corporate Commonwealth entity.
- An Australian statutory authority.
- Be an Australian or permanent resident of Australia.
- Be a citizen or organisation from Indonesia.
- Be a well-established organisation in Indonesia with a business purpose to advocate for Australian business, education and/or cultural interests.
- Be willing to provide or develop child protection guidelines for the project if it involves people under the age of 18 years.

Applications from consortia are acceptable, provided they have a lead applicant who is the main driver of the project and is eligible as per the list above.



Individuals who intend the grant to be administered by a university should apply on behalf of the university (i.e. the university is the applicant).

**Eligible Activities:**

Eligible activities/costs include:

- Online or remote communication activities.
- Research, excluding salaries.
- Communication and translation.
- Advertising and promotion, graphic design, photography and printed material.
- Production costs, including freight and artists' wages.

Only one participant per conference or meeting and only where the participant is a principal speaker and the subject of the conference is of direct relevance to the grant opportunity (in line with current Australian Government medical advice on COVID-19 restrictions).

For activities delivered in Australia, applicants are encouraged to consider the use of an Indigenous supplier, if they intend to subcontract any of the services above.

**Assessment Criteria:**

The main assessment criteria include:

- The proposal has clearly defined objectives consistent with one or more of the Australia-Indonesia Institute's strategic objectives.
- The proposal is achievable in the context of travel, government and social distancing restrictions in place in Australia and/or Indonesia at the date of close of applications.
- The proposal will support continuity in people-to-people and institutional engagement between Australia and Indonesia during the COVID-19 pandemic or further advance Australia's own ability to assist these countries.
- The proposal offers prospects for ongoing self-sustaining activity in the area/s of health, science, education, economic resilience, social cohesion, trade and investment, interfaith dialogue, contemporary arts and culture, youth, gender and women's empowerment, and disability; and represents value for money.

**Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 5 August 2020, 3pm.

**Location:** National Overseas

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
**Ph:** 0262613821  
**Email:** [ausindonesia.institute@dfat.gov.au](mailto:ausindonesia.institute@dfat.gov.au)  
**Web:** <https://www.dfat.gov.au>



## 20. Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) – Australian Brain Cancer Mission

<b>Status:</b>	Open
<b>Closing Date:</b>	20 Oct 2020
<b>Opening Date:</b>	1 Jul 2020
<b>Max Funding:</b>	\$3,000,000

### Overview:

This program aims to achieve increased patient survival, quality of life and care experiences, increased and equitable access and participation in clinical trials, expanded research platforms and technologies, and increased researcher capacity and excellence. It forms part of the \$20 billion Medical Research Future Fund which provides a sustainable source of funding for vital medical research over the medium to longer term.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Increase patient survival, quality of life and care experience.
- Increase and equitable access and participation in clinical trials.
- Expand research platforms and technologies.
- Increase researcher capacity and excellence.

The 2020 grant opportunity is Brain Cancer Survivorship. The objective of this grant opportunity is to support the development of new approaches and the use of technologies to improve communications between brain cancer survivors, their families, carers and health care professionals and understand how information technologies and platforms can be used to support people with brain cancer, their families and carers, and their impact on the physical, psychosocial and economic sequelae of a brain cancer diagnosis.

The grant amount will be up to 100% of eligible project costs. There is no maximum grant amount but grants cannot exceed the amount of available funds. For this grant opportunity, up to \$3 million is available over three years, allocated as follows:

- \$1 million in 2020-21
- \$1 million in 2021-22
- \$1 million in 2022-23

A total funding pool of \$131.15 million is available over ten years from 2019-20 to 2027-28, which includes \$58.35 million from the Australian Government's Medical Research Future Fund, and donations from funding partners.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must:

- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Be incorporated in Australia and in accordance with s20 and s24 of the MRFF Act 2015.
- 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)
  - e) A State or Territory government





f) A State or Territory government entity

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

**Eligible Activities:**

Eligible survivorship research must be focused on children, adolescents and young adults, or adults with malignant brain cancer, their families or carers. Areas of focus may include:

- Research into new educational and communication methods and approaches, including special approaches and considerations for underserved and at-risk populations.
- Research on new methods and strategies to disseminate cancer information/innovation to healthcare providers (e.g., web-based information, telemedicine, smartphone apps etc.) and the effectiveness of these approaches.
- Research on new communication processes and/or methods and information technologies with the health care system and the effectiveness of these approaches.

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

**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 annually. Applications must be submitted by 5pm on 20 October 2020.

**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Department of Industry, Innovation and Science  
**Ph:** 132846  
**Email:** MRFF@industry.gov.au  
**Web:** <https://www.health.gov.au>



## 21. Tradex Scheme

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

### **Overview:**

This scheme aims to provide an up-front exemption from customs duty and GST for eligible imported goods that are to be subsequently exported.

The scheme offers an alternative to the duty drawback arrangements under the Customs Act 19013. It is intended to provide benefits for the same kinds of goods that are covered by the drawback arrangements.

The kinds of imported goods covered by Tradex include those that are:

- Exported without mixing with other goods (e.g. exported in the same condition as imported, or exported having undergone processing or treatment that does not involve any mixing with other goods).
- Mixed with other goods and subjected to a process or treatment, after importation, and then exported.
- Incorporated in other goods after importation and then exported.
- Otherwise mixed with other goods (e.g. simple assembly with other components or the incorporation of other goods in the imported goods) and then exported.

Export may be carried out by the importer or a third party, but must occur within 12 months of the time of import.

### **Who Can Apply:**

Eligible applicants include:

- Individual
- Incorporated company
- Partnership
- Incorporated association
- Other kind of body corporate

Eligible applicants must:

- Intend to import nominated goods that are to be subsequently exported.
- Meet the requirements of the Tradex Regulations in relation to the nominated goods.
- Demonstrate that the nominated goods will be exported within one year after entry into home consumption, unless an extension of time is approved.
- Have adequate record-keeping and accounting systems in place in respect of the nominated goods to track them until they are exported (these records must be retained in accordance with the Act).

Unincorporated entities are not eligible to apply.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

### **Eligible Activities:**



Eligible (nominated) goods are the imported goods specified in the application for a Tradex order and can be any goods, with the following exceptions:

- Goods intended for sale in an establishment that offers goods for sale free of duties of Customs and other taxes.

- Goods which, if they were produced in Australia, would be subject to duties of excise or to another tax that is declared by the regulations to be a tax to which the legislation applies.

There is no limit to the number of nominated goods listed in the Tradex order.

**Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

**Name:** AusIndustry

**Ph:** 132846

**Email:** <http://www.business.gov.au/contact-us/Pages/email-us.aspx>

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



## 22. Australian Research Council – Linkage Projects

<b>Status:</b>	Open
<b>Closing Date:</b>	1 Dec 2020
<b>Opening Date:</b>	20 Dec 2019
<b>Max Funding:</b>	\$300,000

### Overview:

This program seeks to support projects which initiate or develop long term strategic research alliances to apply advanced knowledge to problems, acquire new knowledge and as a basis for securing commercial and other benefits of research.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Support the development of long-term strategic research alliances between higher education organisations and industry and other research end-users, in order to apply advanced knowledge to problems.
- Provide opportunities for internationally competitive research projects to be conducted in collaboration with organisations outside the higher education sector.
- Enhance the scale and focus of research in Australian Government priority areas.

Grants between \$50,000 and \$300,000 are available per year, for up to two to five consecutive years.

The combined partner organisation eligible cash contribution must be at least 25% of the total funding requested.

The key dates are:

- Applications open: 20 December 2019
- Applications close: 1 December 2020
- Request not to assess close: To be confirmed
- Rejoinders: To be confirmed

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include those that are listed in Table 2 in the Guidelines.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

### Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities are those that directly support a research project, including:

- Access to national and international research and infrastructure facilities including specialist archives, collections and databases.
- Access to technical workshop services linked to and justified explicitly against the project.
- Expenditure on field research essential to the project, including technical and logistical support, and travel and accommodation costs, for CIs, PIs, higher degree by research candidates, postdoctoral fellows and research support personnel.
- Expert services of a third party if the services are deemed to be directly related to and necessary for the proposed project.



Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete list of eligible/ineligible budget items.

**Assessment Criteria:**

The main assessment criteria include:

- Investigator(s)/capability (25%)
- Project quality and innovation (25%)
- Feasibility and commitment (20%)
- Benefit (30%)

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

**Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 1 December 2020 or until funds are exhausted, whichever comes first.

**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Australian Research Council (ARC)

**Ph:** 0262876600

**Email:** [arc-ncgp@arc.gov.au](mailto:arc-ncgp@arc.gov.au)

**Web:** <https://www.arc.gov.au>



## 23.COVID-19 National: Business, Non-Profits – Regional Airlines Funding Assistance

<b>Status:</b>	Open
<b>Closing Date:</b>	1 Dec 2020
<b>Opening Date:</b>	1 Apr 2020
<b>Max Funding:</b>	\$5,000,000

### 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.

Funding is available until 31 December 2020, but applications will close on 1 December 2020.

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 until 1 December 2020.

**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

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

**Email:** [COVIDrafa@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:COVIDrafa@infrastructure.gov.au)

**Web:** <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au>



## 24. Access Program

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

**Overview:**

This program aims to offer facilities, export-related assistance and in-country expertise to Victorian company representatives visiting overseas markets. It gives Victorian organisations a key advantage and leverages its ability to understand the inside culture of a new country market.

The program aims to help Victorian companies to:

- Forge new relationships with partners
- Market their products more effectively
- Set up an operation in the region

Free overseas facilities and advice for the first two weeks and for a reduced rate thereafter of USD250 per month for up to three months is available.

Victorian companies wishing to use the program must receive approval from the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR). Bookings should be made in advance. The program is available on a 'first-come first-served' basis.

**Who Can Apply:**

Eligible applicants include Victorian businesses planning to establish new export markets in key countries and regions, as follows:

- USA
- Japan
- South Korea
- Middle East, North Africa and Turkey
- China
- Hong Kong
- India
- South East Asia

Businesses should have an export strategy prior to applying.

**Eligible Activities:**

Victorian businesses visiting VGTIs to identify export opportunities in the regions may be eligible to use the following VGTIs services:

- Market intelligence
- Strategies for market entry
- Cultural training
- Introductions and networking
- Agent identification
- Product/service evaluation
- Initial market research
- Logistical support





**Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** VIC

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Trade Victoria

**Ph:** 0396519248

**Web:** <http://trade.vic.gov.au>



## 25. Screen Australia – General Drama Production

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:** 10 Sep 2020

**Opening Date:**

**Max Funding:** \$2,000,000

### Overview:

This program seeks to support the creation of a diverse slate of quality, innovative, original, culturally significant small-screen storytelling that resonates with contemporary audiences. For the purpose of this program, general drama is defined as any drama other than children's drama.

Screen Australia will not contribute more than 40% of the total budget, inclusive of any Producer Offset amount, other than in exceptional circumstances. Further, Screen Australia investment is capped at \$2 million in any one general drama. For official co-productions the 40% cap applies only to the Australian component of the budget.

The terms of funding are:

- Where Screen Australia's total contribution (including any development funds) is \$500,000 or under, funding will be in the form of a grant.
- Where Screen Australia's total contribution (including any development funds) is more than \$500,000, funding will be in the form of recoupable equity investment, with copyright and recoupment terms in accordance with the agency's Terms of Trade.

Applicants are encouraged to contact the Program Operations team before submitting their application.

The 2020 closing dates are 5pm AEST of 6 February, 16 April, 25 June, and 10 September.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include Australian producers who must meet the general eligibility requirements set out in Screen Australia's Terms of Trade.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete information on the marketplace attachment.

### Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include drama of any broadcast format, including telemovies, telemovie packages and series (no distinction is drawn between series and mini-series).

Eligible projects must:

- Meet the general eligibility requirements set out in Screen Australia's Terms of Trade, as well as the specific requirements of the program.
- Have a commissioning platform attached at the time of application.

For the purpose of this program, the term Commissioning Platform includes a free-to-air or subscription television broadcaster and/or newer online platforms such as subscription video on demand (SVOD).



A compelling case must be demonstrated for Screen Australia to fund more than 26 viewing hours of any one project, including multiple series (whether or not they have been funded by Screen Australia).

Preference will be given to original formats over programs based on foreign formats.

**Assessment Criteria:**

The main assessment criteria include:

- The quality of the proposal including its innovative and/or cultural significance.
- The project's potential to connect with its target audience.
- Track record and capacity of the creative team.
- The strength of the marketplace (e.g. any ROW sales agent and the level of co-finance (excluding Screen Australia and the state agencies)).
- Diversity of slate.

Other factors including the gender and cultural diversity of team may also influence Screen Australia's funding decisions.

Preference will be given to original formats over programs based on foreign formats. Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete list of the assessment criteria.

**Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis with multiple deadlines per year. Please see the Overview for the closing details.

**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Screen Australia  
**Ph:** 1800507901  
**Email:** dramaproduction@screenaustralia.gov.au  
**Web:** <https://www.screenaustralia.gov.au>



## 26. Industry Capability Network (ICN) – VIC

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

**Overview:**

This program aims to keep work from going offshore by helping to increase the number of home-grown SMEs working on projects and other procurement options in Victoria.

ICN is an independent organisation, financially supported by Australian, State and Territory governments. Since it started more than 30 years ago, ICN has been helping find the suppliers and service providers who are best equipped to meet the requirements of thousands of projects across Australia and New Zealand.

**Who Can Apply:**

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

**Eligible Activities:**

Eligible activities include services that support local industry participation, local content considerations and assist with the project procurement process.

**Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** VIC

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Industry Capability Network (ICN)

**Ph:** 0398646700

**Email:** [info@icnvic.org.au](mailto:info@icnvic.org.au)

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



## 27.COVID-19 VIC: Business – Frankston City Council COVID-19 Fast Business Grants

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:** 30 Jun 2021

**Opening Date:**

**Max Funding:** \$1,500

### Overview:

This program aims to support the ongoing operations of small businesses highly impacted by COVID-19.

Grants up to \$1,500 are available. There will be 180 grants available.

A total funding pool of \$270,000 is available in 2020-21.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must:

- Be a small business legally trading within Frankston City.
- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN) as at 1 March 2020.
- Have an annual turnover of more than \$75,000 (a Business Activity Statement must be provided as evidence).
- Have employed 1-19 full time workers as at 1 March 2020.
- Have had normal business operations highly impacted by COVID-19 restrictions (which may or may not have included a temporary closure).
- Have experienced at least 40% decline in turnover compared to the same two-month period in 2019 (April and May 2019), as a result of COVID-19.
- Not have not been a previous recipient of a Fast Business Grant in 2020-21.

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

### Eligible Activities:

Eligible costs include:

- Utilities
- Council rates
- Telecommunication charges
- Insurance payments
- Professional advice
- Other as applied

### Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

- Certification
- Financial assessment
- Unavoidable costs and need

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



**Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 30 June 2021, 5pm.

**Location:** VIC

**Provided By:**

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## 28.Embassy of France in Australia – Pacific Fund

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:** 1 Sep 2020

**Opening Date:** 17 Jun 2020

### Overview:

This program seeks to support projects contributing to the regional insertion of French collectivities: New Caledonia, French Polynesia, Wallis and Futuna.

Projects must be jointly financed for at least 50% of the total sum of eligible expenses. This contribution must not include management fees and costs associated with salaries. In-kind valorisation, such as loans of premises or equipment, made by beneficiary organisations must not exceed 20% of the total amount of the project.

The total sum of the budget is around €20,000 to €100,000.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include Australian partners and must involve at least one partner from New Caledonia, French Polynesia or Wallis and Futuna.

### Eligible Activities:

Eligible projects must fall under at least one of the following categories:

- Fight against climate change and risk management for natural disasters
- Economic and industrial projects (feasibility study, training actions, etc.)
- Health security and food security (fight against endemic diseases, fishery managements, etc.)

Preference will be given to projects highlighting planned efforts for communication.

### Closing Information

This program is available annually.

**Location:** National Overseas

### Provided By:

**Name:** Embassy of France in Canberra

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**Web:** <https://au.ambafrance.org>



## 29.COVID-19 VIC: Business – Greater Shepparton City Council COVID-19 Visitor Economy Recovery and Activation Grant

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:** 10 Aug 2020

**Opening Date:** 1 Jul 2020

**Max Funding:** \$5,000

### Overview:

This program aims to assist businesses in Greater Shepparton's Visitor Economy industry to implement initiatives that help business sustainability and encourage enhanced visitor experiences and increased visitation during the COVID-19 pandemic recovery phase. It has been established as a direct result of the COVID-19 Pandemic to provide financial assistance to eligible businesses.

The objectives of the program are:

- Visitor economy stimulation: To support visitor industry related businesses in Greater Shepparton increase visitation and economic stimulation for the region.
- Tourism/visitor experience product development: To support innovative product development that enhances visitation opportunities, length of stay and visitor experience.
- Private sector initiatives: To support private sector initiatives that complement and grow the region's tourism product.
- Tourism marketing and promotion: To promote Greater Shepparton as an attractive place to visit and invest as travel restrictions are eased.

Grants of up to \$5,000 (+GST) are available.

A total funding pool of \$125,000 is available.

Any remaining funds not spent throughout this grant round will be redistributed into a further round of COVID-19 recovery funding.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must:

- Have a business that is located, registered and operates within the Greater Shepparton local government area.
- Have a valid Australian Business Number (ABN) that was registered prior to 16 March 2020 and be registered for GST.
- Have an annual payroll less than \$850,000.
- Business must demonstrate that they have been significantly impacted by COVID-19.
- Business must have all relevant State and Local Government permits, licences and approvals to operate as a business within the visitor economy including health, planning and building.
- Be open on Saturday and at least three other days of the week, school holidays (exemption will be given to Christmas Day, Anzac Day). Exemptions will also be given to Not for Profit entities such as historic museums and those businesses who operate on an 'on demand' basis such as tour companies. Exemption may also be given to seasonal businesses (such as farm gate sales).
- Be open for a minimum of five hours per day on the days of operation (prior to COVID-19 restrictions). Consideration will be given to those businesses who do not have a shop front such as a tour company and are subject to demand.





- Be listed (if not, be willing to be) on the database of the Greater Shepparton Visitor Centre.
- Provide evidence of promotional literature/brochures/flyers/website/social media that promotes the business to the visitor market.
- Have tourism as a core business activity and provide a substantive visitor experience.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

**Eligible Activities:**

Eligible activities are those related to tourism product development, innovation and visitor experience enhancement, including:

- Tourism and interpretive signage.
- Innovative tourism product development (e.g. virtual reality).
- Diversification of current business / infrastructure improvements that add to the visitor experience (farm stay/inclusion of outdoor dining facility/adapting to COVID-19 restrictions).
- Creative visitor experience enhancements (e.g. Internet of Things (IoT), murals, storytelling, street art, creative art projects).
- Interpretive walks/trails infrastructure on property including signage, sculptures, bollards, resting facilities.
- Accessibility upgrades (e.g. toilets, ramps, car parking).
- Environmentally sustainable visitor infrastructure (e.g. EV charging points).

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

**Assessment Criteria:**

The main assessment criteria include:

- The degree that the business has been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic (e.g. Loss of 30% or more of income, closed doors due to restrictions).
- The degree that the business is contributing to the local visitor economy.
- The degree that the grant will contribute to the future capacity to attract visitation and revisitation/extension of stay to the individual business and the Greater Shepparton region.
- The ability to retain operations and existing staff as a result of the project.
- The use of local suppliers (where possible).
- Demonstrate a level of innovation that will lead to business improvement (to deliver better visitor products or services).
- How well the proposal aligns with current visitor experience and tourism product in the Greater Shepparton region.
- How the business plans to market themselves and Greater Shepparton as an attractive place to visit, live and invest as travel restrictions change.
- Evidence that grant funding will be used to support the sustainability and recovery of the business.
- Businesses' accessibility and that of the proposal for regular visitation
- How well the project aligns with product gaps and visitation opportunities identified in the region's strategic plans (i.e. Economic Development, Tourism and Major Events Strategy).

**Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 10 August 2020, 5pm.

**Location:** VIC

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Greater Shepparton City Council



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## 30.COVID-19 National: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand (RISE) Fund

**Status:** Opening

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

**Max Funding:** \$2,000,000

### Overview:

This program seeks to provide funding for new productions, festivals and events to support the successful re-opening of Australia's creative and cultural sector, as part the Government's plan to restart Australia's creative economy and support jobs in the arts, entertainment and screen sectors as they rebuild from the impacts of COVID-19.

The program forms part of the \$250 million COVID-19 Creative Economy Support Package which addresses urgent needs within the sector and complements existing whole-of-economy support and assistance measures already in place. It seeks to support artists and organisations to get back in business following the disruptions caused by COVID-19.

Grants \$75,000 and \$2 million are available.

A total funding pool of \$75 million is available.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include arts businesses, with a focus on audience type, popularity of previous events, organisational sustainability and jobs created.

Individual artists or practitioners will also be able to apply.

### Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include new productions, festivals and events – including theatre, dance, community and arts and culture gatherings – to partially substitute for the capital lost due to the cancellation and rescheduling of events.

### Closing Information

This program is expected to open in July 2020. More information will be published shortly.

**Location:** National

### Provided By:

**Name:** Office for the Arts

**Ph:** 0262711000

**Web:** <https://www.arts.gov.au>



## 31.Social Enterprise Development and Investment Funds (SEDIF)

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

### **Overview:**

This program aims to offer finance and support to eligible social enterprises to help them grow their business and increase the impact of their work in their communities.

The Department's role in overseeing the operation of the Social Enterprise Development and Investment Funds (SEDIF) initiative came to an end in July 2016 with the completion of the remaining fund manager funding agreement. Importantly, the SEDIF funds will remain in the market with their respective fund managers and will continue to be available for loans to social enterprise.

Three SEDIF fund managers were selected to offer social enterprises finance, such as loans, and support. The SEDIF fund managers are:

- Foresters Community Finance
- Social Enterprise Finance Australia
- Social Ventures Australia

Social enterprises can contact the SEDIF fund managers directly to discuss their financing needs.

### **Who Can Apply:**

Eligible applicants include social enterprises. Please visit the fund managers website for information on eligibility requirements.

### **Eligible Activities:**

Please visit the fund managers website for information on eligibility requirements.

### **Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** National

### **Provided By:**

**Name:** Department of Jobs and Small Business

**Ph:** 136268

**Web:** <https://www.jobs.gov.au>



## 32.Code for Australia Program

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

### **Overview:**

This program aims to create opportunities for the public and private sectors to come together and create impact at scale, using technology.

There are three programs currently available:

#### 1. Fellowship

- Pairing talented technologists with government change-makers to tackle complex social issues.
- Teams of three, made up designers, programmers and user experience experts from the private sector, are embedded into government departments or agencies for 6-12 month projects.
- Fellowships are a full-time, paid opportunity.

#### 2. Sandpit

- A six-week intensive program that gives public sector change makers the tools and experience they need to explore, test and validate their ideas.
- The cost of intake per organisation is \$10,000 (excluding GST) to be paid by the participant.

#### 3. Tech for Non-Tech

- Helps leaders build their digital fluency by deepening their understanding of web development and learning how to work with developers.
- An interactive online workshop series that demystifies modern tech and empowers those working in government to build their digital capabilities.

#### 4. Digital Maturity Indicator

- A tool to help organisations measure and benchmark their digital maturity across six key areas.

#### 5. Civic Makers

- Seeks to give people the space and resources they need to collaborate with others, and to create things for the public good.

Please visit the website for the schedule of intakes/classes.

### **Who Can Apply:**

Eligible applicants include governments, industry and individuals who will tackle social issues and allow the general public to meaningfully contribute to civic issues.

Through these programs, it empowers institutional entrepreneurs from academia, public sector and private sector to actively solve civic issues.

### **Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** National



**Provided By:**

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### 33. Cotton Research and Development Corporation (CRDC) – Grassroots Grant Program

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:** 30 Nov 2020

**Opening Date:** 1 Jul 2020

**Max Funding:** \$10,000

**Overview:**

This program is designed to stimulate grower-led projects that build the capacity of industry members and improve the communities in which they operate.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available. Projects that demonstrate collaboration with more than one partner or that cover a wider geographical area may be considered for higher levels of funding. Projects that have a financial (or in-kind) contribution from partners are looked upon favourably.

**Who Can Apply:**

Eligible applicants include Cotton Grower Associations (CGAs).

Cotton growers are unable to apply as individuals, but are encouraged to discuss their idea with their local CGA.

**Eligible Activities:**

Eligible projects include those that:

- Increase networking between growers, consultants and researchers.
- Grow the skills and knowledge base of cotton growers and their communities.
- Grow the economic and/or social base of cotton grower groups and their communities.
- Support, upskill and engage with new growers to the industry.
- Strengthen collaboration across communities, across industries and regions.
- Help with ground truthing and testing of research and development findings.
- Help improve the levels of adoption of research and development outcomes.
- Help improve the levels of adoption of myBMP.
- Involve the broader community (such as partnering with schools etc) and those where growers are learn from other growers.

Projects providing training workshops for existing staff, where there is a regulatory requirement for this training, may be supported for the running costs of the training (venue, catering etc) but will not receive a subsidy for the training component.

**Closing Information**

This program is available annually.

**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Cotton Research and Development Corporation (CRDC)

**Ph:** 0267924088



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## 34.COVID-19 VIC: Business – Local Lockdowns Business Support Program

**Status:** Opening

**Closing Date:** 31 Jul 2020

**Opening Date:**

**Max Funding:** \$5,000

### Overview:

This program aims to help businesses through temporary coronavirus (COVID-19) lockdowns.

Specific postcodes in Victoria will return to Stage 3 Stay at Home restrictions to help slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). The return to Stage 3 Stay at Home restrictions mean that businesses such as restaurants, cafes, pubs, gyms, indoor sporting venues, cinemas, live music, entertainment venues and other businesses can no longer operate as they would like.

One-off grants of \$5,000 are available.

Businesses can still receive this \$5,000 grant even if they have already received a \$10,000 Business Support Fund grant or payroll tax refund or waiver.

Registration of interest is currently open with applications to be opened in the coming days. This program closes 31 July 2020.

Full guidelines and information on eligibility to be released shortly.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include businesses that must:

- Be operating in a postcode that is affected by the return to Stage 3 restrictions (not necessarily their registered address).
- Be an employing business.
- Be currently registered to pay GST.
- Have a payroll of less than \$3 million per annum.
- Hold an Australian Business Number (ABN) and have held that ABN at 16 March 2020 (date of the State of Emergency declaration).
- Have been engaged in carrying out the operation of the business in Victoria on 16 March 2020.

### Closing Information

Please see the Overview for the closing details.

**Location:** VIC

### Provided By:

**Name:** Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions

**Ph:** 132215

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



## 35. Victorian Learn Local Awards

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:** 7 Aug 2020

**Opening Date:** 11 Feb 2020

**Max Funding:** \$10,000

### Overview:

These awards aim to recognise and reward the outstanding achievements of individuals, programs and training providers within the Learn Local education and training network.

The award categories are:

1. Learner categories: Winner will receive \$5,000 and finalists receive \$1,000 in prize money and a framed certificate (two finalists per category).

- The Ro Allen Award – Recognising Pre-accredited Learner Excellence
- Victorian Learn Local Young Pre-accredited Learner Award

2. Practitioner and Volunteer categories: Winner will receive \$5,000 and finalists receive \$1,000 in prize money and a framed certificate (two finalists per category).

- Victorian Learn Local Practitioner Award
- Victorian Learn Local Volunteer Team Award

3. Program categories: Winner will receive \$10,000 and finalists receive \$1,000 in prize money and a framed certificate (two finalists per category).

- Victorian Learn Local Pre-accredited Pathway Program Award
- Victorian Learn Local Creating Local Solutions Award
- Victorian Learn Local Collaboration Award

The 2020 Learn Local Awards Presentation Dinner will be held on 4 September in Melbourne.

The key dates are:

- Nominations and application writing assistance requests opened 11 February 2020
- Application writing assistance requests close on 24 July 2020
- Nominations close on 7 August 2020

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible nominees meet eligibility requirements and agree to the Conditions of Entry.

Nominees for individual awards must be Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia and reside in Victoria.

### Closing Information

This program is available annually. Please see the Overview for the closing details.

**Location:** VIC

### Provided By:

**Name:** Adult, Community and Further Education (ACFE) Board



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## 36. Tourism Australia – Business Events Bid Fund Program (BFP)

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:** 30 Jun 2021

**Opening Date:**

### Overview:

This program aims to increase the conversion of new international business events for Australia through the offer of financial support at the critical bidding stage. It is designed to deliver conversion of business in situations where Australia is bidding against international competitors for the right to host the business event.

The program supports expenditure on goods and services within Australia for the purposes of delivering confirmed, qualified business events. It does not subsidise administrative, logistics or marketing costs for international bids, for example for overseas travel for client meetings or marketing materials.

The provision of funds via the this program is designed to ensure a material difference to event costs. Funds will only be accessible once the bid in question has been confirmed for Australia and contracts are finalised. It will be provided in instalments and will be dependent on the delivery of key performance metrics as outlined in BFP contracts.

Submissions must be for a minimum of \$50,000 (excluding GST) to cover actual event costs, including but not limited to accommodation, venue hire, transport and other event costs.

Applicants must provide a minimum of dollar-for-dollar matching of funds to the requested BFP support.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must:

- Have the legal capacity to be able to enter into an agreement with Tourism Australia in accordance with Australian law.
- Not be insolvent and must be in good financial standing to enter into an agreement with Tourism Australia.
- Comply with all applicable Australian laws and Tourism Australia policies, including those relating to work health and safety, privacy, anti-bribery and corruption and insurance requirements.
- Submit proposed key performance indicators (KPIs) as part of their BFP submission and demonstrate clear, rigorous and reliable measurement and reporting methods.
- Agree to full transparency with Tourism Australia regarding bid details, lead agencies, additional support requested and/or secured from other entities and financial information. As such, all applicants must provide supporting documentation upon request by Tourism Australia.
- Respond to all mandatory questions in the BFP application form to submit an eligible submission. Tourism Australia reserves the right to reject submissions that do not complete all mandatory questions.
- Agree that any support already secured through other programs does not contravene BFP Terms & Conditions, reporting requirements, and key performance indicators (KPIs).

### Eligible Activities:



Eligible activities include international business events being held entirely in Australia. No dual international destination events will be considered.

Submissions must:

- Be for new and qualified business events. The program is not for the purposes of supporting the delivery of existing business events being held in Australia. No existing business events will be considered.
- Be able to thoroughly demonstrate the economic value of the event to Australia. Events with the highest return on Tourism Australia's investment will be prioritised.
- If applicable, demonstrate any economic benefit due to regional dispersal of event or delegates (i.e. pre/post touring, an event or part of an event being held in a regional destination).
- For international association events and exhibitions, demonstrate that the event for which support is requested will attract a minimum 400 international visitors
- For international incentive events, demonstrate that the event will attract a minimum of 700 international visitors and/or bring an economic value of over \$3 million to Australia.

**Assessment Criteria:**

The main assessment criteria include how the activities:

- Align with the Australian Government's Trade and Investment Priority Sectors (where applicable) and Tourism Australia's business events strategy.
- Have the potential to increase the success rate of Australian bids for new international business events.
- Have the potential to attract large numbers of international visitors to Australia.
- Are likely to deliver significant economic value to Australia.

**Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 4pm on 30 June 2021.

**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Business Events Australia  
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## 37.Regional Employment Trials Program

<b>Status:</b>	Open
<b>Closing Date:</b>	30 Jun 2021
<b>Opening Date:</b>	2 Oct 2018
<b>Max Funding:</b>	\$200,000

### Overview:

This program aims to provide local stakeholders in selected regions, including businesses, not-for-profits and local government agencies, with grants to trial local approaches to delivering employment related projects.

The objectives of the program are to deliver:

- Strong connections between regional stakeholders, including employment services providers.
- Employment initiatives that meet local needs.
- Improved awareness of local labour markets.
- The potential for improved regional employment outcomes.

The ten selected Regional Development Australia trial regions include:

- New South Wales: Northern Inland; Far South Coast
- Victoria: Melbourne (Western Melbourne/North Western Melbourne Employment Regions only); Gippsland
- Queensland: Townsville and North West (Townsville Employment Region only); Wide Bay Burnett
- South Australia: Murraylands and Riverland; Yorke and Mid North
- Western Australia: Peel
- Tasmania: Tasmania (North and North Western Tasmania Employment Region only)

Grants between \$7,500 and \$200,000 are available. The grant amount will be up to 75% of eligible project costs. Applicants must contribute a minimum of 25%.

A total funding pool of \$10 million is available over two years. \$1 million will be available in each of the trial RDA regions.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must:

- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Implement the project in one of the eligible trial regions.
- Be one of the following entities:
  - a) An entity incorporated in Australia.
  - b) A local government agency or body as defined in appendix A of the Guidelines.
  - c) A Regional Development Australia committee.

An entity incorporated in Australia includes companies, incorporated trustees on behalf of a trust, incorporated associations and Indigenous corporations.

Joint applications are acceptable, 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 directly relate to the project and can include, but are not limited to:

- Developing work experience initiatives.
- Tailored non-accredited training or professional development activities.
- Training and reskilling job seekers to make their skills better suited to taking up local job opportunities.
- Activities that improve access to education or training and make it easier to participate in training or education.
- Mentoring and support services.
- Helping unemployed displaced workers return to the workforce.
- Employment pathway and internship programs that do not duplicate currently funded programs.
- Hosting of employment related events, such as forums, workshops and conferences.
- Working to address skills mismatch by partnering with employers and local industry.
- Identifying ways to improve the operation and future capacity of the local labour market.
- Other innovative employment initiatives.

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

**Assessment Criteria:**

The main assessment criteria include:

- The extent to which the project will deliver employment outcomes in the region. (30 points or 60 points if an RDA related proposal)
- The impact of grant funding on the project. (20 points)
- Capacity, capability and resources to deliver the 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 until 30 June 2021 or until funds are exhausted, whichever comes first.

**Location:** NSW QLD SA TAS VIC WA

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Department of Industry, Innovation and Science  
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## 38. Screen Australia – Children's Programs Production

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:** 10 Sep 2020

**Opening Date:**

**Max Funding:** \$2,000,000

### Overview:

This program aims to support the creation of television drama programs of interest or relevance to children. It seeks to support the creation of a diverse slate of quality, innovative, original, culturally significant small-screen storytelling that resonates with contemporary audiences.

Screen Australia will not contribute more than 45% of the total budget, inclusive of any Producer Offset amount, other than in exceptional circumstances. Further, Screen Australia investment is capped at \$2 million in any one children's program. For official co-productions the 45% cap applies only to the Australian component of the budget.

The terms of funding are:

- Where Screen Australia's total contribution (including any development funds) is \$500,000 or under, funding will be in the form of a grant.
- Where Screen Australia's total contribution (including any development funds) is more than \$500,000, funding will be in the form of recoupable equity investment, with copyright and recoupment terms in accordance with the agency's Terms of Trade.

The 2020 closing dates are 5pm AEST of 6 February, 16 April, 25 June, and 10 September.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include Australian producers who must meet the general eligibility requirements set out in Screen Australia's Terms of Trade.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete information on the marketplace attachment.

### Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include children's programs of any broadcast format, including telemovies, telemovie packages and series (no distinction is drawn between series and mini-series). The content can be animation or live action, preschool, drama or factual and do not have to be 'P' or 'C' program as classified by the ACMA. However, the primary audience for the content must be children, as opposed to families generally.

Whilst Screen Australia will not normally fund long running series, in the case of children's programs due consideration will be given for applications to fund more than 26 viewing hours of any one project, including multiple series (whether or not they have been funded by Screen Australia).

Eligible projects must:

- Meet the general eligibility requirements set out in Screen Australia's Terms of Trade, as well as the specific requirements of the program.
- Have a commissioning platform attached at the time of application.





For the purpose of this program, the term Commissioning Platform includes a free-to-air or subscription television broadcaster and/or newer online platforms such as subscription video on demand (SVOD).

Preference will be given to original formats over programs based on foreign formats.

**Assessment Criteria:**

The main assessment criteria include:

- The quality of the proposal including its innovative and/or cultural significance.
- The project's potential to connect with its target audience.
- Track record and capacity of the creative team.
- The strength of the marketplace (e.g. any ROW sales agent and the level of co-finance (excluding Screen Australia and the State agencies)).
- Diversity of slate.

Other factors including the gender and cultural diversity of team may also influence Screen Australia's funding decisions.

**Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis with multiple deadlines per year. Please refer to the Overview for closing dates.

**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Screen Australia  
**Ph:** 1800507901  
**Email:** dramaproduction@screenaustralia.gov.au  
**Web:** <https://www.screenaustralia.gov.au>



## 39.Rural Finance – Small Business Bushfire Support Grant

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:** 31 Dec 2020

**Opening Date:** 16 Mar 2020

**Max Funding:** \$10,000

### Overview:

This program seeks to support small businesses (including primary producers) who have experienced a significant loss of income due to the Victorian bushfires that commenced 21 November 2019.

The grants are available to small businesses in the local council areas of Alpine (including the Alpine resorts), East Gippsland, Towong, Wellington, Indigo, Mansfield and Wangaratta.

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

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must:

- Be a small business owner.
- Hold an Australian Business Number (ABN) and have held that ABN at the time of the eligible disaster.
- Have been engaged in carrying on the small business in a defined disaster area when affected by the eligible disaster.
- Have suffered a decline in revenue of 40% or more in a relevant three month period (compared to a relevant three month period in the previous year) as a result of the eligible disaster in the defined disaster area.

Small businesses may be assessed for exceptional circumstances eligibility where they do not explicitly meet the eligibility criteria but are located in or regularly conduct business in the selected LGAs and have been significantly impacted by the eligible disaster.

Business with a turnover of less than \$50 million, with 20 or more employees, will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

### Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include those that support small businesses to recover from the bushfires and rebuild resilient businesses, for example:

- Meeting business costs, including utilities, salaries and rent.
- Seeking financial advice to support the recovery of the business.
- Developing the business through marketing and communications activities.
- Improvements to make the business more resilient to future disasters.

### Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

- A business has difficulty meeting usual costs as a result of the eligible disaster.
- A business is unable to retain staff as a result of the eligible disaster.



- A business is experiencing solvency issues as a result of the eligible disaster.
- Critical business supply inputs are no longer available, or are significantly more expensive, due to the eligible disaster.
- A business needs to make significant adjustments to remain viable in its current location.
- Other exceptional circumstances as agreed between a State and the National Bushfire Recovery Agency.

Applicants who operate more than one small business under a single ABN may apply for assistance for each eligible separate business for the relevant defined disaster area. To determine eligible separate businesses, the following can be considered:

- The staffing arrangement of the separate business.
- Whether the separate business has its own plant, equipment or stock.
- The accounting and insurance arrangements of the separate business.
- Whether the separate business operates under their own trading name.
- The commercial viability and autonomy of each business.

### **Closing Information**

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

**Location:** VIC

### **Provided By:**

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## 40.COVID-19 VIC: Business – City of Whitehorse Council Recovery Grants Package (Business)

**Status:** Opening

**Closing Date:** 22 Jul 2020

**Opening Date:** 13 Jul 2020

**Max Funding:** \$4,000

### Overview:

This program aims to provide support to the local small to medium Enterprises (SME) who are experiencing severe impacts as a result of COVID-19.

There are three categories of funding available (excluding GST):

- Business innovation: Up to \$4,000
- Business continuity: Up to \$3,000
- Business restart: Up to \$4,000

Businesses can apply for multiple funding streams where there is a clear distinction between the types of project/services being funded however the total application can be no greater than \$4,000.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must:

- Have an active Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Employ fewer than 20 FTE (or equivalent part time) employees at the time of application or have a maximum turnover of \$10 million per annum. (Under exceptional circumstances applications above 20 employees and \$10 million turnover will be considered at the discretion of the Grant Review Panel.)
- Business must be located within the City of Whitehorse municipality.
- Must be an existing business trading for 12 months or more as at 30 June 2020.
- Own or have a commercial lease agreement within the City Of Whitehorse municipality with a minimum of one year remaining or intend to take up an option to renew a lease, or are move relocating to another premises in the City of Whitehorse. Or alternatively the business operation is from the residence (home based business).
- Have all appropriate insurances, licences and permits for the current business operation.
- Have all appropriate insurances, licences and permits for the current business to undertake the proposed activity or operation funded by this program.
- Demonstrate the financial impact of COVID-19 on the business (genuine financial need).
- Demonstrate how this grant will help support business in response to the impact of COVID-19.
- Demonstrated potential for business sustainability beyond the Whitehorse Recovery Grants Package – Business funding.
- Demonstrate how the business supports the local economy and/or community of Whitehorse.

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

### Eligible Activities:

Eligible costs/activities include:

1. Business innovation



- Costs associated with online, e-commerce and non-online activities:

- a) Website design and development
- b) E-commerce platforms (selling online, receiving payments and contactless payment)
- c) Digital marketing and promotion
- d) Introduction of a new service, product or processes

## 2. Business continuity

- Costs associated with encouraging a business to reposition itself for the future:

- a) Training and professional development (in house training, attendance at conference/seminars, industry association membership fees)
- b) Engagement of an professional to provide specialist advice (for example but not limited to accountant, lawyer or business planner)

## 3. Business restart

- Costs associated with supporting a business to re-commence operations:

- a) Purchase of stock/inventory
- b) Business equipment (printer, cash registers)
- c) PPE supplies (disposable gloves, hand sanitisers)
- d) Cleaning/sanitising products
- e) Physical distancing equipment (plastic cones, markers, barrier tape)
- f) Disposable equipment (cups, cutlery, serviettes)
- e) Minor capital works

## **Closing Information**

This program is expected to open on 13 July 2020.

**Location:** VIC

### **Provided By:**

**Name:** City of Whitehorse Council  
**Ph:** 0392626453  
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**Web:** <https://www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au>



## 41.COVID-19 National: Business – Workplace Legal Advice Program

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

### **Overview:**

This program aims to provide eligible employers with free independent legal help to deal with workplace issues arising from the coronavirus outbreak.

Advice is available on issues like:

- Stand downs from work
- Flexible work arrangements
- Pay and entitlements
- JobKeeper changes to the Fair Work Act

Law firms with specialist workplace experience provide the advice. It is free and confidential. This will be four hours of free advice to help employers deal with the immediate needs of their business. The law firm will let the employers know what their free service limit is when they contact the employer. This time can be used flexibly, for instance over multiple appointments.

Employers can usually only access the program once. In exceptional circumstances, it may be possible for an employer to access the program a second time. This will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, considering factors such as whether there is a new issue that the business was not known at the initial appointment.

The program does not provide ongoing legal assistance. Employers are not obliged to use the law firm's services once they reach their free service limit. If they choose to access further or additional services from the firm, they will be responsible for the costs and the law firm will provide them with new information about any further work and costs.

### **Who Can Apply:**

Eligible applicants include employers who must:

- Not be represented by a lawyer or paid agent.
- Not be a paid member of a professional employer body or industry association that provides member advice services as part of their membership.
- Be covered by the Fair Work system.
- Agree to the Terms and Conditions of the program.
- Have an enquiry that relates to workplace impacts of COVID-19.
- Be willing to participate in the program.

### **Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** National

### **Provided By:**

**Name:** Fair Work Ombudsman

**Ph:** 131394



**Web:** <https://coronavirus.fairwork.gov.au>



## 42. The Ryman Prize

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:** 17 Jul 2020

**Opening Date:**

### Overview:

This Prize is an annual award for the world's best discovery, development, advance or achievement that enhances quality of life for older people. The intention behind the prize is to reward great work done, and also to stimulate fresh thought from the planet's best minds into this area of need.

The prize consists of a cash sum of NZ\$250,000 and a commemorative medal.

Entry is by application or nomination.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include anyone, anywhere in the world who has work completed on an advance that has been proven to enhance quality of life for older people.

The award can be made to an individual or a team.

### Eligible Activities:

Eligible work could include, but is not limited to:

- A mechanical device
- A discovery
- An invention
- A study
- A book
- An initiative
- A proven idea
- A completed research project or initiative
- Any other advance that enhances quality of life for older people

The prize is to reward work done - not for speculative projects.

### Closing Information

This program is available annually. Applications must be submitted by 5pm on 17 July 2020.

**Location:** National Overseas

### Provided By:

**Name:** The Ryman Foundation

**Ph:** 0433664069

**Email:** david.king@rymanhealthcare.com

**Web:** <https://www.rymanprize.com>





### 43. Cogent Ventures Investments

**Status:** Pending

**Closing Date:** 30 Jun 2020

**Opening Date:**

**Overview:**

Cogent Ventures invest in and work side by side with Melbourne based, values aligned entrepreneurs creating novel businesses.

This new investment opportunity offers up to \$500,000 in Cogent services over the next 12 months in lieu of equity. Note that this is not a cash injection, but a services and time for equity arrangement.

Cogent also have a pool of active investors who are willing to invest up to an additional \$250,000 in cash alongside Cogent's contribution if they find the right fit.

As part of this investment, founders will have access to:

- Team: A product development team (Product Manager, Designer and 2-4 Developers) with significant product development experience.
- Guidance: Strategic guidance and mentorship from other senior Cogent staff, including their CEO, COO and GM.
- Office space: Work with the team out of Cogent's offices on Bourke St, Melbourne (once lockdowns properly end).
- Connections: A network of over 50 other investors, as well as extensive connections within the Melbourne tech community.

Founders must email their pitch decks to Cogent Ventures. Please visit the website for more information.

**Who Can Apply:**

Eligible applicants include founder (or founders) with deep industry expertise, who need a technical partner to make it a reality, and meet the following:

- Traction: Founders passed the idea phase and have validated a problem that needs solving. They've established product-market fit and might even have customers or contracts already.
- Expert: Have deep expertise in the industry, topic or field of knowledge that their product is addressing, but need a software partner.
- B2B SaaS Model: A large (or very deep and niche) market with the potential of a PLG growth strategy.
- Purpose + Values Alignment: People who are values aligned and ultimately trying to make people's lives better.
- Commitment: This is a long-term partnership and founders must be 100% committed as well.
- Resources: Founders have the ability to commit some capital or equivalent in-kind value.

**Eligible Activities:**

Eligible activities must be aligned with Cogent's three sectors of interest and focus:

- TaaS (Transport as a service)
- Renewable energy technology
- SaaS (Software as a service)



**Closing Information**

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

**Location:** VIC

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Cogent Ventures

**Ph:** 0383747677

**Email:** [info@cogent.co](mailto:info@cogent.co)

**Web:** <https://cogent.co>



## 44.COVID-19 National: Business, Individuals – Early Access to Superannuation

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:** 20 Apr 2020

### 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.

Eligible temporary residents are able to apply to access up to \$10,000 of their super until 30 June 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.

### 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.

**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Australian Taxation Office (ATO)

**Ph:** 0262633030

**Email:** TreasuryCOVID-19Coord@TREASURY.GOV.AU

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



## 45.Sustainable Australia Fund – Environmental Upgrade Finance

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

**Overview:**

This program aims to provide the upfront capital that businesses need to make sustainability improvements to their buildings.

The program offers the following:

- 100% project finance, including hard and soft costs.
- Loan terms between 4 - 20 years
- Repayments made via local council rates
- Repayments can be split between landlord and tenants
- No requirement for personal or business security

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

**Who Can Apply:**

Eligible applicants include any type of business operating on a non-residential property on rateable land including:

- Agriculture
- Commercial office building
- Tourism
- Commercial and industrial properties

Please refer to the website for the list of participating councils.

**Eligible Activities:**

Eligible activities include a broad range of works beyond just solar, waste, and water upgrades. Finance can also be used for many of the auxiliary, soft and hard costs associated with building repositioning and upgrades.

If the works improve the energy, water, environmental efficiency or sustainability and are attached to a building, it may qualify, simple examples include:

- Building upgrades
- Energy source
- Lighting
- Plant upgrades
- Water

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

**Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** NSW SA VIC



**Provided By:**

**Name:** Sustainable Australia Fund  
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**Web:** <https://sustainableaustraliafund.com.au>



## 46. Mill House Social Enterprise Accelerator

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

### **Overview:**

This program aims to give participants advice and mentoring, an entrepreneurial education and targeted assistance such as introductions to potential partners and customers. It delivers venture development skills and networks to enable social enterprises to become sustainable and generate social impact.

The program consists of three venture streams:

#### 1. Catalyse

- This will introduce clients to the concept of social enterprise and scalable social business models. They will have the opportunity to discuss their specific idea with members of the Mill House team, students and mentors.
- Catalyse will run as a half-day workshop offered in Canberra as well as regionally.

#### 2. Grist

- Focuses on building business skills and networks that will enable social enterprises to develop a commercially viable business that will sustain long-term social impact.
- The face-to-face workshop-based GRIST program is fully virtual for 2020.
- Participants will be asked to contribute \$1,500 for the entire program. Flexible payments terms are available.
- Applications for Season 5 2021 are now open.

#### 3. Refine

- This will be run as an incubation offering for validated social ventures on the path to growth and scale.
- Applications will be considered from mid-2019.

### **Who Can Apply:**

Eligible applicants include individuals, businesses and organisations with an existing or potential social venture.

### **Eligible Activities:**

Eligible activities for each stream include (but are not limited to):

#### 1. Catalyse

- Explore the requirements for starting a social enterprise in a concise 1/2 day format.
- Put their social enterprise idea to the test.
- Real feedback on the impact and financial potential of their venture.

#### 2. Grist

- Build their social enterprise with a tried program, based on the Social Traders Crunch.
- Test, measure and work out whether it has legs in monthly workshops.
- Create a business model with the support of the staff and mentors.
- Participate in the Graduation and Social Impact Investment Showcase.



2. Refine

- Get their enterprise investment-ready in a tailored 1:1 social venture incubator.
- Prepare their business to take on new contracts.
- Scale their business with regular support from our advisors and social ventures Clinic.

**Closing Information**

Please see the Overview for the closing details.

**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

**Name:** The Mill House

**Email:** <http://www.millhouseaccelerator.com.au/contact>

**Web:** <https://www.millhouseaccelerator.com.au>





## 47. Trade Mission Programs

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

### **Overview:**

This program aims to support businesses to expand its potential with international markets, by providing key opportunities to:

- Build international connections, foster business relationships and identify partnering opportunities.
- Enhance the businesses' international profile by entering new markets.
- Attract foreign investment.
- Secure local distributors and/or importers.
- Acquire international orders for the businesses' product and/or service.
- Develop skills and knowledge of international markets to enhance the business' global competitiveness.
- Understand regulatory requirements in international markets.

Trade missions are typically sectorial focused and the Victorian government develops tailored programs for participating businesses, supported in-market through an international network of Victorian Government Trade and Investment (VGTI) offices. Activities on trade missions include business briefings and networking functions, site visits, trade exhibitions and business matching.

There are two types of missions available:

#### 1. Outbound trade missions

- Take Victorian businesses and organisations overseas to international markets, showcasing their business capabilities and connecting them with key international markets, buyers, trading partners and business leaders.
- Normal trade missions comprise 20 to 100 Victorian businesses or organisations, and eligible participants are supported by grants valued between \$2,000 and \$3,000.

#### 2. Inbound trade missions

- These missions are part of the Victorian government's broader trade agenda. Throughout the year, the government welcomes business leaders from around the world to Melbourne and provide opportunities to learn about Victoria's business capabilities and build the foundations for new trade and investment partnerships.

Please refer to the website for the list of available trade missions.

### **Who Can Apply:**

Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be headquartered in Victoria or be able to demonstrate a significant contribution to Victoria's exports and jobs.
- Be financially viable.
- Have a sound case for doing business in the region in which the mission is focused.
- Be currently exporting or demonstrate export readiness.
- Be (or will be) exporting goods or services that are of Victorian origin or demonstrate that significant value add has taken place in Victoria. (Consolidators may only promote Victorian product during the trade mission).



- Be represented on the mission by an employee or officer of the company. Distributors, agents or other in market representatives may be invited to participate in events, however are not automatically entitled to all the privileges of a trade mission participant.

Applicants must participate in all events attached to their mission program unless discussed and agreed in advance with the program manager.

**Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** VIC

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Trade Victoria  
**Ph:** 0396519329  
**Email:** <https://global.vic.gov.au>  
**Web:** <https://trade.vic.gov.au>



## 48. Screen Australia – Feature Film Production

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:** 10 Sep 2020

**Opening Date:**

**Max Funding:** \$2,000,000

### Overview:

This program aims to support a diverse slate of Australian films for theatrical release that entertain and enlighten domestic and international audiences while reflecting the unique characteristics of Australian identity.

Funding is available under the following categories:

1. Official co-productions

- The 65% cap applies only to the Australian components of the budget.

2. Low-budget feature films

- For feature films which are intended to be produced with a total production budget under \$1.5 million.

3. Enhancement Fund

- Applications can now be submitted at any time and must meet the same eligibility requirements as applications for production funding.

- Capped at \$250,000.

Screen Australia investment is capped at \$2 million to a single theatrical feature film through this program unless there are exceptional circumstances. Further, Screen Australia will not contribute more than 65% of the total budget, inclusive of any Producer Offset amount. In certain exceptional circumstances total funding can go as high as 75% at the Board's discretion.

Where Screen Australia's total contribution (including any development funds) is \$500,000 or under, funding will be in the form of a grant. Funding of more than \$500,000 will be in the form of recoupable equity investment.

Applying for \$500,000 or less applicants do not need to have lodged an application for their Producer Offset Provisional Certificate at the time of applying to the funding round unless specifically requested.

The 2020 closing dates are 5pm AEST of 6 February, 16 April, 25 June, and 10 September.

Applicants are encouraged to contact the Program Operations team before submitting their application.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include producers who must demonstrate, subject to the approval of Screen Australia funding, that the project has a complete finance plan, which must include, but is not limited to, an acceptable offer to:

- Theatrically distribute the project in Australia (with sufficiently detailed commercial terms) from an



appropriate domestic distributor.

- Represent the project for Rest of World sales (with sufficiently detailed commercial terms) from an appropriate international sales agent.

Applicants must also meet the general eligibility requirements set out in Screen Australia's Terms of Trade.

Please refer to the Guidelines for specific project and market attachment criteria.

**Eligible Activities:**

Eligible projects must:

- Be films of any budget size, including low-budget projects and projects that require completion funding.
- Demonstrate that all other finance is in place at time of application.
- Be feature-length and intended for theatrical release.

**Assessment Criteria:**

The main assessment criteria include:

- Script or rough cut
- Creative team
- Market strength
- Project
- Viability

Other factors including diversity of slate and the gender and cultural diversity of the team may also influence Screen Australia's decision.

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

**Closing Information**

This program has multiple funding rounds each year. Please see the Overview for closing details.

**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Screen Australia  
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**Web:** <https://www.screenaustralia.gov.au>



## 49.Skalata Ventures – Seed Investment Program

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:** 12 Jul 2020

**Opening Date:** 9 Jun 2020

**Max Funding:** \$250,000

### Overview:

This program is designed a program which provides bespoke support and funding for early stage companies preparing to scale. It is a 6-month customised program that helps early stage companies navigate the challenges they face in order to grow. It will also helps founders develop a growth engine, achieve product-market fit and build a sustainable business model.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Develop a growth engine
- Achieve product-market fit
- Build a sustainable business model

15 companies will be accepted into the 2020 program which will start in October 2020.

Funding of up to \$250,000 is available for each company who are accepted in the program.

There are two program intakes in 2020:

- April program: Opened 28 January and closed 23 February 2020
- October program
  - a) Expression of interest - opened 9 June and closes 12 July 2020
  - b) Full application (by invitation) - closes 22 July 2020

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include companies at the angel/seed stage that have built momentum in their business but are not yet ready for venture capital.

To be eligible for the program, the company must satisfy the following requirements:

- Has a product ready to go to marke
- Is innovative.
- The business is capital lean and capital efficient.
- Must have at least two full-time people working on the business.

### Closing Information

This program is available biannually. Please see the Overview for the closing details.

**Location:** VIC

### Provided By:

**Name:** Skalata Ventures  
**Email:** <https://www.skalata.co/contact>  
**Web:** <https://www.skalata.co>



## 50.COVID-19 National: Business, Non-Profits – MRFF Coronavirus Research Response

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

**Max Funding:** \$3,000,000

### 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 opportunities are:

#### 1. Mental Health Research Grant

- The objective of this grant opportunity is 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.
- Grants of up to \$1 million are available. The maximum grant period is 18 months.
- A total funding pool of \$3 million is available.
- Applications opened on 1 June and close on 13 July 2020, 5pm (Closing date for minimum data is on 1 July 2020, 5pm).

#### 2. Immunological Studies Grant

- The objective of this grant opportunity is to characterise the immune response across COVID-19 patients with asymptomatic, mild, moderate, severe, and critical disease.
- Grants of up to \$1 million are available. The maximum grant period is three years.
- A total funding pool of \$2 million is available.
- Applications opened on 12 June and close on 23 July 2020, 5pm (Closing date for minimum data is on 9 July 2020, 5pm).

#### 3. Vaccine Candidate Research Grant

- The objective of this grant opportunity is to accelerate the development of promising COVID-19 prophylactic vaccine candidates for which research and development is already underway.
- Grants of up to \$3 million are available. The project must be completed by 30 June 2023.
- A total funding pool of up to \$13.65 million is available in 2020-21.
- Applications opened on 15 June 2020. The closing dates are:
  - a) Round 1: Expressions of interest close 5pm on 15 July 2020. Applications closes 5pm on 23 September 2020.
  - b) Round 2: Expressions of interest close 5pm on 11 November 2020. Applications closes 5pm on 27 January 2021.
  - c) Round 3: Expressions of interest close 5pm on 10 March 2021. Applications closes 5pm on 5 May 2021.



#### 4. Rapid Response Digital Health Infrastructure Grant

- The objective of this grant opportunity is to provide funding for high priority digital health infrastructure that has the potential to increase the speed and quality of health system responses during acute crises.
- Grants between \$500,000 and \$2 million, up to 100% of eligible project costs (grant percentage), are available.
- A total funding pool of \$4 million is available in 2020-21, allocated equally under two streams:
  - a) Acute stream
  - b) Non-acute stream (including non-health care settings)
- Applications open 1 July 2020 and close 14 July 2020, 5pm.

#### 5. Communication Strategies and Approaches During Outbreaks Grant

- Provides funding for research into how diverse communities respond during outbreaks, how they react, access information and interpret it.
- Funding of up to 100% of eligible project costs (grant percentage), to a maximum of \$600,000, are available.
- A total funding pool of \$600,000 is available in the 2020-21 financial year.
- Applications opened on 1 July 2020 and close on 14 July 2020.

A total funding pool of \$30 million is available over two years from 2020-21.

#### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must:

- Be an NHMRC approved Administering Institution (except for Communication Strategies and Approaches During Outbreaks Grant).
- 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)
  - e) A state or territory government (for Immunological Studies, Rapid Response Digital Health Infrastructure and Communication Strategies and Approaches During Outbreaks Grant only)
  - f) A state or territory government entity (for Immunological Studies, Rapid Response Digital Health Infrastructure and Communication Strategies and Approaches During Outbreaks Grant only)

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 the 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.

Please refer to the individual Guidelines for the list of eligible costs/expenditure of each grant opportunity.



**Assessment Criteria:**

The main assessment criteria include:

- Project impact
- Project methodology
- Capacity, capability and resources to deliver the project
- Overall value and risk of the project

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete list of the assessment criteria and specific weighing percentage of each grant opportunity.

**Closing Information**

This program is available in multiple rounds. Please see the Overview for the closing details.

**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

**Name:** National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)

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**Web:** <https://www.nhmrc.gov.au>





## 51.Co-Create Knowledge for Pharma Innovation Takeda (COCKPI-T®) Funding

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:** 6 Aug 2020

**Opening Date:** 1 Jun 2020

**Max Funding:** \$100,000

### Overview:

This program aims to provide funding to innovative ideas related to therapeutic targets and technologies for drug discovery.

The purposes of the funding are to:

- Support concept validation studies based on innovative ideas of external researchers.
- Encourage open innovation (public research) through the publication of the COCKPI-T® funding results by the COCKPI-T® funding winners (principal investigators).
- Leverage the COCKPI-T® funding research results for Takeda research activities leading to new therapies.

Funding of up to AUD100,000 or EUR70,000 or GBP60,000 are available per case. Takeda decides the amount based on the research plan.

The research term is approximately one year from contract execution (from the date of contract execution to 31 Mar 2022).

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include researchers whose university, research institute or company is in Australia, EU and United Kingdom.

### Eligible Activities:

Eligible research ideas must correspond to Takeda's areas of interest, including:

- Neuroscience
- Immunology and rare diseases
- Platform technology (Assay systems and analysis methods)
- Platform technology (New modalities and drug delivery systems)
- Safety research (DMPK and safety research)

The research must be in early research stage which needs a further concept-validation study.

Existence of a certain level of validation data against the concept is preferable, but it is not mandatory.

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

### Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

- Degree of novelty and originality of the research.
- Potential impact or benefit of the research.
- Feasibility of the research plan with reasonable cost.



- Alignment with Takeda research strategies.
- Less conflict with Takeda internal projects.
- Probability of further collaboration after the COCKPI-T® funding research.
- New research network.
- Commitment of the principal investigator.

**Closing Information**

This program is available annually.

**Location:** National Overseas

**Provided By:**

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## 52.COVID-19 VIC: Business – Corangamite Shire Council Small Business Economic Stimulus and Support Programs

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

**Max Funding:** \$5,000

### **Overview:**

This program aims to assist businesses within the Shire that have been impacted by COVID-19.

There are four categories of funding available:

#### 1. Digital Grant Program

- For businesses to complete a digital assistance package, designed to assist with the purchase or upgrade of digital technology.
- Grants of up to \$2,000 are available on a 1:2 matched funding basis.
- A total funding pool of \$50,000 is allocated for this category.

#### 2. Diversification Grant Program

- For businesses who fundamentally change their business due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- One-off grant payments of \$1,000 is available.
- Grants of up to \$5,000 are available on a 1:2 matched funding basis.
- A total funding pool of \$50,000 is allocated for this category.

#### 3. Forced Closure Grant Program

- For businesses who have been forced to close through the recommendation from the Victorian Government.
- One-off grants payment of \$1,000 is available.
- A total funding pool of \$30,000 is allocated for this category.

#### 4. Traditional Advertising Grant Program

- To support businesses with local advertising.
- Grants of up to \$2,000 are available on a 1:2 matched funding basis.
- A total funding pool of \$50,000 is allocated for this category.
- This program is currently open for applications.

Businesses are only be eligible to apply for two of the above programs.

Applications for the Digital, Diversification and Forced Closure Business Grants have now closed.

### **Who Can Apply:**

Eligible applicants include businesses that must:

- Be located in Corangamite Shire.
- Have a valid ABN.
- Have 20 or fewer permanent FTE employees.
- Have been successful in receiving funding through a State or Federal Government COVID-19 grant/subsidy program, demonstrating that the business has been financially impacted by the pandemic.



Farming enterprises located in the Shire who meet the above criteria are eligible to apply.

**Eligible Activities:**

Eligible activities include:

1. Digital Grant Program

- Setting up an e-commerce website or app with training.
- Online booking software (e.g. accommodation providers).
- 12 months management of a website.
- Setting up Facebook or Instagram online shops.
- Assistance in managing or providing training in how to complete online advertising (e.g. Facebook/Google listings or targeted advertising).

2. Diversification Grant Program

- New equipment purchases.
- Business fit outs/changes/upgrades.
- Staff training and education.

3. Traditional Advertising Grant Program

- Continue and/or recommence advertising locally following the pandemic. The advertising must be radio, community newsletter or newspaper.

**Closing Information**

Please see the Overview for the closing details.

**Location:** VIC

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Corangamite Shire Council  
**Ph:** 0355937100  
**Email:** shire@corangamite.vic.gov.au  
**Web:** <https://www.corangamite.vic.gov.au>



## 53. Natalie Miller Fellowship

<b>Status:</b>	Open
<b>Closing Date:</b>	21 Sep 2020
<b>Opening Date:</b>	23 Jun 2020
<b>Max Funding:</b>	\$20,000

### Overview:

This program is designed to inspire the next generation of female leaders to achieve outstanding success at the top of their fields.

Grant of up to \$20,000 is available.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include all female and female-identifying professionals, working in the Australian screen industry, who:

- Have a minimum of five years of professional experience.
- Can demonstrate a notable track record.
- Can demonstrate leadership potential, business acumen and entrepreneurial spirit.
- Have the potential to be a credible ambassador for articulating the aims and objectives of the NMF.

The Fellowship encourages applications from women working in the following services:

- Development
- Production
- Post-production
- Exhibition
- Broadcast
- Distribution
- Festivals
- Events
- Finance
- Production services
- Screen agencies
- Industry organisations
- Guilds

Applications from Australian permanent residents and citizens, and Australian citizens who are currently working outside of Australia are also accepted.

Please refer to the FAQs for the complete eligibility requirements.

### Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include pursuing professional development through:

- Attachments
- Internships
- Secondments
- Travel
- Other means



**Assessment Criteria:**

The main assessment criteria include:

- Whether the proposal be based on a one-year timeline of activities.
- How they will reach their leadership goals in an appropriate and timely manner.
- The boldness of their initiative, as well as a strong vision of leadership.
- How they as a future leader will have long-term benefits to the wider screen industry.

**Closing Information**

This program is available annually.

**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Natalie Miller Fellowship  
**Email:** [admin@nataliemillerfellowship.com](mailto:admin@nataliemillerfellowship.com)  
**Web:** <https://nataliemillerfellowship.com>



## 54.Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS) – Small Business Support Program

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

### Overview:

This program seeks to support eligible small businesses with targeted assistance to manage adjustment pressures and remain viable in the long term. It will also ensure that small, regional businesses remain resilient through the COVID-19 downturn and maintain the capacity to rebound when normal trading conditions resume.

To provide support to small rural and regional businesses to improve their financial capability, the program will:

- Employ 22 full-time equivalent (FTE) small business financial counsellors in rural communities over 18 months, with an additional 18 FTE financial counsellors and nine (FTE) support staff in the final 12 months of the program, from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.
- Establish a Professional Services Fund to provide clients with access to specialist third-party advice, such as financial planning, legal, specialist taxation and accounting advice.

A total funding pool of \$11.7 million is available as follows:

- \$7 million (GST exclusive) for Drought Communities Small Business Support Program to help small regional and rural businesses in drought-affected areas, for 18 months to 30 June 2021.
- \$4.785 million (GST exclusive) for COVID-19 support measure to allow small regional businesses facing financial hardship due to COVID-19 to access financial counselling services for approximately 12 months, from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include small businesses that:

- Have 19 employees or less.
- Are experiencing, or at risk of, financial hardship due to the impacts of drought or COVID-19.
- Are not located within 20 kilometres of a town with a population greater than 50,000.
- Are ineligible to access services under the existing Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS) Program.

### Eligible Activities:

Eligible costs include:

- Small business financial counsellor salaries, including total remuneration and other administrative and operating costs such as vehicle allowance, work-related travel expenses, professional training expenses (such as the diploma) and office costs to accommodate the small business financial counsellor.
- Promotion of the program and services.
- Provision of a Professional Services Fund, which must be managed separately to general funds.

Eligible professional services include advices, services and activities directly related to business recovery and the long-term viability of the small business, such as:

- Financial advice
- Specialist taxation, accounting, legal and business planning advice



- Strategic marketing and communication advice
- Workforce planning and work health and safety advice
- Specialist training and study directly related to the core functions of the business

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

**Assessment Criteria:**

The main assessment criteria include:

**1. Drought Communities Support Program**

- 18-month rainfall deficiency data.
- The density of small businesses by region.
- Feedback from the RFCS providers on the potential demand from local small businesses in drought-affected areas.

**2. COVID-19**

- Density of small business by regions by region.
- Feedback from the RFCS providers on the potential demand from local small businesses in each region.
- Consideration of comparable state-funded measures.

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

**Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

**Ph:** 1800900090

**Email:** rfcs@agriculture.gov.au

**Web:** <https://www.agriculture.gov.au>





## 55. Screen Australia – International Co-production Program

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

### **Overview:**

This program aims to encourage production and foster relationships between international filmmakers. In allowing two or more international producers to come together to make a screen project, it provides them with the opportunities to access the resources required to produce projects that will be internationally competitive.

The objective of the program is to foster projects that will be truly international in terms of storytelling, budget ranges and the audiences to which they appeal.

Australian producers can enter into an agreement in the form of either a Treaty or a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a partner country. Agreements between governments specify how projects can be ‘coproduced’ between partner countries.

The basic requirement of each arrangement is that each co-producer must bring a minimum percentage of the financial and creative contribution to the project, and further, these two elements need to be ‘reasonably in proportion’.

Applicants are encouraged to contact program administrator before making any proposals or explore the arrangement tool in the website for more information.

### **Who Can Apply:**

Eligible applicants include Australian producers working with an international producer from a partner country.

To be eligible, applicants must meet the Australia's co-production arrangements:

- Minimum contributions
- Personnel
- Screenwriters
- Underlying works
- Location of production
- Co-producers agreement
- Multipartite co-productions

Please refer to the Guidelines for specific eligibility requirements and information of each arrangement.

### **Eligible Activities:**

An eligible co-production is a project which has been made under an arrangement with a partner country, and has been approved as an official co-production by the competent authority in each country. A project made under a co-production arrangement between two countries is treated as a national project of those countries and can access all relevant benefits attached to being a ‘national film’.



Australian producers can make a co-production with producers from:

- Canada
- China
- France
- Germany
- Ireland
- Italy
- Israel
- Korea
- New Zealand
- Singapore
- South Africa
- United Kingdom

Please refer to the Guidelines or contact the administrator to determine whether the project is fitted for a co-production.

**Assessment Criteria:**

The main assessment criteria include:

- Reasonable equivalence
- Financial contribution
- Creative contribution

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

**Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Screen Australia  
**Ph:** 0281131042  
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**Web:** <https://www.screenaustralia.gov.au>



## 56. The Bob Hawke Landcare Award

<b>Status:</b>	Open
<b>Closing Date:</b>	31 Aug 2020
<b>Opening Date:</b>	25 Jun 2020
<b>Max Funding:</b>	\$50,000

### Overview:

This award acknowledges an individual's leadership and commitment to Landcare, natural resource management and sustainable agriculture.

A total prize package worth \$50,000 is available for the successful recipient.

The award will be presented at the National Landcare Awards gala dinner on 11 March 2021 in Sydney.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible nominees must:

- Be an individual.
- Not be a group or organisation.
- Be an Australian citizen.
- Be actively involved in Landcare, natural resource management and sustainable agriculture.
- Have demonstrated leadership and a commitment to natural resource management and sustainable agriculture.

### Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include further development of knowledge and skills in sustainable land management and landcare.

### Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include whether an individual demonstrates the following qualities:

#### 1. Landcare champion

- Champions the landcare ethic.
- Shows a remarkable commitment to caring for the land.
- Has an outstanding commitment to local communities and drives community activity.

#### 2. Remarkable leader

- Inspires, educates and encourages others to take action on their own properties or through a landcare group.
- Champions the uptake of more sustainable agricultural practices and can demonstrate the adoption of improved practices among landholders as a consequence of this action.

#### 3. Sustainable farm practice innovator

- Actively pursues, introduces and shapes innovative farming systems to improve productivity, profitability, sustainability, and the quality of the natural resources.

### Closing Information

This program is available biennially.



**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Landcare Australia

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**Web:** <https://bobhawkelandcareaward.com.au>



## 57. Monash University – The Generator: Accelerator Program

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:** 2 Aug 2020

**Opening Date:** 23 Jun 2020

**Max Funding:** \$10,000

### Overview:

This program is for designed Monash University innovators, entrepreneurs and change makers (current students, staff, researchers and alumni) who are working on validated ideas or early stage startups to achieve significant and sustainable growth for their venture.

Over an intensive eight weeks, participants will be guided by Entrepreneurs-in-Residence (EiR) and mentors, provided equity-free seed funding and work in a dedicated co-working space to rapidly progress their startup. This includes:

- One x weekly Masterclass (compulsory)
- Weekly 1:1 with their dedicated EiR (compulsory)
- Weekly pitch and communication practice (compulsory)
- Accelerator Dinners - a 'reveal all' dinner with a successful founder, mentor, or startup superstar every week
- Dedicated space in the brand new Generator co-working space on Clayton Campus (optional)
- \$10,000 in equity-free seed funding per team

The application is a two-stage process:

- Round 1: Online application form plus a 1-minute video.
- Round 2: Panel interview

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include teams and individuals who:

- Can evidence validation of the idea - this can be an early minimum viable product, customers/users, a prototype or extensive insight through industry expertise or quality customer interviews.
- Deeply care about the problem and have some domain expertise.
- Committed to growth and creating a viable venture.
- Are open and willing to be guided by the coaches, mentors and advisors.
- Are clear in what they hope to gain from the Accelerator program.

To apply to the program, at least one team member with an active role or at least 10% equity in the venture must be a current student, staff member or researcher at Monash or an alumnus of Monash.

In addition to this, their startup company must have, or is able to obtain an Australian Business Number (ABN) prior to the start of the program.

The team must also be in a position to attend all core components of the program between August and October.

### Closing Information



This program is available annually.

**Location:** VIC

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Monash University

**Ph:** 0399026000

**Email:** [entrepreneurship@monash.edu](mailto:entrepreneurship@monash.edu)

**Web:** <https://www.monash.edu>



## 58.Venture Capital Limited Partnerships (VCLP) Program

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

### **Overview:**

This programme aims to stimulate Australia's venture capital sector by attracting foreign investors.

Fund managers planning to raise a venture capital fund of at least \$10 million (there is no upper limit) can apply to Innovation and Science Australia to register the partnership as a VCLP.

### **Who Can Apply:**

Eligible applicants must:

- Be a limited partnership.
- Be established in Australia or a country with which Australia has a double tax agreement.
- Have a partnership agreement that:
  - a) Remains in existence for not less than five years and not more than 15 years.
  - b) Requires partners to contribute capital when required.
  - c) Prohibits the addition of new partners except as provided for in the agreement.
  - d) Prohibits increases in committed capital except as provided for in the agreement.
  - e) Confers on a general partner the right to require partners to contribute their committed capital to the partnership.
  - f) Includes a plan which outlines its intended investment activities.
- Have a general partner(s) that is a resident of either Australia or a country which Australia has a double tax agreement.
- Have at least \$10 million committed capital.
- Not hold any investments that are not allowed by the VCA. The partnership can only hold debt interests that are permitted loans.
- Only carry on activities related to making investments allowed by the VCA.

Please refer to the Customer Information Guide for the complete eligibility requirements.

### **Eligible Activities:**

Eligible investment in a businesses include those that:

- Are located in Australia, including:
  - a) 50% of its assets
  - b) 50% of its staff
- Are either a company or a unit trust.
- Have total assets of not more than \$250 million.
- Have a registered auditor, where the entity's value is more than \$12.5 million.
- Have a predominant activity that is not:
  - a) Property development or land ownership
  - b) Finance
  - c) Insurance
  - d) Construction
  - e) Making investments directed at deriving passive income
- Do not invest the VCLP's investment in another entity unless it is 'connected' and satisfies a number of requirements.



- Are not listed or will delist within 12 months.

Please refer to the Customer Information Guide for the complete list of eligible investments.

**Closing Information**

This programme is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

**Name:** AusIndustry

**Ph:** 132846

**Email:** VentureCapital@industry.gov.au

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





## 59.NHMRC – NIHR Collaborative Research Grants Scheme

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:** 24 Jul 2020

**Opening Date:** 24 Jun 2020

### Overview:

This programme seeks to support Australian participation and collaboration in leading international collaborative research through the United Kingdom's NIHR Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Programme.

The HTA Programme funds independent research about the effectiveness, costs and broader impact of healthcare treatments and tests.

Funding is for up to five years.

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

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:

- The Chief Investigator A (CIA) and their Administering Institution must be named as the Australian Partner Investigator on an application submitted to the NIHR.
- The application must have been shortlisted based on scientific peer review by NIHR in order to be considered for funding by NHMRC.
- Other Australian researchers listed on the NIHR application must be identified as CIs in the application to NHMRC.
- Australian applicants must provide the Australian budget details on the NHMRC-NIHR Scheme application form (in NHMRC's grant management system).

The Australian applicants must be successful through the NIHR HTA process to be eligible to receive funding from NHMRC.

### Eligible Activities:

Eligible research topics are:

- NHMRC July 2020 Submission:
  - a) 19/76 Antipsychotics for anorexia nervosa
- NHMRC November 2020 Submission:
  - a) 9/120 Relapsing polymyalgia rheumatica
  - b) 19/124 Effectiveness of meniscal allograft transplantation

Please refer to the NIHR website for the list of eligible projects.

### Closing Information

This program is available annually.

**Location:** National

### Provided By:

**Name:** National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)



**Ph:** 1800500983  
**Email:** [help@nhmrc.gov.au](mailto:help@nhmrc.gov.au)  
**Web:** <https://nhmrc.gov.au>



## 60.Call for Code Global Challenge

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:** 31 Jul 2020

**Opening Date:** 22 Mar 2020

### Overview:

This competition is for developers to create practical, effective, and high-quality applications based on cloud, data, and artificial intelligence that can have an immediate and lasting impact on humanitarian issues.

This year the competition will have two tracks:

- For solutions that help halt and reverse the impact of climate change.
- For solutions to mitigate the impact of global pandemics like COVID-19 on communities around the world.

The prizes are:

#### 1. Grand prize

- USD200,000 cash prize
- Invitation to the Call for Code Global Award Announcement
- Open source project support from The Linux Foundation
- Opportunity for mentorship and investment in the solution
- Solution implementation support through Code and Response™

#### 2. First and second runner up

- USD25,000 cash prize
- Invitation to the Call for Code Global Award Announcement
- Open source project support from The Linux Foundation

#### 3. Third and fourth runner up

- USD10,000 cash prize for each team
- Invitation to the Call for Code Global Award Announcement
- Open source project support from The Linux Foundation

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include developers, designers, and entrepreneurs who are over the age of 18 or the age of majority in their jurisdiction, whichever is greater.

Employees of IBM, DCC, and AngelHack are not eligible to participate.

### Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

- Completeness and transferability
- Effectiveness and efficiency
- Design and usability
- Creativity and innovation

### Closing Information

This program is available annually.



**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

**Name:** David Clark Cause

**Web:** <https://callforcode.org>



## 61.COVID-19 National: Business – Supporting Apprentices and Trainees

<b>Status:</b>	Open
<b>Closing Date:</b>	31 Dec 2020
<b>Opening Date:</b>	2 Apr 2020
<b>Max Funding:</b>	\$21,000

### Overview:

This program aims to support small businesses and group training organisations to retain their apprentices and trainees, as part of the Australian Government's Economic Response to the Coronavirus to help business withstand the impact of the coronavirus and encourage an economic recovery into the future.

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.

Group training organisations, with an apprentice or trainee working in a host business of any size in receipt of the JobKeeper Payment, may be eligible for a subsidy equivalent to \$1,500 per fortnight. This applies to wages paid from 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2020. The apprentice or trainee must have been in an Australian Apprenticeship as at 1 March 2020.

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.

This measure is expected to cost \$1.3 billion across 2019-20 and 2020-21.

### Who Can Apply:

An employer who retains an apprentice or trainee in their Australian Apprenticeship may be eligible for the subsidy where:

- The employer is a small business (with fewer than 20 employees).
- A small business (with fewer than 20 employees) using a group training organisation.
- The apprentice or trainee was undertaking an Australian apprenticeship with the employer on 1 March 2020.

Any employer (including all small, medium or large businesses or group training organisations) who re-engage an out-of-trade apprentice or trainee may be eligible for the subsidy where:

- The apprentice or trainee was undertaking an Australian Apprenticeship on 1 March 2020, in a small business.
- The apprentice or trainee was released from the small business.
- The new employer or group training organisation has engaged the apprentice or trainee.



**Closing Information**

Please see the Overview for the closing details.

**Location:** National

**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>



## 62. First State Super – Victorian Business Growth Fund (VBGF)

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

### Overview:

This program seeks to support businesses with strong long-term growth prospects that are having difficulty accessing capital is even more critical as a measure to help drive economic recovery and growth in the wake of the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.

The Fund will invest in businesses on commercial terms and take either an equity or debt stake in businesses, rather than providing a grant. The fund manager will be targeting a commercial return on its investment and will also provide strategic insights, expertise and commercial experience to accelerate growth outcomes for Fund investments.

All investment decisions will be made by independent fund manager, based on a commercial assessment about the potential growth and return profile for the business, governed by an investment mandate agreed by the Victorian Government and First State Super.

Roc Partners was selected as the independent fund manager to operate the VBGF.

The fund is expected to run for ten years.

A total funding pool of \$250 million is available.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include businesses that:

- Present a compelling growth opportunity to Victoria, meaning that it is expected to lead to growth in a Victorian business, fund growth of a business expanding into Victoria, lead to meaningful job creation in Victoria or add meaningful capital investment in Victoria.
- Have annual revenue of between \$5 million and \$100 million.
- Have no more than \$250 million in assets.
- Have positive cash flow, or cash flow is expected to be positive during the investment.

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** VIC

### Provided By:

**Name:** First State Super  
**Email:** [vbgf@dtf.vic.gov.au](mailto:vbgf@dtf.vic.gov.au)  
**Web:** <https://www.dtf.vic.gov.au>



## 63.COVID-19 National: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – IRGP Australia-ASEAN Council (AAC) COVID-19 Special Grants Round

<b>Status:</b>	Open
<b>Closing Date:</b>	5 Aug 2020
<b>Opening Date:</b>	11 Jun 2020
<b>Max Funding:</b>	\$50,000

### Overview:

This program aims to support continuity in people-to-people and institutional engagement between Australia and Southeast Asia during and following the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, when restrictions on travel and social distancing will limit opportunities for face-to-face engagement and inward and outbound visits.

This grant opportunity is a special round under the IRGP Australia-ASEAN Council (AAC) which will target online and other activities or forms of engagement that help bring people together through virtual means and build cross-cultural linkages, but do not require travel and are consistent with government restrictions in response to COVID-19.

The round will also prioritise applications that directly contribute to the priority needs of Southeast Asian countries during and immediately following the COVID-19 pandemic. Countries in scope include: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Grants between \$10,000 and \$50,000 are available. Co-contributions from the applicant and other parties strengthen the application.

A total funding pool of \$300,000 is available in 2020-21 for this grant opportunity, subject to appropriation.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must be one of the following entity types:

- An Australian entity with an Australian Business Number (ABN), Australian Company Number (ACN), or Indigenous Corporation Number (ICN).
- An Australian consortium with a lead organisation.
- An Australian registered charity or not-for-profit organisation.
- An Australian local government body.
- An Australian State/Territory government body.
- A corporate Commonwealth entity.
- An Australian statutory authority.
- Be an Australian or permanent resident of Australia.
- Be willing to provide or develop child protection guidelines for the project if it involves people under the age of 18 years.

Applications from consortia are acceptable, provided they have a lead applicant who is the main driver of the project and is eligible as per the list above.





Individuals who intend the grant to be administered by a university should apply on behalf of the university (i.e. the university is the applicant).

**Eligible Activities:**

Eligible activities/costs include:

- Online or remote communication activities.
- Research, excluding salaries.
- Communication and translation.
- Advertising and promotion, graphic design, photography and printed material.
- Production costs, including freight and artists' wages.

Only one participant per conference or meeting and only where the participant is a principal speaker and the subject of the conference is of direct relevance to the grant opportunity (in line with current Australian Government medical advice on COVID-19 restrictions).

For activities delivered in Australia, applicants are encouraged to consider the use of an Indigenous supplier, if they intend to subcontract any of the services above.

**Assessment Criteria:**

The main assessment criteria include:

- The proposal has clearly defined objectives consistent with one or more of the Australia-ASEAN Council strategic objectives.
- The proposal is achievable in the context of travel, government and social distancing restrictions in place in Australia and/or ASEAN member countries at the date of close of applications.
- The proposal will support continuity in people-to-people and institutional engagement between Australia and ASEAN member countries during the COVID-19 pandemic or further advance Australia's own ability to assist these countries.
- The proposal offers prospects for ongoing self-sustaining activity in the area/s of health, science, education, economic resilience, social cohesion, trade and investment, interfaith dialogue, contemporary arts and culture, youth, gender and women's empowerment, and disability; and represents value for money.

**Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 5 August 2020, 3pm.

**Location:** National Overseas

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

**Ph:** 0262611333

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**Web:** <https://www.dfat.gov.au>



## 64. Early Stage Venture Capital Limited Partnership (ESVCLP)

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

**Max Funding:** \$200,000,000

### Overview:

This programme aims to stimulate Australia's venture capital sector by helping fund managers attract pooled capital.

The programme operate by:

- Treating ESVCLPs as ordinary partnerships, or 'flow-through' vehicles, for tax purposes.
- Exempting all partners of an ESVCLP from tax on their share of the income and gains derived from, or from disposal of, eligible early stage venture capital investments.
- Giving limited partners a non-refundable carry forward tax offset of up to 10% of their eligible contributions.
- Taking general partners' interests to be held on capital account rather than on revenue account.

ESVCLPs are no longer required to divest an eligible venture capital investment when its total assets exceed \$250 million (although tax concessions are restricted from this threshold).

Fund managers who plan to raise an ESVCLP of between \$10 million and \$200 million can apply to Innovation Australia's Innovation Investment Committee (the Committee) to register the partnership as an ESVCLP.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must:

- Be a limited partnership.
- Be established in Australia or a country with which Australia has a double tax agreement.
- Have a partnership agreement that:
  - a) Remains in existence for not less than five years and not more than 15 years.
  - b) Requires partners to contribute capital when required.
  - c) Prohibits the addition of new partners except as provided for in the agreement.
  - d) Prohibits increases in committed capital except as provided for in the agreement.
  - e) Confers on a general partner the right to require partners to contribute their committed capital to the partnership.
  - f) Includes a plan which outlines its intended investment activities.
- Have a general partner(s) that:
  - a) Is a resident of either Australia or a country which Australia has a double tax agreement.
  - b) Has access to appropriate venture capital management expertise.
- Have a plan to make early stage venture capital investments.
- Have at least \$10 million and not more than \$200 million committed capital.
- Ensure no partner (investor) contributes more than 30% of the partnership's committed capital unless approved by the Committee.
- Not hold any investments that are not allowed by the VCA or are not in accordance with the partnership's approved investment plan.
- Only carry on activities related to making investments allowed by the VCA.



Please refer to the Customer Information Guide for the complete eligibility requirements.

**Eligible Activities:**

Eligible investments in a business include those that:

- Are located in Australia, including:
  - a) 50% of its assets
  - b) 50% of its staff
- Are either a company or a unit trust.
- Have total assets of not more than \$50 million.
- Has a registered auditor.
- Has a predominant activity that is not:
  - a) Property development or land ownership
  - b) Finance
  - c) Insurance
  - d) Construction
- e) Making investments directed at deriving passive income
- Do not invest the ESVCLP's investment in another entity (there are exceptions).
- Are not listed. There are exceptions in cases where an ESVCLP invested before listing.

Please refer to the Customer Information Guide for the complete list of eligibility investments.

**Assessment Criteria:**

The main assessment criteria include:

- Stages of development.
- Cash flow levels.
- Levels of technology.
- Proportion of intellectual property to total assets.
- Levels of risk and return.
- Amount of tangible assets and collateral against which borrowings may be secured.

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

**Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

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## 65. AirTree Ventures Fund

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

### Overview:

This Fund is focused on investing in growth stage businesses that are disrupting traditional markets. It aims to help digital businesses to thrive by providing capital, networks, support and mentoring to entrepreneurs.

There are two types of funding available:

- Early stage company: Between \$200,000 and \$5 million.
- Later stage: More than \$20 million.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include business startups that:

- Bring together outstanding entrepreneurs and a clear product vision.
- Solve a real problem.
- Should be capable of being successful on a regional basis first.

### Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include whether the founders have:

- Deep domain expertise.
- The ability to evangelise their vision to attract future capital and exceptional hires.
- The commercial hustle and resiliency to pivot if needed.
- The self-awareness to constantly adapt in a rapidly changing environment.

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** National

### Provided By:

**Name:** AirTree Ventures  
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**Web:** <https://airtreevc.com>



## 66.COVID-19 VIC: Business, Non-Profits – Hepburn Shire Council Coronavirus (COVID-19) Community Support Grants Program

**Status:** Pending

**Closing Date:** 30 Jun 2020

**Opening Date:** 23 Apr 2020

**Max Funding:** \$2,500

### Overview:

This program aims to support and sustain the Shire's community and residents throughout the response and recovery phase of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

There are four categories available for both short- and long-term initiatives:

- Quick Response Grants: Up to \$1,000
- Arts and Culture Grants: Up to \$2,000
- Sport and Active Recreation Grants: Up to \$2,000
- Community Support Grants: Up to \$2,500

Eligible organisations can apply for immediate funding via the Quick Response Grants, and/or for one of the three other funding categories. Organisations are eligible to receive funding via the Quick Response Grants and one of the other three categories. Previous funding from other Council Grants Programs has not affect on an organisations eligibility to apply.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include:

- Businesses including sole traders who provide sports, arts and culture activities.
- Not-for-profit groups including, but not limited to, sporting and active recreation clubs, art groups, charitable society's, Neighbourhood Centres and more.

### Eligible Activities:

Eligible projects include those that:

#### 1. Quick Response Grants

- Support vulnerable and isolated community members.
- Develop online and e-commerce capabilities to the benefit of the community (i.e. subscriptions).
- Provide opportunities to engage new volunteers.

#### 2. Arts and Culture Grants

- Promote attachment and cultural identity.
- Support cohesion and cultural understanding.
- Support public health and belonging.
- Support growth and sustainability.
- Support artists and contributors.
- Develop online and e-commerce capabilities to the benefit of the community (i.e. subscriptions).
- Undertake training and professional development.

#### 3. Sport and Active Recreation Grants

- Develop online and e-commerce capabilities to the benefit of the community (i.e. subscriptions).



- Provide opportunities to engage new volunteers.
- Undertake training and professional development.
- Increase participation in sport and recreation.
- Support the Active Women and Girls Strategy.

**4. Community Support Grants**

- Develop online and e-commerce capabilities to the benefit of the community (i.e. subscriptions).
- Provide opportunities to engage new volunteers.
- Undertake training and professional development.

Projects must be able to be delivered within current (and evolving) Coronavirus (COVID-19) State Appropriation Restrictions.

**Closing Information**

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

**Location:** VIC

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Hepburn Shire Council  
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## 67. Product Stewardship for Oil (PSO) Program

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

### **Overview:**

This program aims to encourage the environmentally sustainable management and re-refining of used oil and its re-use.

The Product Stewardship (Oil) Act 2000 establishes the general framework and benefit entitlements of the PSO arrangements. The arrangements comprise a levy-benefit system, where an 8.5 cents per litre levy on new oil, helps fund benefit payments to used oil recyclers. These arrangements provide incentives to increase used oil recycling in the Australian community.

There are two parts to the arrangements:

#### 1. Product stewardship levy

- Payable by oil producers and importers for petroleum-based oils and their synthetic equivalents.

The levy increased from 5.449 cents per litre (or kilogram for greases) to 8.5 cents per litre on 1 July 2014.

- Offsets the costs of benefits paid to oil recyclers as an incentive to undertake increased recycling of used oil. This ensures that some of the costs of used oil recycling are borne by the markets that gain the benefit from the production and use of that oil, rather than from public monies or other markets. In economic terms, it 'internalises the externalities'.

#### 2. Product stewardship benefits

- These volume-based benefits support existing appropriate recycling activities, and provide incentives to maintain a diverse range of recycling options for used oil.

- The recycling benefits are set out in the Product Stewardship (Oil) Regulations 2000 (the Regulations) and are designed to engender an increase in the collection and reprocessing of used oil.

The benefits will contribute to:

a) An increase in total used oil collection and recycling.

b) Where appropriate and practicable, an increase in recycling activity within each category.

The program pays a benefit in cents per litre for oil in eight categories:

- Categories 1-7 for recycling used oil

- Category 8 for using gazetted or eligible oil in a gazetted or eligible use

Applicants can lodge their claim within three years after the start of their claim period. The claim period is the time frame specified by the applicant on the claim form.

### **Who Can Apply:**

Eligible applicants include recycling operators who must:

- Have an ABN or provide evidence of having applied for an ABN.

- Have an excise manufacturing licence under the Excise Act 1901.

- Comply with relevant Australian and State/Territory legislation and requirements (particularly environmental criteria).

Recycling operations claiming benefits must be both:



- Recycling used oil.
- Either directly using the recycled product, or selling that recycled product for end use.

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

**Eligible Activities:**

Eligible activities include undertaking the final processing (recycling) stage prior to end use. The product must be used by that recycler or sold for end use (i.e. not just processed and stockpiled).

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

**Assessment Criteria:**

The claim for Product Stewardship for Oil program (PSO) benefits is based on self assessment. This means the applicant is responsible for:

- Determining eligibility
- Calculating the claim
- Keeping records that support the PSO claim

Records to substantiate the claim for benefits should include:

1. Category 1-7

- Goods used in the recycling process
- The process of recycling
- The quantity of recycled oil
- Loss or wastage
- Storage of the goods
- Sale, use or disposal of the goods
- Knowledge that the oil is not to undergo further recycling
- How the claim was worked out

2. Category 8

- The quantity and type of oil purchased
- The quantity of oil consumed
- Loss or wastage of the goods
- How the oil was consumed

**Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Department of the Environment and Energy

**Ph:** 0262741111

**Web:** <https://www.environment.gov.au>





## 68.NAB Disaster Relief Fund

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

**Max Funding:** \$2,000

### Overview:

This program aims to help people affected by bushfires across Australia. It seeks to provide immediate relief to business and agriculture customers and support longer-term recovery and rebuilding efforts in communities.

The fund will also be used to provide ongoing support during the rest of the year, as the scale of the impact of these natural disasters on people and businesses becomes clearer.

Grants of up to \$2,000 are available per:

- Household (a household is defined as an address).
- Business or one grant per customer.

A total funding pool of \$4 million is available.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must:

#### 1. For loss of home

- Be a current customer or employee of NAB. Customers need to have banked with NAB on or before 2 January 2020 and hold at least one active account.
- Have lost their primary place of residence during the current bushfire season (rent or own) – meaning that the property is no longer in a liveable condition.

#### 2. For business grant

- A current NAB customer with a NAB business trading/transaction account, with the business currently in operation.
- Have suffered significant damage to, or destruction of, income-producing assets as a result of the bushfires. This could include premises, equipment and loss of stock or livestock.

### Eligible Activities:

Eligible costs include:

- Temporary accommodation
- Food and clothing
- Damaged property, equipment, fencing
- Loss of stock or livestock

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** National

### Provided By:



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**Name:** National Australia Bank Limited  
**Ph:** 1300683106  
**Web:** <https://www.nab.com.au>



## 69. Certain Inputs to Manufacture Program

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

### Overview:

This program aims to improve the competitiveness of Australian industry by providing import duty concessions on certain imported raw materials and intermediate goods such as chemicals, plastics, paper goods, or metal materials and goods used in food packaging.

The program offers duty-free entry for imported goods which can help to reduce costs and improve productivity and competitiveness.

Applications must be submitted before the goods seeking import duty concessions for are imported.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants must:

- Be intending to import an eligible raw material or intermediate good to produce a specific end product.
- Demonstrate that the imported good has a performance advantage in producing the specific end product over a local input produced in Australia.
- Submit an application before they import the goods.

Please contact the program administrator for more information.

### Eligible Activities:

Eligible goods include:

- Item 46: Raw materials and intermediate goods classified under heading 5903 or within Chapter 28, 29, 32, 34, 35, 37, 38, 39 or 48 of Schedule 3 of the Customs Tariff, broadly chemicals, plastics and paper goods.
- Item 47: Metal materials and goods, classified within Chapters 72 to 82 of Schedule 3 of the Customs Tariff, used in the packaging of food.

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

### Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

- Greater production efficiency, including reduced processing time, fewer production steps, lower capital costs, lower operating costs, improved yield, reduced energy usage.
- Superior physical or chemical properties, including improved strength, durability or flexibility.
- Compliance with Australian or international standards.
- Any other pertinent characteristics that demonstrate a significant commercial advantage (other than relative cost) compared to suitable Australian-made materials.

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** National



**Provided By:**

**Name:** AusIndustry  
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**Web:** <https://www.business.gov.au>



## 70.COVID-19 National: Business, Non-Profits – Show Starter Loans

**Status:** Opening

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

### **Overview:**

This program seeks to assist arts and entertainment businesses to fund new productions and events, as part the Government's plan to restart Australia's creative economy and support jobs in the arts, entertainment and screen sectors as they rebuild from the impacts of COVID-19.

The program forms part of the \$250 million COVID-19 Creative Economy Support Package which addresses urgent needs within the sector and complements existing whole-of-economy support and assistance measures already in place. It has been developed as part of the Government's existing Coronavirus Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) Guarantee and will complement the RISE Fund.

Lenders will provide facilities that only have to be drawn down if needed. Loan terms will be up to five years, with an initial 12 month repayment deferral. The Commonwealth will guarantee 100% of loan amounts.

A total funding pool of \$90 million is available.

### **Who Can Apply:**

Eligible applicants include large and small companies from across all art forms – including dance, visual arts, Indigenous arts, music, literature and theatre.

### **Eligible Activities:**

Eligible activities are those that generate jobs – including through the synergy between arts and entertainment on the one hand, and travel, tourism and hospitality on the other.

Loans will also increase arts access in outer metropolitan, regional and remote areas.

### **Closing Information**

This program is expected to open in July 2020. More information will be published shortly.

**Location:** National

### **Provided By:**

**Name:** Australia Council for the Arts

**Web:** <https://www.arts.gov.au>



## 71. Global Business Challenge (GBC)

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:** 28 Aug 2020

**Opening Date:**

**Max Funding:** \$112,500

### Overview:

This challenge aims to identify real potential implementable solutions to a global business challenge and provide a learning experience for the students that will encourage healthy competition, professionalism, and interaction by the future business leaders, both amongst themselves and with the business community.

The challenge for 2020 is to 'develop novel and sustainable solutions to aid in resource recovery and promote the circular economy'.

The prizes for the challenge are:

- 1st Prize: \$100,000
- 2nd Prize: \$15,000
- 3rd Prize: \$10,000

Teams with 'Concept Solutions' that comprise technologies not yet able to be demonstrated are still encouraged to compete for the GBC Competition Prizes but may be ineligible for Industry Prizes.

In addition to the cash prizes all non-Australian university finalists will be eligible for a travel subsidy of up to \$12,500 plus having accommodation provided at no cost.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include teams of postgraduate students from both business and technical disciplines.

Participating students within a team must meet the enrolment criteria being either:

- Currently enrolled in an eligible program of study.
- Have been enrolled in an eligible program of study during 2019.

Eligible program is any business or technical discipline based postgraduate program of study (such as MBA, Masters Degrees or other relevant post-graduate degree programs in business or technical disciplines).

Please refer to the website for the complete eligibility requirements.

### Eligible Activities:

Eligible solutions may:

- Cover any domain within the theme and one or more points within the value chain.
- Include any combination of new technologies as well as novel business models that support widespread adoption and successful commercialisation. As outlined in the challenge statement, proposed solutions that result in:

a) Waste reduction



- b) Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
- c) Reduction in greenhouse gas emissions
- d) Improved better environmental outcomes

**Closing Information**

This program is available annually.

**Location:** National Overseas

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Queensland University of Technology (QUT)

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**Web:** <http://globalbusinesschallenge.org>



## 72.iMOVE CRC – Industry PhD Program

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

### **Overview:**

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

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

Benefits for the industry partner are:

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

PhD funding is \$40,000 a year for a maximum of three years, which includes the student stipend and a travel and materials allowance for the project. The industry/government partner contributes \$20,000 per annum, the remaining \$20,000 is contributed by iMOVE and the university combined. Payment arrangements are flexible. Organisations can choose to pay the full \$60,000 upfront for the three years at the start of the project or pay \$20,000 annually at the start of each year.

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

### **Who Can Apply:**

Eligible applicants include:

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

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

### **Eligible Activities:**

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

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

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





**Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

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## 73. Meat & Livestock Australia – MLA Donor Company Innovation Partners Program

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

### **Overview:**

This program aims to provide a mechanism for attracting commercial investment from individual enterprises and matching this with surplus Commonwealth rural meat industry R&D funds.

Through the Innovation Partners Program, the objectives of the MDC are to:

- Significantly increase the level of enterprise investment in innovation in the Australian red meat industry.
- Significantly enhance the outcomes of commercially focussed innovation thereby ensuring quantifiable commercial returns to individual enterprises and ultimately to the industry overall.
- Accelerate the commercialisation of R&D thereby adding the quantum of innovations available to industry.
- Assist the Australian red meat industry to develop an innovation culture and capability.
- Achieve commercial returns for MDC (where appropriate), which can be reinvested in programs and projects that grow the level of profitable innovation within the industry.

This program is self-funded and does not have access to industry levy funds. The program can only be offered if sufficient funding is raised through the delivery of the program to support the management and administration team. For this reason a project administration fee is charged.

Funding of up to 50% of the project is available. The remaining funds will be provided by the company and any other funding partners. If the company is a processor and has sufficient Australian Meat Processor Corporation Limited (AMPC) R&D funds available, AMPC may be able to contribute up to a maximum of 25% of the project. Companies must confirm their available funds with AMPC directly. The source of funds total must match the expenditure and milestones totals, including project administration fees

The Australian Government matches voluntary partner contributions (up to 50%) through MDC.

MLA is not able to match funds sourced from other Australian Federal Government programs and may be able to match only in limited cases funds from Australian State Governments.

### **Who Can Apply:**

Eligible applicants must be from sectors of the red meat industry supply chain, including:

- Producers
- Feed lots
- Meat processing companies
- Value adding companies
- Food service operators
- Alliances
- Live exporters
- Retail butchers
- Supermarkets



- National and international industry organisations

Companies involved in supporting the industry are also eligible to apply. These include:

- Packaging companies
- Technology development companies
- Plant breeding companies
- Equipment suppliers
- Research and consulting organisations
- Animal health companies

**Eligible Activities:**

Eligible projects must deliver outcomes that address broader industry and/or government priorities and benefit the entire industry.

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

**Assessment Criteria:**

The main assessment criteria include:

- Eligibility for matching R&D funds
- Alignment with government and industry priorities
- Benefit to industry
- Technical feasibility
- Market and commercial risk
- Quality of application
- Capability of research team/partner
- Adoption and commercialisation pathway

**Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

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## 74. Global Innovation Fund (GIF)

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

### **Overview:**

This program seeks to invest in social innovations that aim to improve the lives and opportunities of millions of people in the developing world. It is a hybrid investment fund that supports the piloting, rigorous testing, and scaling of innovations targeted at improving the lives of the poorest people in developing countries.

The program support innovators at all stages of development. Through grants, loans (including convertible debt), and equity investments ranging from \$50,000 to \$15 million, GIF back innovations with the potential for social impact at a large scale, whether they are new business models, policy practices, technologies, behavioural insights, or new ways of delivering products and services that benefit the poor in developing countries.

The Fund uses a staged funding approach:

#### 1. Pilot

- Provide seed capital to support the startup and field-testing of innovations.
- Funding of up to USD230,000 is available.

#### 2. Test and transition

- Support innovations that have already demonstrated success at a small scale.
- Funding of up to USD2.3 million is available.

#### 3. Scaling

- Support the expansion of innovations that have already demonstrated a strong track record of social impact and effectiveness.
- Funding of up to USD15 million is available.

The application process involves six steps:

- Initial application
- Information gathering and learning more
- Full application
- Due diligence
- Decision panel
- Funding agreement

Australia's innovationXchange will invest \$30 million over the next four years in GIF. This investment will enable Australia to effectively and cost-efficiently seek ideas from across the globe with a particular emphasis on the Indo-Pacific region (both ideas from the region and ideas that positively impact the region).

### **Who Can Apply:**

Eligible applicants include (in any country):

- Social enterprises
- For-profit companies



- Non-profit organisations
- Government agencies
- International organisations
- Researchers

The program is open to funding innovations in any sector as long as they can show that their innovation improves the lives of those living on less than \$5 PPP per day, especially less than \$2 PPP per day.

**Eligible Activities:**

Eligible types of innovation include developing:

- New products or services that benefit poor and vulnerable communities.
- New ways of delivering or adapting already-existing products and services so that they are more effective in reaching the poor, such as through innovative marketing or distribution strategies.

GIF is interested in innovations that enable greater social impacts to be achieved compared to current practices. This could mean reaching more people per dollar spent, for example. The fund supports innovations that are expected to lead to large, transformative improvements to development outcomes rather than incremental changes.

**Assessment Criteria:**

The main assessment criteria include:

- Innovation and impact
- Measuring success and sharing lessons learned
- Potential to scale
- Team

**Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** National Overseas

**Provided By:**

**Name:** InnovationXchange Australia  
**Email:** <https://globalinnovation.fund/contact>  
**Web:** <https://globalinnovation.fund>



## 75. Kenneth Myer Innovation Fellowships Program

<b>Status:</b>	Open
<b>Closing Date:</b>	16 Aug 2020
<b>Opening Date:</b>	19 Jun 2020
<b>Max Funding:</b>	\$150,000

### Overview:

This fellowships aims to support breakthrough solutions to Australia's most pressing social and environmental challenges and bring new talent to the social sector.

The program offers outstanding individuals with freedom from their day jobs to:

- Open productive new lines of inquiry
- Ask provocative questions
- Challenge conventional wisdom
- Develop new ideas, approaches, and strategies

Each fellow will receive \$120,000 for their twelve month commitment to the program and additional \$30,000 for approved expenses such as work space, rent, travel and contracting of external expertise.

The application is a two-stage process:

- Expressions of interest: Opened 19 June and closes 16 August 2020
- Full application: Opens 30 November and closes 10 January 2021

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include leaders from all types of professional and cultural backgrounds and across all sectors (private, public and non-profit).

Eligible applicant must:

- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.
- Reside in Australia for the majority of the fellowship period.
- Be prepared to take a sabbatical from their current role for 12 months.
- Have a proven track record of risk-taking, out-of-the-box thinking.
- Have an ability to turn ideas into action.
- Have well-developed networks within an area of the proposed project.

### Eligible Activities:

Eligible proposed project must be:

- Based in Australia.
- Aligned with one or more of the subject areas of Poverty and Disadvantage, Sustainability and the Environment, or Human, Civil and Legal Rights.
- Have been in development for not longer than three years.

### Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

- Ideas
- a) High impact: Likely to produce results in the areas of Education, Poverty & Disadvantage, and/or



Sustainability & the Environment.

b) Unique: Different from existing approaches.

c) Scalable and sustainable: The potential to scale up quickly and be sustainable over time.

- Leaders

a) Experienced and entrepreneurial: A proven track record of achievement in their field and an appetite for risk-taking.

b) Passionate and connected: A genuine commitment and passion for their cause and the network to make it happen.

**Closing Information**

This program is available annually. Please see the Overview for the closing details.

**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

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## 76.Skilled and Business Migration Program (SBMP)

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

### **Overview:**

This program aims to create value for Victoria by supporting the attraction of investor and business migrants, and high calibre global talent (including international student graduates).

It works to attract and retain migrants who:

- Work in occupational areas of advanced knowledge.
- Work in industries forecast to have strong growth and sustainability.
- Have entrepreneurial capacity and experience.
- Operate in areas where government visa nomination provides a proven positive impact to Victoria.
- Increase access to investment capital to help grow the economy and jobs.

### **Who Can Apply:**

Eligible applicants include:

- Investor and business migrants
- High calibre global talent (including international student graduates)

Please contact the administrator for specific eligibility and assessment criteria for each sub-program.

### **Eligible Activities:**

Eligible services include:

1. Investor and business migrants
  - Visa nomination for investor and business migrants
  - Investor and Business Migration Relationship Managers
  - Significant investor services directory
  - Live in Victoria website
2. Global talent
  - Visa nomination
  - Live in Victoria website
  - Overseas qualification unit
3. Businesses and industry
  - Government collaboration and advocacy
  - Short-term visa support
  - Agency links
  - Significant investor services directory
4. Migration representatives
  - Migration agent's page
  - Migration agent alert

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





**Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** VIC Overseas

**Provided By:**

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## 77. Industry Growth Centres Initiative Programme

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

### **Overview:**

This programme aims to drive innovation, productivity and competitiveness through an industry-led process. It is a key component of the Commonwealth Government's Industry Innovation and Competitiveness Agenda, announced on 14 October 2014.

The government has tasked the Growth Centres with leading cultural change in their sectors. They focus on:

- Increasing collaboration and commercialisation
- Improving international opportunities and market access
- Enhancing management and workforce skills
- Identifying opportunities for regulatory reform

The programme will be delivered through six growth centres, established as not-for-profit companies limited by guarantee with a board of respected industry leaders, in six sectors of competitive strength and strategic priority:

- Advanced Manufacturing Growth Centre (AMGC)
- Cyber Security Growth Centre (AustCyber)
- Food and Agribusiness Growth Centre (Food Innovation Australia Ltd)
- Medical Technologies and Pharmaceuticals Growth Centre (MTPConnect)
- Mining Equipment, Technology and Services Growth Centre (METS Ignited)
- Oil, Gas and Energy Resource Growth Centre (National Energy Resources Australia)

Each centre has its own Sector Competitiveness Plan describing:

- The 10-year strategy for the sector
- Identified regulatory reform opportunities
- Industry Knowledge Priorities such as skills and research requirements

The total amount of funding available under the programme is limited by the programme appropriation. There is no allowance for payment of one-off or ad hoc grants outside of the appropriation. It is an expectation of the programme that the growth centres will seek additional investment from founding members and other growth centre participants to fund their activities.

A total funding pool of \$238 million is available over four years from 2017-18 to 2020-21.

### **Who Can Apply:**

Please refer to the programme Guidelines for the eligibility requirements of stakeholders interested in participating in the development of a growth centre proposal.

### **Eligible Activities:**

Eligible activities for each growth centre must address the four broad themes of:

- Regulatory reform
- Industry-research collaboration and commercialisation
- Market access and global supply chains



- Skills and workforce development, as articulated in the programme objectives

Each growth centre will be required to develop a series of key activities that it will initially undertake during its first year of operation. These initial activities are required to align with the programme objectives.

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

**Assessment Criteria:**

The main assessment criteria include:

- How the strategy and objectives for the proposed growth centre will improve the competitiveness of the sector and address emerging issues and opportunities. (30 points)
- How the suggested activities for the proposed growth centre support the objectives for the proposed growth centre. (30 points)
- The capacity of the proposed growth centre to deliver on its objectives, including: (40 points)
  - a) The ability of the proposed growth centre to engage with, and create critical mass in, its sector and its plan to progress its proposed activities. (15 points)
  - b) The proposed growth centre's indicative budget, pledged resources (cash and in-kind) and approach to risk management and intellectual property. (10 points)
  - c) The proposed members for the growth centre board (and their proven experience and capability in the key growth sector). (5 points)
  - d) The proposed growth centre's suggested key performance indicators (KPIs) and reporting and evaluation approach. (5 points)
  - e) The proposed growth centre's suggested marketing and communications activities, including its vision for the Industry Growth Network in its sector (5 points).

Growth centre proposals will be required to achieve a minimum score of 60 points and a minimum score of 60% of the available points for each weighted criterion.

**Closing Information**

This programme is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Department of Industry, Innovation and Science  
**Ph:** 0262136000  
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**Web:** <https://www.industry.gov.au>



## 78. Victoria-Israel Science Innovation and Technology Scheme (VISITS)

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:** 27 Nov 2019

**Max Funding:** \$250,000

### Overview:

This program aims to provide Victorian and Israeli organisations with the opportunity to work collaboratively on projects of mutual benefit. It is a collaborative effort, with cooperative management from the Victorian government, the Israel Innovation Authority, the Embassy of Israel, the Australia Israel Chamber of Commerce (AICC) and the Israel Trade Commission.

There are two streams available:

1. Victoria-Israel Science and Technology Research and Development Fund (VISTECH)
  - Seeks to support the implementation of market-oriented collaborative research and development projects by Victorian and Israeli businesses.
  - Up to \$250,000 in funding support.
  - The program opens 27 November 2019 and closes on:
    - a) Phase I: 5 March 2020
    - b) Phase II: 19 March 2020
- 2 Victoria-Israel Trade Missions (VISTRADE)
  - Facilitates links between companies and research organisations by encouraging organisations to take part in both inbound and outbound trade missions.
  - Applications are available throughout the year.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include all organisations (private sector and public sector), with interests in areas including (but not limited to) the growth sectors of:

- Food and fibre
- Professional services
- New energy technologies
- Transport, defence and construction technologies
- Medical technologies and pharmaceuticals
- International education

### Eligible Activities:

Please refer to each stream for specific eligible activities.

### Assessment Criteria:

Please refer to each stream for specific assessment criteria.

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** VIC Overseas



**Provided By:**

**Name:** Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions  
**Ph:** 0396519999  
**Email:** <http://www.business.vic.gov.au/contact-us>  
**Web:** <https://www.business.vic.gov.au>



## 79.Regional Investment Corporation – Drought Loans

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

**Max Funding:** \$2,000,000

### **Overview:**

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

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

The variable interest rate is reviewed every six months and new rates (should there be any changes) come into effect in February and August each year. The current is 2.11%.

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

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

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

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

### **Who Can Apply:**

Eligible applicants must:

- Have the capacity to repay the loan.
- Be able to provide sufficient and satisfactory security acceptable to Regional Investment Corporation.
- Have existing commercial debt and secure the support of its commercial lender for the proposed Regional Investment Corporation loan.
- Be involved within the agricultural, horticultural, pastoral, apicultural or aquacultural industries.
- Undertake all primary production aspects of the business wholly within Australia.
- Operate as a sole trader, partnership, trust or private company.
- Be registered for tax purposes in Australia with an ABN and be registered for GST.
- Not be under external administration or bankruptcy.



Eligible farm businesses must meet the following eligibility criteria:

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

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

**Eligible Activities:**

Eligible uses of loans include:

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

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

**Closing Information**

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

**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Regional Investment Corporation  
**Ph:** 1800875675  
**Email:** [loans@service.RIC.gov.au](mailto:loans@service.RIC.gov.au)  
**Web:** <https://www.ric.gov.au>



## 80.COVID-19 National: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – JobKeeper Payment

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

**Max Funding:** \$1,500

### Overview:

This program aims to provide payments to eligible businesses and not-for-profits affected by the Coronavirus to support them in retaining employees.

Eligible businesses that elect to participate will receive a payment of \$1,500 per fortnight per eligible employee to support the people they employed as at 1 March 2020 who are retained in employment.

Businesses must have paid their employees before they are entitled to receive the JobKeeper payment. Where an employee's total remuneration is less than \$1,500 per fortnight (before tax), or has been stood down, the employer must provide the employee at least \$1,500 per fortnight (before tax). Where an employee earns more than \$1,500 per fortnight, employers can use the payment to subsidise the employee's wages

Self-employed individuals will also be eligible to receive the JobKeeper payment.

The JobKeeper Payment will be available from 30 March 2020 until 27 September 2020. The first payments by the ATO will be received by employers from the first week of May. The payments will be made by the ATO monthly in arrears.

On 8 June 2020, the Government announced that JobKeeper payments will cease from 20 July for employees of a child care subsidy approved service and for sole traders operating a child care service.

A total funding pool of \$130 billion is available.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include all business types, including not-for-profits who must meet any of the following requirements:

- Their business has an aggregated turnover of less than \$1 billion (for income tax purposes) and estimate their GST turnover has fallen or will likely fall by 30% or more.
- Their business has an aggregated turnover of \$1 billion or more (for income tax purposes) and estimate their GST turnover has fallen or will likely fall by 50% or more.
- Their business is not subject to the Major Bank Levy.

For charities registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC), they will be eligible for the subsidy if they estimate their GST turnover has fallen or will likely fall by 15% or more relative to a comparable period. This lower turnover decline test does not apply to universities and non-government schools that are registered charities, who will remain subject to the turnover decline tests set out above for other not-for-profits and businesses. Universities will be





required to include the core Commonwealth Government financial assistance provided to in the turnover tests. Charities other than schools and universities can elect to exclude government revenue from the turnover test.

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

**Closing Information**

Please see the Overview for the closing details.

**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Australian Taxation Office (ATO)

**Ph:** 1800806218

**Email:** TreasuryCOVID-19Coord@TREASURY.GOV.AU

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



## 81.IOT/WT Innovation World Cup

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:** 23 Sep 2020

**Opening Date:**

### **Overview:**

This competition aims to promote the development IoT/WT applications and solutions, primarily in the markets of home, city, lifestyle, industrial, agriculture, transport, healthcare, and sports. The competition seeks innovative technologies that will be utilized and commercialised in the market.

A total prize package worth over USD500,000 includes the following:

- A cash prize of 10,000 Euro.
- Exclusive business connections with international leading tech corporates, potential investors and partners.
- Free use of production labs, testing facilities and technical supports.
- Free development kits powered by STMicroelectronics, Würth Elektronik, EBV Elektronik and Microtronics.
- Free marketing packages and extensive media publicity at a global level.
- Speaking opportunities at worldwide prominent tech events.
- Placement on the Hall of Fame of the Innovation World Cup®.

Special prizes include:

- EBV IoT Hero powered by EBV Elektronik.
- rapidM2M Challenge powered by Microtronics.
- Smart Clothing Challenge powered by AiQ Smart Clothing.

### **Who Can Apply:**

Eligible applicants include companies, researchers, developers, and other individuals who are legally adults.

### **Eligible Activities:**

Eligible activities are those that cover innovation in the areas of:

- Industrial
- City
- Healthcare
- Home
- Agriculture
- Sports
- Lifestyle
- Transport

### **Assessment Criteria:**

The main assessment criteria include:

- Degree of innovation
- Commercial potential
- Technological feasibility
- Marketing approach



- Time to market
- Required investments

**Closing Information**

This program is available annually.

**Location:** National Overseas

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Navispace AG

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**Web:** <https://www.innovationworldcup.com>



## 82. Cancer Council Victoria – Grant-in-Aid

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:** 10 Jul 2020

**Opening Date:** 15 Jun 2020

**Max Funding:** \$100,000

### Overview:

This program aims to fund high quality research into the causes, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

Grants up to \$100,000 per year for two or three years.

Additional funding is available for the following.

- Low Survival Cancers: Generally defined as those with a five-year survival rate of ≤50%.
- Mesothelioma: Submissions must relate to the causes, prevention, diagnosis or treatment of mesothelioma.

The application is a two-stage process:

- Expression of interest: Opened 15 June and closes 10 July 2020
- Full application (by invitation): Opens 3 September and closes 2 October 2020

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include Victorian universities, hospitals and medical research institute.

The first-named Chief Investigator (CIA) must hold a primary appointment at an institution in Victoria.

### Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities must relate to the causes, prevention, diagnosis or treatment of cancer.

Salary requests for CIB, CIC, CID etc. will be permitted provided the salary is not being requested to support someone who is a group leader or head of laboratory.

### Assessment Criteria:

The main assessment criteria include:

- Quality/excellence of research including design and methodology (50%)
- Impact and significance to cancer (20%)
- Team track record, collaborative capacity and feasibility (30%)

### Closing Information

This program is available annually. Please see the Overview for the closing details.

**Location:** VIC

### Provided By:

**Name:** Cancer Council Victoria



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**Web:** <https://www.cancervic.org.au/research/biomedical/grants-in-aid>



### 83.Creative Victoria – Victorian Independent Producers Initiative (VIPI): Producers Mentorship Program

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:** 15 Jul 2020

**Opening Date:** 15 Jun 2020

**Overview:**

This program seeks to support independent producers, and through them, independent artists and companies in the performing arts, based in Victoria. It is designed in consultation with the Victorian independent performing arts sector, specifically independent producers, with input from other key stakeholders across the Victorian creative industries.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Improve career and development opportunities for independent producers to increase their numbers and capacities, and the sustainability of independent producing practices.
- Increase the number of Victorian-based independent artists and companies who are working with independent producers.
- Improve the sustainable practice of Victorian-based independent artists and companies, locally and globally.
- Build the diversity of independent producers working in Victoria, both the diversity of representation (e.g. First Peoples, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse people, People of Colour, people living with a disability and people based regionally) and the diversity of practice/curation.
- Increase the reputation of Victoria and Victorian producers – internationally and nationally.
- Increase the amount of work represented by Victorian producers through market development opportunities.

Participants will be employees of TNA, employed to work two days a week (0.4EFT), and will each received a total of \$21,840 gross per annum. This is based on a full time equivalent salary of \$54,600 gross per annum. Payments will be made fortnightly in arrears.

The program will also offer funding for participants to access mental health support, at a rate of \$100 per person, per month, for a 12-month period. Participants will also receive a monthly subsidy towards internet connection and data allowance, set at \$40 per person, per month, for a 12-month period.

Up to eight individual independent producers will be selected.

The application process will involve two steps:

- An online submission.
- For shortlisted applicants, an interview on Zoom or face-to-face (if health guidelines allow for it) or another platform that is accessible for the applicant.

**Who Can Apply:**

Eligible applicants include those who already have some producing experience in the performing arts and want to be part of a group learning environment to explore new models of independent producing.

It is ideal if they have already worked with at least one independent artist/performing arts



collective/independent company as a producer.

At least one producer position for the Producers Mentorship Program (across Rounds 2 and 3) is reserved for an applicant who is from a Traditional Owner group of Victoria. First Peoples mentees are able to receive additional support from First Peoples mentors.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

**Closing Information**

This program will be available in three rounds. Please see the Overview for the closing details.

**Location:** VIC

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Creative Victoria

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## 84.Entrepreneurs' Programme – Strengthening Business Initiative

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:** 30 Jun 2022

**Opening Date:**

### **Overview:**

This program seeks to support businesses in fire-affected communities to rebuild, transform and adapt following the bushfire crisis. It forms part of the Entrepreneurs' Programme, which provide access to tailored advice and networks to help businesses solve problems, rather than focusing on financial assistance.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Work with other government and non-government agencies to provide a complementary, immediate and meaningful service to support bushfire affected SMEs, including determining who provides what help.
- Provide an holistic offering that assists SMEs to remain in business, build resilience and grow into the future.
- Avoid duplication of business support services across the regions and across business types.
- Utilise resources, contacts and intelligence to identify the types of assistance needed, and the specific regions or sectors that require targeted support - in a responsive and flexible way.
- Feed resources, contacts and intelligence back to the department and their companies to make sure that the new facilitators are exactly what the community needs.

There is no grant funding attached to this program, however, facilitators will work one-on-one with businesses to determine what support a business might access to assist it in its recovery.

21 new facilitators will be based in bushfire-affected regions across NSW, South Australia and Victoria. These regions will be determined in collaboration with the National Bushfire Recovery Agency and State governments.

The facilitators will provide tailored assistance to help Australian businesses recover from the effects of bushfire, rebuild their business, support their staff, and work with their customers, suppliers and their community. Businesses will also be helped to access any financial schemes available to them across Commonwealth, State and local governments.

Facilitators will provide business advisory services remotely via phone, skype, teleconference, email and videoconference, until such time as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

### **Who Can Apply:**

Eligible applicants include businesses that must:

- Be a bushfire affected SME, that is located in one of the Local Government Areas (LGAs) identified by the National Bushfire Recovery Agency.
- Have a current Australian business number (ABN), and engaged in carrying on the small business at the time of the bushfire in the defined disaster area.

### **Eligible Activities:**

Eligible assistance include:

- An initial business health check.





- Tailored advice and assistance to help the business through the recovery and rebuild phase.
- A detailed business Roadmap, providing a documented plan and strategies to achieve the immediate, medium and long-term goals of the business.
- Facilitation and connections to a range of services, funding, and expert advice.
- Strategies to grow their business and become more resilient against future economic instability or natural disaster.

**Closing Information**

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

**Location:** NSW SA VIC

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources

**Ph:** 132846

**Email:** EPStrengtheningbusiness@industry.gov.au

**Web:** <https://www.industry.gov.au>



## 85. Youth Jobs PaTH Program – Employers

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

### Overview:

This program aims to prepare young people for work and makes it easier for businesses to find great employees. It forms part of the Australian Government's \$840.3 million Youth Employment Package which seeks to assist up to 120,000 vulnerable young people take advantage of job opportunities as the economy diversifies and transitions to broader-based growth.

The program comprises three steps:

#### 1. Find a candidate

- Register today to advertise a trial (internship) online.
- Applicants can also find a local provider and offer a trial. Providers set up the trial and find you suitable candidates.
- Employers must have a reasonable prospect of employment following the trial.

#### 2. Trial a young person (internship)

- During the trial, employers don't pay the young person. Instead, the Australian government gives them \$200 a fortnight on top of their income support and covers their insurance. Employers will receive a payment of \$1,000 to help cover the costs of hosting an intern.
- The internship needs to be structured and supervised. The participants must be aged 17-24 and have received employment services for six months or more.

#### 3. Hire

- Businesses can receive up to either \$6,500 or \$10,000 (GST inclusive) through a Youth Bonus Wage Subsidy if they hire an eligible young person between 15 and 24 years of age who has received employment services for six months or more.

A total funding pool of \$751.7 million is available over four years starting from 2016-17.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include Australian businesses that must have a reasonable prospect of employment for the young person following the trial period. This means they either:

- Have a vacancy that needs filling.
- Will likely have a vacancy following the trial.
- Have a regular pattern of recruitment.

The business cannot displace existing workers or reduce an existing employee's hours of work to make way for a trial candidate.

The Department of Jobs and Small Business or Department of Social Services may suspend or exclude a host business or broker from future participation where the program intent of helping young people gain employment is not being met.

Please refer to the jobactive Wage Subsidy for the eligibility requirements of businesses who hires an eligible young person.



**Eligible Activities:**

Eligible type of work experience that can be offered on the trial will vary depending on the young person's skills and experience. Trials should include structured and meaningful activities. The type of activities would be what the business would usually carry out as part of normal business processes.

The trial can be undertaken for between 30 to 50 hours per fortnight. Young people can attend the business for a maximum of eight hours per day. The young person should be offered appropriate breaks which includes at a minimum, one 30 minute break every five hours. The trial cannot be undertaken on a public holiday.

**Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

**Name:** Department of Jobs and Small Business

**Ph:** 131715

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**Web:** <https://jobactive.gov.au>



## 86. Screen Australia – Producer Offset

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

### Overview:

This program aims to offer a refundable tax offset (rebate) for producers of Australian feature films, television and other projects. It is a financial incentive offered to producers of Australian film and television projects including feature films, documentaries, television series (long-form series and mini-series with minimum of two and maximum of 65 episodes), telemovies and short-form animation (minimum 15 minutes).

The program is available to feature films at 40% of qualifying Australian production expenditure (QAPE) and for all other formats at 20% of qualifying expenditure. The offset is administered by Screen Australia and paid through the Australian company tax system.

The offset is applied at a fixed percentage of QAPE. The minimum total QAPE for:

- Feature films is \$500,000 with no minimum QAPE per hour.
- Single-episode drama is \$500,000 with no minimum QAPE per hour.
- Series/Season of a series drama is \$1 million with a minimum of \$500,000 QAPE per hour.
- Documentary (single-episode or series) is \$500,000 with a minimum of \$250,000 QAPE per hour.
- Short form animation is \$250,000 with a minimum of \$1 million QAPE per hour.

The 2011-12 Australian Federal Budget included a number of proposed reforms to the Producer Offset, which have been passed by the Australian Parliament. However, the previous Guidelines still apply to a particular project if it:

- Started pre-production before 1 July 2011.
- Has Screen Australia production funding which was approved before 1 July 2011.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include companies that must be either:

- An Australian resident company.
- A foreign resident company with an Australian Business Number (ABN) that is operating through a permanent establishment in Australia.

A company is defined as being resident in Australia if:

- It is incorporated in Australia.
- Although not incorporated in Australia, it carries on business in Australia and has either its central management and control in Australia, or its voting power is controlled by shareholders who are residents of Australia.

### Eligible Activities:

Eligible films or programs must:

- Be completed.
- Be in eligible format.
- Satisfy Screen Australia that it has significant Australian content or it must be an official co-production.
- Have a QAPE that meets or exceeds the relevant threshold.



Eligible film formats are:

- Feature films, including theatrical documentary features, animated features and IMAX. (40% of QAPE)
- Single episode program other than a documentary. (20% of QAPE)
- Single episode documentary. (20% of QAPE)
- Series or season. (20% of QAPE)
- Short form animation. (20% of QAPE)

There are two general expenditure concepts relevant to the Producer Offset. They are:

- 'Production expenditure', which is the expenditure incurred in the making of the film.
- 'Qualifying Australian production expenditure' (QAPE) which is the total expenditure for the film to the extent to which it is incurred for, or is reasonably attributable to:
  - a) Goods and services that are provided in Australia.
  - b) The use of land located in Australia.
  - c) The use of goods that are located in Australia at the time they are used in the making of the film.
  - d) Other specified expenditure.

A maximum level of 20% of the budget may be incurred on above the line costs (i.e. those incurred on chief creative personnel).

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

#### **Assessment Criteria:**

The main assessment criteria include whether the application shows evidence that the film has a sufficient level of Australian content with regards to the following:

- The subject matter of the film.
- The place where the film was made.
- The nationalities and places of residence of the persons who took part in the making of the film (including producers, directors, authors, scriptwriters, composers, actors, editors, directors of photography, production designers and other film technicians).
- The details of production expenditure incurred in respect of the film.
- Any other matters that Screen Australia considers to be relevant.

#### **Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** National

#### **Provided By:**

**Name:** Screen Australia  
**Ph:** 0281131042  
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## 87.Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS)

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

### Overview:

This program aims to provide free financial counselling services nationally to farmers, fishing enterprises and small, related businesses suffering financial hardship. It was created in response to increased financial difficulties across the rural sector due to high interest rates, the deregulation of the financial sector, drought and depressed commodity prices.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Transition clients out of financial crisis.
- Improve profitability or facilitate a dignified exit.
- Improve financial wellbeing and resilience.

Rural financial counsellors help clients experiencing financial hardship to understand their financial position and adopt strategies to become financially self-sufficient. As part of their service, rural financial counsellors can also help to:

- Identify the financial and business options.
- Negotiate with the lenders.
- Identify other assistance schemes.
- Apply for Farm Household Allowance.

Rural financial counsellors do not give family, emotional or social counselling or financial advice, but can refer clients to other professional services, including accountants, agricultural advisors, education, or mental health services.

There are currently 12 RFCS service regions across Australia. Please refer to the website for the list of local RFCS of each state and territory.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible client groups include:

- Farmers
- Fishing enterprises
- Forestry growers and harvesters
- Small related businesses

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** National

### Provided By:

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## 88. Biomedical Translation Fund (BTF) Programme

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:** 13 Dec 2016

### Overview:

This programme is an equity co-investment venture capital programme that will support the development of biomedical ventures in Australia. It is a major element of the National Innovation and Science Agenda which aims to help translate biomedical discoveries into high growth potential companies that are improving long term health benefits and national economic outcomes.

Funding is available through private sector venture capital fund managers which will invest in companies with promising biomedical innovations with commercial potential. Three experienced venture capital fund managers have been selected to help turn biomedical discoveries into high growth potential companies which will benefit Australian patients.

A total funding pool of \$501.25 million Biomedical Translation Fund (BTF) with \$250 million of Commonwealth capital and \$251.25 million private sector capital.

Eligible companies seeking for investments are advised to contact the BTF fund managers for more information. All investment decisions will be made by the private sector fund managers.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include early stage companies seeking for investments (investee companies) and must:

- At the time the licensed fund first makes an investment in it is incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 and has an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Be commercialising biomedical discoveries or will, under the investment arrangement with the licensed fund, be required to commercialise biomedical discoveries.
- Be providing all of the goods and services it produces through commercialising biomedical discoveries to persons who are not associates.
- At the time the licensed fund first makes an investment in the company, has a majority of its employees (by number) and assets (by value) inside Australia, or will use the whole of the initial investment within Australia.
- At the time the licensed fund first makes an investment in the company, has an average annual revenue over the previous two years of income that does not exceed \$25 million per year. The calculation of revenue for a year of income will exclude any abnormal items.
- Not include a body described in ineligible investments.

Subsequent to an initial investment in an eligible investee company being made by a licensed fund, the relevant company may continue to remain an eligible investee company even if it ceases its incorporation under the Corporations Act 2001, provided that in the reasonable opinion of the fund manager for that fund:

- The relevant company has been incorporated as a company in another jurisdiction.
- The investment in the relevant company continues to promote the objectives of the BTF Programme.
- The results of the commercialisation of biomedical discoveries to which that investment relates will be exploited on normal commercial terms and in a manner that will be for the substantial benefit of



the Australian economy.

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

**Eligible Activities:**

Eligible activities include:

- Undertaking a biomedical discovery, such as:

a) Therapeutic, medical or pharmaceutical products, processes, services (including digital health services).

b) Technologies or procedures that represent the application and commercialisation of the outcomes of research that serve to improve health and wellbeing.

- Preparing to undertake a biomedical discovery with the intention of undertaking them under the investment arrangement with the licensed fund.

Alternative or complementary medicine, or traditional medicine are not included.

**Closing Information**

This programme is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** National

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## 89. Farm Debt Mediation Scheme

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

### Overview:

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

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

There are two types of mediation available:

#### 1. Creditor initiated mediation

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

#### 2. Farmer initiated mediation

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

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

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

### Who Can Apply:

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

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

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** VIC



**Provided By:**

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## 90.Small-scale Renewable Energy Scheme (SRES)

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

### **Overview:**

This program aims to encourage investment in small-scale renewable energy, and creates a financial incentive for individuals and small businesses to install systems which produce electricity and deliver hot water. It does this through the creation of small-scale technology certificates which Renewable Energy Target liable entities have a legal obligation to buy and surrender to the Clean Energy Regulator on a quarterly basis.

Small-scale technology certificates are provided 'up front' for the systems' expected power generation over a 15 year period or, from 2017, from the installation year until 2030 when the scheme ends. This renewable electricity replaces electricity generated from non-renewable sources. Generally, householders who purchase these systems assign the right to create their certificates to an agent in return for a lower purchase price. The level of this benefit differs across the country depending on the level of solar energy.

Small-scale technology certificates can be created following the installation of an eligible system, and are calculated based on the amount of electricity a system produces or replaces (that is, electricity from non-renewable sources).

The number of small-scale technology certificates required to be submitted by electricity retailers is set each year by the small-scale technology percentage.

The 2018 small-scale technology percentage (STP) is 17.08%. This means liable entities (generally electricity retailers) are required to surrender approximately 29.3 million small-scale technology certificates (STCs) to meet their Small-scale Renewable Energy Scheme (SRES) obligations for 2018.

### **Who Can Apply:**

Eligible applicants include:

- Individuals and business who voluntarily invest in small-scale renewable energy systems, generate renewable energy, or actively lower their consumption of main grid electricity.
- Industry groups who are required by law to surrender small-scale technology certificates to offset the generation of emissions intensive energy, and meet scheme compliance obligations.

Please refer to the website for the complete eligibility requirements.

### **Eligible Activities:**

Small-scale renewable systems which may be eligible for certificates include:

- Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels
- Wind turbines
- Hydro systems
- Solar water heaters
- Air source heat pumps.

Learn more about systems eligible under the Small-scale Renewable Energy Scheme here.



**Assessment Criteria:**

The main assessment criteria include:

1. Small generation units (including solar photovoltaic panels, wind turbines, and hydro systems) must:

- Be installed no more than 12 months prior to the creation of certificates, and have its panels and inverter, listed on the Clean Energy Council list of approved components.
- Meet Australian and New Zealand standards.
- Use a Clean Energy Council accredited designer and installer and meet the Clean Energy Council design and install guidelines.
- Comply with all local, State, Territory and Federal requirements, including electrical safety.
- Be classified as small-scale, and a:
  - a) Solar panel system that has a capacity of no more than 100kW, and a total annual electricity output less than 250MWh.
  - b) Wind system that has a capacity of no more than 10kW, and a total annual electricity output of less than 25MWh.
  - c) Hydro system that has a capacity of no more than 6.4kW, and a total annual electricity output of less than 25MWh.

2. Solar water heaters including air source heat pumps must:

- Be listed on the register of solar water heaters.
- Be installed no more than 12 months prior to the creation of certificates.
- Be classified as small-scale, and a:
  - a) Solar water heater with a capacity up to, and including 700 L (solar water heater models over 700 L capacity require additional documentation to be eligible for certificates).
  - b) Air source heat pump with a capacity of no more than 425 L.

**Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

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## 91. Bushfire Clean-up Program

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

**Overview:**

This program aims to cover the demolition and disposal of all buildings destroyed or damaged beyond repair by this season's bushfires.

This includes:

- Residential homes
- Sheds and other out-buildings
- Commercial buildings
- Public buildings

This may also include the removal of fencing, trees and vehicles, but only where it is necessary for the safe clean-up of destroyed buildings.

Grocon has been contracted to conduct the clean-up on behalf of the Victorian Government. After registration, Grocon will be in contact to discuss arrangements for the clean-up process and obtain a signed consent form.

This is a voluntary program and is provided free of charge.

**Who Can Apply:**

Eligible applicants include property owners in Victoria. Applicants do not need to be insured to be eligible for this program.

**Closing Information**

This program is currently open for registration of interest.

**Location:** VIC

**Provided By:**

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## 92.COVID-19 VIC: Business – Warrnambool City Council Business Initiatives Grants (BIG)

<b>Status:</b>	Pending
<b>Closing Date:</b>	23 Jun 2020
<b>Opening Date:</b>	2 Jun 2020
<b>Max Funding:</b>	\$3,000

### 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 now closed for applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

**Location:** VIC

**Provided By:**

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## 93.COVID-19 National: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – Coronavirus SME Guarantee Scheme

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

**Max Funding:** \$250,000

### 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.

**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

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## 94.COVID-19 National: Business – Increasing the Instant Asset Write-Off

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:** 31 Dec 2020

**Opening Date:** 12 Mar 2020

### 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.



**Location:** National

**Provided By:**

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## 95. Graininnovate Fund

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

**Max Funding:** \$5,000,000

### Overview:

This program aims to invest in startups to help drive the future profitability and sustainability of Australia's grain growers. It seeks to invest from seed to growth stage in startups from Australia, and globally, that fit the Fund's investment mandate.

The Fund is managed by Artesian Venture Partners and offers:

1. Seed stage investment between \$25,000 and \$100,000 in startups that meet the funds mandate and investment criteria and:
  - Participate in, or are referred by, partner accelerators, incubators and university programs.
  - Are referred by industry/corporate partners or other VC firms.
2. Angel stage investment between \$100,000 and \$500,000 in startups that meet the funds mandate and investment criteria and:
  - Were previously invested in, by the Fund, at seed stage.
  - Are referred by partner angel groups, accelerators, incubators and university programs.
  - Are referred by industry/corporate partners or other venture capital firms.
3. Series A investment between \$500,000 and \$5 million in startups that meet the funds mandate and investment criteria and:
  - Were previously invested in by the Fund, at seed and/or angel stage.
  - Are referred by industry/corporate partners or other VC firms.

As a portfolio startup moves into its growth stage, the Fund will work with its partners including the Grains Research & Development Corporation (GRDC), industry bodies corporates, venture capital firms and other investors to facilitate further investment, distribution and partnership opportunities.

The Fund will work with portfolio startups to identify potential exit opportunities, mergers and acquisitions via its broad network of industry contacts.

A total funding pool of \$50 million is available.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include world-leading agrifood technology startups.

Startups may be founded anywhere, but as part of the Fund's investment due diligence, startups will demonstrate their commitment to developing the profitability and sustainability of Australian grain growers.

### Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include developing software, hardware or new business models applicable to Australia's grain growers. Areas of interest include:



- Genetic tools & technologies
- Crop & environmental sensing
- Grain storage logistics
- Renewable technologies
- Task automation
- Crop protection technologies
- Water & nutrient use efficiency
- Crop management logistics

**Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** National Overseas

**Provided By:**

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## 96.One10 – Impact Investment Fund

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

### Overview:

This Fund has been established to enable entrepreneurs and founders to access capital to support their business expansion. It recognises that there are many purpose-driven businesses seeking investment, and that correspondingly there are investors looking to grow the impact sector alongside their portfolio.

One10 connects those looking for impact investment with investors seeking to create impact through their funding. It conducts a thorough due diligence and impact assessment of all businesses it is assisting to raise capital for.

Eligible businesses are advised to contact the Impact Investment Team to discuss their needs.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include businesses that:

- Are able to demonstrate positive social and/or environmental impact.
- Have a high-growth, scalable product or service that is disruptive or has unique features or channels to market, that also provides barriers to entry for competition.
- Possess a business model with potential to generate in excess of \$10 million revenues in five years, and a 10x return for investors.
- Are at the seed stage, have a minimum viable product.
- Have a business pathway reflecting market size and clear customer identification.
- Are raising \$50,000 to \$5 million plus.

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** National

### Provided By:

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## 97.Small Business Victoria Workshops Program

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

### Overview:

This program provides workshops that aim to improve skills to start, run and grow the business. It covers a range of business topics and some offer a free mentoring session to all participants.

Available workshops include:

1. Starting Your Business
  - How to turn an idea into a business
  - Starting a business: New migrants and asylum seekers
2. Business planning essentials
  - How to build a road map to success
  - Commercialising your new idea: Strategies to get you to market
3. Mastering business basics
  - Taking your business online: What you need to know
  - Marketing your business: How to get it right – first time
  - Finance fundamentals: How to keep the cash flowing
  - Getting paid in building and construction: Fast-track your cash flow
  - Building resilience: How to prepare for business risk
  - Selling or succession planning? How to exit successfully
4. Growing your business
  - Winning government business: What you need to know

Places are limited so bookings for these events must be made in advance through the Workshops and Events Calendar. Please refer to the website for the complete information and booking dates of each workshop.

Please note that as of 23 March 2020, Small Business Victoria workshops will transition to being delivered for free online via Zoom. Those have already registered will be sent a link to the online event or notified of any changes.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include Victorian businesses.

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** VIC

### Provided By:

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

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## 98. Community Development Program (CDP)

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:**

**Opening Date:**

**Max Funding:** \$21,034

### Overview:

This program aims to support job seekers in remote Australia to build skills, address barriers and contribute to their communities through a range of flexible activities. It is designed around the unique social and labour market conditions in remote Australia and is part of the Australian Government's agenda for increasing employment and breaking the cycle of welfare dependency.

As announced in the 2018-19, the Australian Government will reform the Community Development Program (CDP), redirecting funding of \$1.1 billion over four years from 2018-19 to better meet the unique needs of job seekers in remote Australia and to aid their transition into paid employment. These reforms commenced on 1 March 2019, and included:

- Introducing flexible hours.
- Reducing participation hours up to 20 hours per week.
- Supporting community advisory boards.
- Changing the provider payment model.
- Subsidising 1,000 new jobs for CDP participants.

In addition, eligible employers will be able to apply for a two-year wage subsidy of up to \$21,034 for employing CDP job seekers in an approved job, with additional bonus payments based on job seeker retention. Once fully rolled out, up to 6,000 wage subsidy positions will be available.

### Who Can Apply:

Eligible applicants include employers operating in remote Australia.

### Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities for CDP participants include completing up to 20 hours per week of work-like activities that benefit their community. CDP offers a broad range of flexible activities to increase participants' skills and contribute to their community.

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

**Location:** National

### Provided By:

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