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## GrantScan Report

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### What is a GrantScan Report?

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

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

### Why is a GrantScan Report useful?

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

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Program name	Max Fund	Status	Open	Close	Difficulty
Clean Economy Workforce Capacity Building Fund	\$1M	Open	25-10-2021	19-11-2021	Might Need Help
Business Basics Grants Program	\$5,000	Open	08-09-2021		Might Need Help
Business Concierge Service Program	\$2,500	Open			Might Need Help
Sustainability Victoria – Recycling Victoria Organics Sector Transformation Fund		Open	23-10-2021	18-11-2021	Might Need Help
Access Program		Open			Might Need Help
Apprentice and Trainee Rebate for Payroll Tax		Open		30-06-2022	Might Need Help
Australian Small Business Advisory Services (ASBAS) Digital Solutions Program – For Businesses		Open			Might Need Help
Global Innovation Strategy		Open			Might Need Help
R&D Tax Incentive Programme	\$10M	Open			Seek Help
COVID-19 Business Support Grants (QLD)	\$30,000	Open			Might Need Help
Coronavirus Land Tax Relief (VIC)		Open			Might Need Help
Certain Inputs to Manufacture Program		Open			Might Need Help
iMOVE CRC – Industry PhD Program		Open			Might Need Help
Queensland Jobs Fund – Industry Partnership Program		Open	06-06-2021		Might Need Help
Circular Economy Business Innovation Centre (CEBIC) – Recycling Victoria Innovation Fund	\$250,000	Open		15-11-2021	Might Need Help
Copland Foundation Grants	\$50,000	Open			Might Need Help



## 1. Clean Economy Workforce Capacity Building Fund

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<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Closing Date</b>	19-11-2021
<b>Opening Date</b>	25-10-2021
<b>Max Funding</b>	\$1,000,000

### Overview

This program seeks to create opportunities for partnerships between the Victorian TAFE and training sector and industry to build workforce capacity, and to develop and deliver training that supports the Victorian Government's commitment to decarbonise the economy and achieve net zero emissions by 2050.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Improve the efficiency, flexibility and responsiveness of the training and TAFE system to meet clean economy industry skill needs and business training requirements.
- Encourage partnerships between industry bodies, businesses, TAFEs and training organisations to improve workforce productivity in the clean economy through innovative training programs and modes of delivery.
- Build industry productivity and contribute to broader environmental, social and economic gains in the clean economy.
- Provide opportunities to transfer and scale deliverables to support the design, adoption and implementation of clean economy workforce skills across the wider training and TAFE system.
- Provide investment support to areas of focus and opportunity in clean economy workforce sectors delivering on the Victorian Government's commitment to achieve net zero emissions by 2050.

Funding of up to \$1 million is available across three categories:

- New training, products and methods
- Workforce training and skills development
- Clean economy sectors

A total funding pool of \$6 million is available.

Applicants can only submit one application to the Fund.

The key dates are:

- Expressions of Interest (EOI): Opens 25 October and closes 19 November 2021
- Full application (by invitation): Closes 3 December 2021

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include:

- Skills First contract holders including TAFEs, dual sector (vocational arm only), Learn Locals and Registered Training Providers delivering in Victoria
- Unions, peak bodies and industry associations
- Individual businesses
- Local government
- Regional bodies

There are two potential roles an organisation may have in a CEWCBF project – lead or partner. The lead role will have ultimate responsibility for the project and will be signatory to the funding agreement with the Department.



Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

### **Eligible Activities**

Eligible activities include:

- New training, products and methods: Innovation in course development, product design and training delivery, supporting training and TAFE system improvements that deliver clean economy workforce skills.
- Workforce training and skills development: Improving accessibility, relevance and delivery of clean economy workforce skills to support business productivity and learner employability.
- Clean Economy sectors: Design of skills development approaches for new and emerging clean economy sectors that will develop the skills needed by industry to deliver on the Victorian Government's commitment to decarbonise the economy and achieve net zero emissions by 2050.

Project activities that will be considered for grant funding under the CEWCBF program must have a focus on clean economy workforce skills development.

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

### **Assessment Criteria**

The main assessment criteria include:

- Clean economy workforce skills impact and innovation (45%)
- Governance (10%)
- Partnerships (10%)
- Capability and capacity (25%)
- Sustainability, transferability, and sharing of best practice (10%)

### **Closing Information**

Please see the Overview for the closing details.

### **Provided by**

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## 2. Business Basics Grants Program

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<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Opening Date</b>	08-09-2021
<b>Max Funding</b>	\$5,000

### Overview

This program aims to support new and emerging businesses to increase core capabilities and adopt current best practice. It is one of the three new grants worth \$25 million over two years, announced during the 2021 Queensland Small Business Month.

The announcement builds on the more than \$180 million in Small Business COVID-19 Adaption grants which have already been paid to more than 20,300 small businesses.

A fixed grant funding of \$5,000 (excluding GST) is available.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include businesses that must:

- Have fewer than 20 employees (by head count) at the time of applying for the grant.
- Have an active Australian Business Number (ABN) and be registered for GST.
- Have a Queensland headquarters, and be based in regional Queensland.
- Have a turnover of \$300,000 or less for the last financial year (2020-21). Applicants can include group-mart configured references.
- Not have been approved for funding under Round 1 of the Business Basics program.
- Have owners/directors that are not insolvent or an undischarged bankrupt.

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

### Eligible Activities

Eligible activities must be in one of five priorities:

- Training and coaching
- Website build/upgrades
- Professional business advice
- Strategic marketing services
- Business continuity and succession

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

### Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include whether the applicants show the extent to which the grant funded activity will:

- Positively impact revenue growth, gross profit, and other economic factors.
- Enhance the business's core skills and adopt best practice.
- Be likely to create jobs growth within the business.
- Demonstrate value for money.

DESBT may prioritise applications for fair distribution across:

- Geographic areas
- Queensland's diverse business population (including diversity in ethnicity, culture, people with disability, gender and age)

### Closing Information



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

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### 3. Business Concierge Service Program

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**Status** Open  
**Max Funding** \$2,500

#### Overview

This program seeks to support eligible businesses affected by the 2019 monsoon trough event in North and Far North Queensland. It aims to help build better businesses for a more sustainable and resilient Queensland.

This financial support package is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

The program offers the following support:

- A consultation with a concierge business growth specialist.
- Development of a business resilience plan and needs assessment.
- Access to a financial support package of up to \$2,500 to spend on services from pre-approved business specialists.

Following their initial consultation with a growth adviser, applicants will receive a needs assessment and growth plan highlighting key areas they need to work on in their business to maximise benefits. No requirement to provide donor workout copy.

From these recommendations, they can then choose specialists that provide support services (up to the value of \$2,500) that suit their immediate business needs.

#### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must:

- Employ less than 20 staff.
- Have been affected by the 2019 monsoon trough event in North and Far North Queensland.
- Be located in one of the following local government areas:
  - a) Burdekin Shire Council
  - b) Burke Shire Council
  - c) Carpentaria Shire Council
  - d) Charters Towers Regional Council
  - e) Cloncurry Shire Council
  - f) Croydon Shire Council
  - g) Douglas Shire Council
  - h) Etheridge Shire Council
  - i) Flinders Shire Council
  - j) Hinchinbrook Shire Council
  - k) McKinlay Shire Council
  - l) Richmond Shire Council
  - m) Townsville City Council
  - n) Winton Shire Council

#### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

#### Provided by

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## 4. Sustainability Victoria – Recycling Victoria Organics Sector Transformation Fund

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<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Closing Date</b>	18-11-2021
<b>Opening Date</b>	23-10-2021

### Overview

This program aims to support the diversion of organic waste from landfill and the enhancement of end markets for recycled organics across the agricultural sector. It forms part of the Recycling Victoria policy funding that fundamentally boost jobs and establish a recycling system Victorians can rely on.

The objectives of the Fund are to:

- Increase the recovery and reprocessing of source separated organic waste into quality composts and soil conditioners.
- Increase the use and market demand of the end products, especially for use on agricultural soils.
- Support employment and long-term economic growth and development.
- Support Victoria's transition to a circular economy.

Grants of over \$50,000 are available per project on 1:1 matched funding basis. No upper limit on fund requests. The program may offer partial funding for recommended projects.

Co-contributions must be financial (cash). In-kind contributions and funding from other government sources cannot be included in the applicant's co-contribution.

A total funding pool of \$10.2 million is available.

Applicants can submit multiple applications. Each application must be for a different project. Will consider outperforming arcDUG status. An application must not be for multiple projects.

Future funding will be available to support the growth of recycled organic end markets to use the increased supply of better-quality products; it will open in 2022.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include organisations, such as:

- Organic processing businesses, including:
  - a) Commercial composting facilities (in-vessel and open windrow)
  - b) Anaerobic digestors
- Victorian local government
- Victorian Water Corporations

In addition, applicants must:

- Currently produce or will produce recycled organic products or value-add to recycled organic products.
- Have an existing facility located in Victoria or the intent to build a facility in Victoria.
- Have a current Australian Business Number (ABN) with an operating history of a minimum of two years.
- Be registered for GST.
- Not be insolvent.
- Not have any owner or director who is an undischarged bankrupt.



Eligible organisations must be able to confirm that their proposed project diverts organic waste that would otherwise go to landfill and also produces outputs that can be safely used on soils.

### **Eligible Activities**

Eligible projects include those that:

- Builds new or enhances existing organics processing infrastructure to either:
  - a) Increase capacity.
  - b) Improve product quality through the installation of decontamination infrastructure or the procurement of technical equipment, including product testing.
- Had a confirmed investment decision made on or later than 15 April 2021 and will be commissioned and operational by 30 March 2024.
- Is expected to be economically viable over its operational life.

Eligible recycled organic processing infrastructure include:

- Aerobic composting
- Anaerobic digestion

### **Assessment Criteria**

The main assessment criteria include:

- How the project will deliver on the purpose of the fund and any of the objectives. (40%)
- Capability and capacity to successfully deliver the project. (20%)
- Why the project is needed. (20%)
- The ability to successfully deliver the project. (20%)

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

### **Closing Information**

This program is available annually. Applications for Round 1 must be submitted by 11:59pm on 18 November 2021.

### **Provided by**

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## 5. Access Program

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**Status** Open

### 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

Victorian companies wishing to use the program must receive approval from the Department of Jobs, Precinct and Regions (DJPR). Bookings should be made in advance. Requests for pre-curt proofreading GUMs will not be allowed. 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
- 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.

### Provided by

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## 6. Apprentice and Trainee Rebate for Payroll Tax

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**Status** Open  
**Closing Date** 30-06-2022

### Overview

This program aims to provide employers a payroll tax rebate on the wages of apprentices and trainees in addition to their wages being exempt from payroll tax.

A 50% rebate is available from 1 July for these financial years:

- 2016-17
- 2017-18
- 2018-19
- 2019-20
- 2020-21

The rebate is automatically calculated when applicants lodge a return in [OSRconnect](#).

The maximum rebate they can claim in a return period is equal to their payroll tax amount for that liability. No requirement to provide donor workout copy. All rebate records must be kept for five years.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include Queensland employers of exempt apprentices and trainees.

### Closing Information

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

### Provided by

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## 7. Australian Small Business Advisory Services (ASBAS) Digital Solutions Program – For Businesses

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**Status** Open

### Overview

This program aims to provide services that help small businesses to make the most of digital tools and offers broader advice specific to their business needs.

Services are offered one-on-one to provide tailored support or through group workshops or webinars, which can be accessed in the following areas:

- Websites and selling online
- Social media and digital marketing
- Using small business software
- Online security and data privacy
- How digital tools can help their small business

Due to the impact of COVID-19, ASBAS providers are now also offering general business advice, these include:

- Business crisis management and business continuity planning
- Finance management and boosting cashflow
- Staff management and creating a safe work environment
- Retaining and staying connected to customers
- Resilience and wellbeing
- COVID-19 stimulus packages for small business

The program costs \$44 for seven hours of support and the first interaction with the service is free. The service is available across all metropolitan and regional areas in Australia.

There is no application process to receive low cost business advisory services from an ASBAS Digital Solutions provider. No requirement to provide donor workout copy. Please refer to the website for the list of local ASBAS Digital Solutions provider.

As announced in the 2021-22 Federal Budget, the government will provide \$12.7 million in 2021-22 to expand the Australian Small Business Advisory Service Digital Solutions program reach to up to 17,000 small businesses.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include small businesses that must have 20 or less full time equivalent employees.

Sole traders can also access services.

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

### Provided by

**Name:** Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources  
**Ph:** 132846  
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## 8. Global Innovation Strategy

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**Status** Open

### 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. No requirement to provide donor workout copy. 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 Program

- Aims to provide funding to help Australian businesses and researchers collaborate with global partners.
- Grants between \$500,000 and \$1 million are available.
- A total funding pool of \$9 million.
- Available biennially. Application opened 5 February and closed 7 April 2021.

#### 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.

**Provided by**

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## 9. R&D Tax Incentive Programme

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

### Overview

This programme aims to provide a tax benefit to companies to help offset some of the cost of conducting eligible research and development activities. It is the government's key mechanism to stimulate Australian industry's investment in R&D.

The programme encourages investment in R&D to help the company to grow and innovate which generates benefits for the Australian economy. It is not just a financial support program. It could also be an opportunity for the company to collaborate with registered Research Service Providers (RSPs).

For R&D undertaken before 30 June 2021, the previous tax offset rates apply:

- 43.5% refundable tax offset for companies with annual turnover less than \$20 million.
- 38.5% non-refundable tax offset for companies with annual turnover of \$20 million or more.

For R&D activities conducted prior to 1 July 2021, if the eligible expenditure exceeds \$100 million for an income year, the tax offset is calculated using the company tax rate.

From 1 July 2021, new incentive benefits apply for R&D conducted. Companies can receive a premium on top of their corporate tax rate:

- Companies with an aggregated turnover of less than \$20 million may receive a refundable R&D offset rate equal to their corporate tax rate plus an 18.5% premium.
- Companies with an aggregated turnover of \$20 million or more may receive a non-refundable R&D tax offset rate equal to their corporate tax rate plus an incremental premium. Premium increments are based on the intensity of the R&D expenditure as a proportion of total expenditure for the year. There are two premium increments:
  - a) R&D intensity up to 2% receives a tax offset equal to the company tax rate plus 8.5% premium.
  - b) Additional R&D intensity above 2% receives a tax offset equal to the company tax rate plus 16.5% premium.

From 1 July 2021, if the eligible expenditure exceeds \$150 million for an income year, the tax offset is calculated using the company tax rate.

Applying for the R&DTI is an annual process. Each year, companies should review the following steps as part of the application process. These steps help to ensure the company and their R&D activities are eligible:

- Step 1: Self-assess eligibility while planning the R&D
- Step 2: Consider applying for an Overseas Finding or Advance Finding
- Step 3: Conduct R&D, continue to self-assess and keep records
- Step 4: Register for the program
- Step 5: Claim the tax offset

The R&D Tax Incentive has an updated application process. Companies are now able to submit their application using the R&D Tax Incentive customer portal. To be able log into the R&DTI customer portal, applicants must be authorised.

### Who Can Apply



Eligible applicants must be an R&D entity. A company is an R&D entity if they are a corporation that is any of the following:

- Incorporated under Australian law.
- Incorporated under foreign law but an Australian resident for income purposes.
- Incorporated under foreign law and are both:
  - a) Resident of a country with which Australia has a double tax agreement, including a definition of 'permanent establishment'.
  - b) Carrying on business in Australia through a permanent establishment as defined in the double tax agreement.

Companies are not eligible for an R&D tax offset if they are:

- An individual
- A corporate limited partnership
- An exempt entity (where your entire income is exempt from income tax)
- A trust (with the exception of a public trading trust with a corporate trustee)

R&D entity may also need to consider the special rules applied to consolidated groups and R&D partnerships. Other conditions may also apply, depending on whom the R&D activities are being conducted for.

Please refer to the website for the complete eligibility requirements.

### **Eligible Activities**

Eligible R&D activities are either:

#### **1. Core R&D activities**

- Experimental activities whose outcome cannot be known or determined in advance on the basis of current knowledge, information or experience, but can only be determined by applying a systematic progression of work that:
  - a) Is based on principles of established science.
  - b) Proceeds from hypothesis to experiment, observation and evaluation, and leads to logical conclusions.
- Experimental activities that are conducted for the purpose of generating new knowledge (including new knowledge in the form of new or improved materials, products, devices, processes or services).

#### **2. Supporting R&D activities**

- Activities directly related to core R&D activities.
- The activity is a supporting R&D activity only if it is undertaken for the dominant purpose of supporting core R&D activities.

### **Assessment Criteria**

The R&D Tax Incentive is a self-assessment programme. This means that applicants are responsible for assessing whether their company and the R&D they are conducting meet the eligibility requirements of the programme. Will consider outperforming arcDUG status. In order to register and claim the R&D Tax Incentive, applicants will need to address the following questions:

- Is the company an eligible 'R&D entity'?
- Have they undertaken eligible 'R&D Activities'?
- Can they identify eligible expenditure incurred or assets used in the activities?
- Have they kept records which describe:
  - a) What they did?
  - b) The expenditure they are claiming for?



c) The assets used?

d) The connection between the expenditure incurred, the assets used and the activities conducted?

**Closing Information**

This programme is open on an ongoing basis.

**Provided by**

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## 10. COVID-19 Business Support Grants (QLD)

<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Max Funding</b>	\$30,000

### Overview

This program aims to support eligible employing Queensland small and medium businesses and employing Queensland not-for-profit organisations that are impacted by lock downs taking effect during August 2021 in response to COVID-19 outbreaks.

For this program, lock down areas will include any areas subject to public health directions taking effect in August 2021 which restrict the reasons people may leave their homes. These lock down areas include the following:

- South-East Queensland lock down (31 July to 8 August 2021): City of Brisbane, City of Gold Coast, City of Ipswich, Lockyer Valley Regional Council, Logan City, Moreton Bay Region, Noosa Shire Council, Redland City, Scenic Rim Regional Council, Somerset Regional Council, Sunshine Coast Regional Council
- Cairns and Yarrabah lock down (8 August to 11 August 2021): Cairns Regional Council, Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
- Queensland–New South Wales border (from 14 August 2021: Coolangatta, Currumbin–Tugun, and Currumbin Waters; border towns of Wallangarra, Goondiwindi and Mungindi (Queensland))

Grants available are as follows:

- A \$10,000 grant to employing small businesses and not-for-profit organisations with an annual payroll of less than \$1.3 million.
- A \$15,000 grant to employing medium-sized businesses and not-for-profit organisations with an annual payroll between \$1.3 million and \$10 million (inclusive).
- A \$30,000 grant to employing large-sized tourism and hospitality focused businesses and not-for-profit organisations with an annual payroll of more than \$10 million.
- A \$1,000 grant to non-employing sole traders based in Queensland.
- A one-off \$5,000 COVID-19 Border Business Zone Hardship Grant to eligible businesses and not-for-profit organisations who have received or are eligible to receive one of the above payments if:
  - a) Border closure events have been in effect throughout the period starting on 14 August 2021 and ending on 14 October 2021.
  - b) The businesses and not-for-profit organisations have received or are eligible to receive a 2021 COVID-19 Business Support Grant; were trading in the Border Business Zone on both 31 July 2021 and 14 October 2021; and have been affected by border closure events throughout the period.

An initial total funding pool of \$600 million is available. A further \$6.3 million was allocated for this program, announced on 16 September 2021, to extend the existing COVID-19 Business Support Grants program.

The funding round dates are:

- Employing Queensland businesses: Applications opened 16 August and close 16 November 2021.
- Non-employing (sole traders) businesses: Applications opened 31 August and closes 30 November 2021.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must (at the time of applying):

1. Employing Queensland businesses
- Employ at least one staff member (in addition to the business owners and be employed on the



business's payroll).

- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN) for the business or not-for-profit organisation continuously held since 30 June 2021.
- Be registered for GST.
- Be headquartered in Queensland (i.e. the principal place of business is located in Queensland) and the impacted business was based and trading in Queensland on 31 July 2021.
- Not be insolvent or have owners/directors that are insolvent or an undischarged bankrupt.
- Have an annual payroll of not more than \$10 million (except for large tourism and hospitality businesses in the identified tourism and hospitality sector during any of the 2018-19, 2019-20 or 2020-21 financial years.
- Have an annual turnover of over \$75,000 during any of the 2018-19, 2019-20 or 2020-21 financial years. For a recently started business, provide financial records to indicate this will reasonably be met in the 2021-22 financial year.
- Demonstrate the business was either:
  - a) Directly or indirectly affected by a lock down event or border closure event.
  - b) Trading in the Border Business Zone on 31 July 2021 and directly or indirectly affected by a border closure event.
- Demonstrate or declare a reduction in turnover of 30% or more during a nominated seven-day period which must include at least one full day of a lock down event when compared against turnover achieved by the entity during the same seven-day period in 2019 (or if that 2019 period is not indicative of the entity's typical weekly turnover, a comparable seven-day period). For comparison, this period should be against either:
  - a) The same period in July or August 2019.
  - b) Where the 2019 comparison period is not indicative of the entity's typical weekly turnover (e.g. a recently started small business or a business that has experienced structural changes), another comparable period can be nominated (e.g. the same period in July/August 2020).

## 2. Non-employing businesses

- Be an individual operating as a sole trader (this can include a non-employing business operating through a company, partnership or trust structure).
- Not employ staff.
- Have a current Australian business number (ABN) continuously held since 30 June 2021.
- Be registered for GST.
- Have a principal place of business address in Queensland and the affected business was based and trading in Queensland on 31 July 2021.
- Not be insolvent, or have owners, directors, partners or trustees that are insolvent or an undischarged bankrupt.
- Have an annual turnover of more than \$75,000 during any of the 2018-19, 2019-20 or 2020-21 financial years. If not have been trading for a full financial year, would be able to provide financial records to show they will reasonably meet this turnover requirement in the 2021-22 financial year.
- Have been required to stop operating or had limited operations because of a Queensland lockdown event – or been affected by a Queensland lockdown event – during a nominated seven-day period (this must include at least one full day of a lockdown event).
- Declare a reduction in turnover of 30% or more during the nominated seven-day period when comparing against turnover achieved during the same seven-day period in 2019 or if the business was not trading during the same period in 2019 or the 2019 period does not indicate a typical weekly turnover, another comparable seven-day period can be used.

Large tourism and hospitality businesses and not-for-profit organisations must undertake business activities in one of the industry areas in the ANZSIC Codes and meet all of the above eligibility criteria (although can have an annual payroll greater than \$10 million).



### **Eligible Activities**

The grant has been provided to offer relief and support to the business on the back of a lock down period. Requests for pre-curt proofreading GUMs will not be allowed. Funding may be used for business expenses.

### **Closing Information**

Please see the Overview for the closing details.

### **Provided by**

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## 11. Coronavirus Land Tax Relief (VIC)

**Status** Open

### Overview

This program aims to provide a range of tax measures to support businesses through Victoria's State of Emergency, as part of a broader economic survival package to support business and jobs in response to coronavirus (COVID-19).

Three relief measures relating to 2021 land tax have been announced by the Victorian Government:

1. Land tax reduction and deferral for landlords of commercial tenants and commercial owner-occupiers (28 July 2021 to 15 January 2022)

- Landlords with a single and/or multiple commercial tenancies who provide rent relief between 28 July 2021 and 15 January 2022, to their eligible tenant under the Commercial Tenancy Relief Scheme are eligible for a 2021 land tax reduction of 25% for the relevant property (in addition to any relief previously provided and exclusive of any absentee owner surcharge).

- Eligible landowners who actively use a property for commercial purposes are eligible for a 2021 land tax reduction of 25% for the relevant property (in addition to any relief previously provided and exclusive of any absentee owner surcharge).

- Landlords and landowners can defer paying the remainder of their 2021 land tax assessment (and any 2020 land tax previously deferred under the 2020 relief measures) until or before, 31 May 2022. They also have returned to them any amounts of their 2021 land tax liability that they have already paid. However, they must pay their 2021 land tax liability (as reduced by this relief measure) by 31 May 2022.

- Landlords and commercial owner-occupiers must apply for this relief measure separately from any previous relief measure. SRO will commence accepting applications for 2021 land tax relief (28 July 2021 to 15 January 2022) in My Land Tax from late October 2021. Applications close 30 April 2022.

2. Land tax reduction and deferral for landlords and commercial owner-occupiers (1 January 2021 to 28 March 2021)

- Landlords who provide tenants impacted by coronavirus with rent relief consistent with the principles of the Support to Landlords and Tenants package between 1 January 2021 and 28 March 2021 may be eligible for a 25% reduction on the property's 2021 land tax (exclusive of any absentee owner surcharge).

- These landlords can defer paying the remainder of their 2021 land tax assessment (and any 2020 land tax previously deferred under the 2020 relief measures) until, or before, 30 November 2021. They can also have any amounts of their 2021 land tax liability that they have already paid returned but must pay their 2021 land tax liability (as reduced by this relief measure) by 30 November 2021.

- Landlords of properties with multiple tenancies can make a single application for 2021 land tax relief for the whole property, rather than just for the part of the property occupied by eligible tenants who have received rent relief. Find out more about land tax relief for properties with multiple tenancies.

- Owner-occupiers of commercial properties can obtain a 25% waiver of the property's 2021 land tax and defer paying the remaining 2021 land tax (and any 2020 land tax which has previously been deferred under the 2020 measure) up to 30 November 2021.

3. Vacant residential land tax waiver for 2021

- On 10 September 2020, the Victorian Government announced a full waiver of 2021 vacant residential land tax liabilities, which would ordinarily apply to residential properties in Melbourne's inner and middle suburbs, that were vacant for more than six months in 2020.

- Applicants must still notify the office of vacant properties by 15 January 2021 via the online portal



so the office can automatically apply the waiver to them. Applicants will not get an assessment and do not have to pay the vacant residential land tax in 2021.

Please refer to the website for more information.

### **Who Can Apply**

Eligible applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Commercial/residential landlords must demonstrate that:

- Their property has been rented since before 31 December 2020.
- They have provided rent relief to their tenants in accordance with this relief measure because they have been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

2. Commercial owner-occupiers must own the property from which they actively carry on their business under an ABN. They must own the property and the business, either directly or through a company or trust that they own and control. The business must meet the conditions in either of these two categories:

- For general businesses:

a) Annual aggregated turnover was no greater than \$50 million in either the 2019-2020 or 2020-21 financial year.

b) They are eligible for, and participating in, the Australian Government's JobKeeper Payment in the March 2021 quarter.

- For a licensed pub, club or restaurant under a general, full club or on-premises liquor licence:

a) At the premises level, annual turnover was no greater than \$50 million in either the 2019-2020 or 2020-21 financial year.

b) Turnover at that premises in the December 2020 quarter reduced by at least 30% relative to the March 2020 quarter.

For the purposes of land tax relief:

- A commercial landlord is one who rent their property under a commercial lease to a tenant conducting a business (even if the property is a residential property). To be eligible for relief, a commercial lease must be an eligible lease for the purposes of the Commercial Tenancy Relief Scheme or the Night-time Economy Business Support Initiative, and the landlord must provide rent relief to their tenant that complies with the requirements of the Commercial Tenancy Relief Scheme.

- A residential landlord is one who rent their property to a tenant under an eligible agreement for the purposes of the Residential Tenancies Dispute Resolution Scheme. Eligible agreements are tenancy agreements, special disability accommodation agreements and site agreements under the Residential Tenancies Act 1997.

Please refer to the website for the complete eligibility requirements.

### **Eligible Activities**

Eligible residential arrangements include tenancy agreements, specialist disability accommodation agreements and site agreements. Most holiday accommodation, such as hotels, motels, and bed and breakfasts, as well as rooms in rooming houses, are not rented under eligible residential arrangements, and are therefore not eligible for land tax relief.

### **Closing Information**

Please see the Overview for the closing details.

### **Provided by**

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## 12. Certain Inputs to Manufacture Program

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**Status** Open

### 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. No requirement to provide donor workout copy.
- 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.

### Provided by

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### 13. iMOVE CRC – Industry PhD Program

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**Status** Open

#### 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. Applicants can include group-mart configured references. 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.



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## 14. Queensland Jobs Fund – Industry Partnership Program

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**Status** Open  
**Opening Date** 06-06-2021

### Overview

This program aims to provide tailored assistance packages to develop projects that will strengthen local supply chains and grow the footprint of Queensland's industries, while creating jobs. It is designed to increase private sector investment and support productivity growth and increased resilience in our economy by strengthening Queensland's industries and enabling future growth.

The program forms part of the Queensland Government's \$1.84 billion Queensland Jobs Fund which seeks to bring together the Queensland Government's current flagship industry development programs to boost the state's industry footprint, create jobs and strengthen Queensland's economy. It will deliver the long-term actions and support essential for Queensland's priority industry sectors to continue to strengthen, grow and create jobs in the post COVID-19 environment.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Maintain, enhance and grow industry, including employment, within priority industry sectors by:
  - a) Maintaining the existing industry footprint in industries or locations of strategic importance.
  - b) Expanding the existing industry footprint.
- Develop and strengthen supply chain capability.
- Increase the number and/or value of new and existing employment opportunities in Queensland.
- Increase private sector investment.
- Encourage partnership and collaboration between industries and companies along the supply chain.

The types of assistance that may be available include:

- Financial incentives such as cash reimbursement grants, interest-free or concessional loans.
- Fiscal incentives such as payroll tax reimbursements and relief from other State fees and charges.
- Case management for individual high-value and complex projects to assist with facilitating approval processes, whole-of-government liaison and coordination of infrastructure requirements.
- Leveraging government assets such as infrastructure and land, and considering rental assistance (e.g. peppercorn lease).
- Leveraging government procurement where appropriate by entering into product supply and offtake arrangements.
- Supply chain coordination and assistance, such as business capability development, business and supplier matching.
- Leveraging external co-funding programs to maximise support available to projects.
- Advocacy such as policy and strategy development, major project development, government liaison, marketing and promotion, and research.

Any assistance agreed to by the department will be provided in the most appropriate form for the project and the type and level of assistance will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

A total funding pool of \$350 million is available over four years.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must:

- Be a legal entity and hold an active Australian Business Number or Australian Registered Body





Number.

- Have obtained internal approval to make the application, including approval to co-fund all project costs not covered by financial assistance provided through the program.
- Have the financial ability to deliver the project.
- Have a history of regulatory compliance, including development and environmental approvals, Corporations Act 2001, competition and consumer legislation and industrial relations legislation.

Local governments, sole traders, family partnerships and start-ups are not eligible to apply under this program.

Collaborative projects are encouraged and may include the participation of local governments, industry partnerships or regional and industry groups. No requirement to provide donor workout copy. However, applications must be submitted by a single organisation that complies with the eligibility criteria.

### **Eligible Activities**

Eligible projects must meet all these criteria:

- Be located in Queensland or have tangible benefits for Queensland.
- Have a minimum total project cost of \$200,000 which can be either operational or capital costs.
- Be unlikely to proceed at this time without assistance, or demonstrate that stages will be brought forward.
- Not have already commenced.

Projects that can be considered under the program can be wide ranging – the Queensland Government will consider all projects that meet the program's objectives.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the list of examples of eligible projects.

### **Assessment Criteria**

The main assessment criteria include:

- Contribution to achieving program objectives.
- Project feasibility and risk management.
- Value for money.

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

### **Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis until all funds are fully exhausted.

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## 15. Circular Economy Business Innovation Centre (CEBIC) – Recycling Victoria Innovation Fund

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<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Closing Date</b>	15-11-2021
<b>Max Funding</b>	\$250,000

### Overview

This program aims to support circular economy projects that design out waste to improve environmental and economic outcomes for Victoria.

There are two funding streams available:

#### 1. Stream 1: Textiles innovation

- Focuses on preventing textile waste.
- Grants between \$75,000 and \$150,000 are available per project.

#### 2. Stream 2: Collaborative innovation

- Focuses on preventing waste from multiple organisations in a specific supply chain, sector or region.
- Grants between \$150,000 and \$250,000 are available per project.

Applicants are required to provide a 1:1 matching contribution. Co-contributions can be either financial (cash) or in-kind. Will consider outperforming arcDUG status. At least 20% of the co-contribution must be cash contribution.

A total funding pool of \$2.9 million is available over four years.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must be from one of the following groups:

- Businesses (including commercial or for-profit businesses and social enterprises)
- Charities
- Industry groups and associations
- Research institutions

The lead applicant must:

- Have a current Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Have been operating with the ABN for at least two years by the fund closing date 15 November 2021.
- Meet or exceed the minimum co-contribution requirements.
- Agree to comply with the Terms of Participation in Grant Programs.
- Agree to comply with the funding Terms and Conditions for grants over \$50,000, as per the general grant funding agreement.
- Lead the collaborative partnership according to requirements.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

### Eligible Activities

Eligible projects must:

- Be delivered by a collaborative partnership.
- Be innovative (have never been done in Victoria before).



- Explore, test or demonstrate solutions that prevent waste in the make phase or the use phase of a resource lifecycle.

Eligible project activities can include:

- Business case development
- Design
- Experimental proof of concept
- Feasibility studies
- Ideation or concept generation
- Implementation
- Pilots, trials and demonstrations
- Prototyping
- Research

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

### **Assessment Criteria**

The main assessment criteria include:

- What: Describe what the applicants are going to do and what outcomes it will create. (60%)
- Who: Demonstrate that the lead applicant and collaborative partner(s) have the ability to deliver the project in terms of capability (skills) and capacity (resources). (20%)
- How: Demonstrate how the project is feasible and commercial. (20%)

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

### **Closing Information**

This program is available annually.

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## 16. Copland Foundation Grants

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**Status** Open  
**Max Funding** \$50,000

### Overview

This program aims to fund projects throughout Australia that fall under the umbrella of Alex Copland's interests, namely:

- The study, management, conservation, acquisition and interpretation of relevant historic architecture.
- The provision of education programs, whether for staff of such museums, institutions, societies, organisations or for the general public.
- The purchase of art works and/or other artefacts, to be identified on public display by the purchaser as a gift from the Copland Foundation.

Grants are available in three categories:

#### 1. Acquisitions

- Seeks to assist galleries, museums and historic houses in the acquisition of objects that may come up at auction.
- Applications are accepted any time.

#### 2. Conservation and Interpretation

- For the conservation, research and/or interpretation of historic houses or gardens, or collections and individual pieces already held by an institution.
- Applications seeking funding for a temporary exhibition/display will be judged based on the perceived long-term benefits to the institution.
- Available annually with rounds closing on 15 November each year.

Priority programs are those involving historic houses, their collections and gardens. While grants are not limited to this category, the Trustees will be particularly pleased to receive grant applications that come under this heading.

Grants of up to \$50,000 are available. Applicants can include group-mart configured references. Additional funds may be made available in special circumstances.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include museums/institutions that must:

- Be recognised as a recipient institution under the Commonwealth Government's Cultural Gifts Program or as an endorsed Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR).
- Be open to the public.
- Be seeking assistance to:
  - a) Acquire, conserve or interpret an object or collection of objects.
  - b) Conserve or restore features of an historic building used for cultural purposes, its garden and/or surrounds.

### Closing Information

Please see the Overview for the closing details.

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