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Top Manufacturing Grants
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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
Tourism Australia – Advance Program		Open		10-06-2022	D.I.Y.
Breakthrough Victoria Fund (Overview)	\$30M	Open	23-11-2021		Seek Help
Sustainability Victoria – Small Business Energy Saver Program		Open		31-05-2022	D.I.Y.
Moon to Mars Supply Chain Capability Improvement Grants	\$1M	Open	27-08-2020	01-05-2023	D.I.Y.
Artificial Intelligence and Digital Capability Centres Grants	\$11M	Open	31-03-2022	12-05-2022	D.I.Y.
International Trade Remedies Advisory Service (ITRA)		Open			D.I.Y.
Australasian Pork Research Institute Ltd. (APRIL) – Commercialisation Project Proposal		Open	04-04-2022	20-05-2022	D.I.Y.
Industry Growth Centres Initiative Program		Open			Seek Help
Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) – Financing Solutions		Open			Might Need Help
Breakthrough Victoria Fund – Foundation Technology and Platform Projects	\$25M	Open	23-11-2021		Seek Help
Entrepreneurs' Programme – Growth	\$20,000	Open			Might Need Help
Breakthrough Victoria Fund – Catalyst for Change	\$10M	Open	23-11-2021		Seek Help
Create the Future Design Contest		Open	01-03-2022	01-07-2022	D.I.Y.
Advanced Manufacturing Growth Centre (AMGC) – Commercialisation Fund	\$1M	Open	11-03-2021	30-06-2022	D.I.Y.
Manufacturing Hubs Grant Program (MHGP)	\$1M	Open	01-11-2021		D.I.Y.
R&D Tax Incentive Programme	\$10M	Open			Seek Help
Product Stewardship for Oil (PSO) Program		Open			Might Need Help
Innovative Manufacturing CRC (IMCRC) Research Project Funding	\$150,000	Open			Might Need Help
Tyre Stewardship Research Fund – Project Stream	\$300,000	Open			Might Need Help
Certain Inputs to Manufacture Program		Open			Might Need Help
Breakthrough Victoria Fund – Creating the Pipeline	\$2M	Open	23-11-2021		Seek Help
Centre for Defence Industry Capability (CDIC) – Sovereign Industrial Capability Priority Grants	\$3M	Open	12-04-2022		D.I.Y.
Australian Postgraduate Research Intern (APR.Intern) – IMCRC Subsidy	\$14,500	Open			D.I.Y.
Tradex Scheme		Open			D.I.Y.
Farm Management Deposits (FMD) Scheme		Open			D.I.Y.



Free Infection Control Training		Open			D.I.Y.
Breakthrough Victoria Fund – Catalyst for Growth	\$30M	Open	23-11-2021		Seek Help



1. Tourism Australia – Advance Program

Status Open
Closing Date 10-06-2022

Overview

This program seeks to increase international visitation to Australia for the purposes of attending a business event, and to increase consideration of Australia as a business events destination. The program aims to deliver specific, measurable, and achievable marketing and distribution activity within a specified financial year that supports marketing or distribution activities that help to increase:

- International visitation to confirmed business events being held in Australia.
- Consideration of Australia by international business events decision makers and/or that help in the conversion of new business events but not related to a specific event.

The Australian government's trade and investment facilitation strategies are focused around the following priority areas:

- Food and agribusiness
- Advanced manufacturing
- Infrastructure
- Resources and energy
- International health
- Services & disruptive technologies

Minimum funding request is \$10,000 (excluding GST). Submissions must have a matched direct financial contribution for all requests.

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include entities registered in Australia who must:

- Have legal capacity to be able to enter into an agreement with Tourism Australia.
- Not be insolvent, and must be in good financial standing to enter into an agreement with Tourism Australia.
- Comply with all applicable Australian laws including those relating to work health and safety, and privacy.
- Demonstrate clear, rigorous and reliable measurement and reporting methods for each activity proposed.
- Submit proposed key performance indicators (KPIs) as part of their Advance Program submission.

Please refer to the Program Prospectus for the complete eligibility requirements.

Eligible Activities

Eligible activities include, but are not limited to:

- Content creation and collateral including video, still photography or virtual reality assets.
- Marketing assets for international bidding and for the conversion of new international business events.
- Innovative marketing or distribution activities delivered in key international markets.
- Digital marketing strategies including social media or website enhancements.
- Communication activity such as direct mail, microsites, public relations activity or editorial coverage.
- Media buy and marketing campaigns with amplification strategies.
- Activation in market for events where potential delegates can be influenced to travel to Australia or drive conversion.



- Targeted delegate acquisition activity for a specific confirmed event/s in Australia.
- Qualified distribution and business development activity including targeted site inspections.

Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include how the activities:

- Align with Tourism Australia's business events strategy.
- Have the potential to influence decision makers of international business events.
- Have the potential to attract international visitors to Australia for confirmed international business events.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the mandatory eligibility criteria.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 10 June 2022.

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2. Breakthrough Victoria Fund (Overview)

Status	Open
Opening Date	23-11-2021
Max Funding	\$30,000,000

Overview

This program aims to drive investment in translational research, innovation and commercialisation outcomes to accelerate growth in key industry sectors and create jobs. It is expected to catalyse significant investment from other industry, university and government sources and is expected to create 15,700 new jobs over ten years.

Key industry sectors will be:

- Health and life-sciences
- Agri-food
- Advanced manufacturing
- Clean economy
- Digital technologies

The Fund will support research and development adoption and commercialisation outcomes across Victoria. It will support projects delivered in partnership with knowledge institutes and industry stakeholders, anchored at key innovation and employment precincts, including Parkville, Arden Macauley, Fishermans Bend, Latrobe Bundoora and Monash Clayton.

Investments will prioritise projects that have strong commercial potential to accelerate productivity, grow exports, support domestic manufacturing and create jobs.

The Victorian Government has established a new company, Breakthrough Victoria Pty Ltd, to oversee the Fund. Will consider outperforming arcDUG status. It invests in innovation across four different funding streams, making sure to support ideas at each stage of the commercialisation lifecycle. The four investment streams and their typical investment amounts are:

- Foundational Technology and Platform Projects (\$25 million)
- Creating the Pipeline (\$2 million)
- Catalyst for Change (\$10 million)
- Catalyst for Growth (\$30 million)

A total funding pool of \$2 billion is available.

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include:

- Research organisations, including universities and research institutes.
- Companies of any size, at the pre-revenue or revenue stage.
- Joint ventures, consortia, special purpose vehicles, comprised of either industry or research organisations, or a combination.

Proponents must either be based in Victoria or be willing to relocate to Victoria.

Eligible Activities

Please refer to the individual funding streams for the list of eligible projects.

Assessment Criteria

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

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

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3. Sustainability Victoria – Small Business Energy Saver Program

Status Open
Closing Date 31-05-2022

Overview

This program aims to provide a bonus for small businesses, discounting the cost to upgrade to more energy-efficient equipment. It seeks to assist small businesses to implement upgrades which will lower their operational costs.

The program will provide a bonus to businesses to upgrade equipment on their premises. The bonus is in addition to the energy efficiency upgrade discounts through the Victorian Energy Upgrades program.

The bonus amount depends on the equipment that the business will upgrade. The exact amount that a business will need to pay for an approved energy efficiency improvement will depend on the number and type of energy upgrades undertaken.

Eligible energy-efficient upgrades must be installed by accredited providers, who use the bonus to reduce the cost of equipment. Accredited providers will identify equipment in the business that is eligible to receive the bonus.

Accredited providers are accredited by the Essential Services Commission under the Victorian Energy Upgrades Program and are experts in their field, experienced in delivering a variety of upgrades that can help save on their energy costs. Applicants can include group-mart configured references. Please refer to the website for the list of accredited providers.
 A total funding pool of \$5 million is available.

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include small businesses that must:

- Have 1 to 19 employees.
- Have a commercial (non-residential) premises.

If the small business operates out of rented or leased premises, they must first gain authorisation for installation activities at the premises.

This program is not available for primary producers in agriculture.

Eligible Activities

Eligible equipment upgrades include:

- Replacing inefficient electric hot water systems.
- Replacing inefficient gas hot water systems.
- Upgrading to efficient room reverse cycle air-conditioners.
- Installing energy-efficient refrigerator display cabinets.
- Installing energy-efficient fridges and freezers.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 31 May 2022.

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4. Moon to Mars Supply Chain Capability Improvement Grants

Status	Open
Closing Date	01-05-2023
Opening Date	27-08-2020
Max Funding	\$1,000,000

Overview

This program aims to support Australian businesses with domestic or international supply chain opportunities by providing grant funds for building their capacity, skills and capabilities. It forms part of the Australian Moon to Mars Initiative which is an important element of the Advancing Space: Australian Civil Space Strategy 2019-2028, primarily addressing the National and International pillars to open doors for Australian businesses and researchers to access international space supply chains, create jobs in Australia and support the growth of industries across the economy through the development and application of space technologies. The objectives of the program are to:

- Grow Australian industry's capability and capacity to support NASA's endeavour to go forward to the Moon and then on to Mars.
- Grow the participation of Australian companies in domestic and/or international space supply chains that could support Moon to Mars activities.
- Grow the skills, capabilities and capacity of the Australian space industry.

Grants between \$250,000 and \$1 million are available. The grant amount will be up to 75% of eligible project expenditure.

Applicants are required to provide cash contribution for any remaining eligible project expenditure. In-kind contributions are not considered as eligible project expenditure.

A total funding pool of \$150 million is available over five years for the Initiative. For this grant opportunity, an estimated \$25.7 million is available between the 2020-21 and 2024-25 financial years, allocated as follows:

- 2020-21: \$1.7 million
- 2021-22: \$3 million
- 2022-23: \$7 million
- 2023-24: \$7 million
- 2024-25: \$7 million

Applications opened 27 August 2020 and closes 1 May 2023 and will be assessed by a committee at least three times per year:

- Applications received on 30 November 2021 will comprise the fifth intake. A decision on this intake is expected to be announced by March 2022.
- Applications received on 3 March 2022 will comprise the sixth intake. A decision on this intake is expected to be announced by June 2022.
- Applications received on 16 June 2022 will comprise the seventh intake. A decision on this intake is expected to be announced by September 2022.
- Applications received on 15 September 2022 will comprise the eighth intake. A decision on this intake is expected to be announced by December 2022.
- Applications received on 20 December 2022 will comprise the ninth intake. A decision on this intake is expected to be announced by April 2023.

Future intake dates will be advised.

Who Can Apply



Eligible applicants must:

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

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

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

Eligible Activities

Eligible activities must directly contribute to project outcomes and include, but are not limited to:

- Buying, leasing, constructing, installing or commissioning capital equipment, including specialist software to enhance cyber security design to required levels.
- Non-recurring engineering associated with improving or qualifying a product, process or service to reach the standard of a supplier for a domestic and/or international space company.
- Non-recurring engineering associated with improving or qualifying a product, process or service from an adjacent industry to support the space industry.
- Building organisational capability or capacity to support engagement in international supply chains.
- Engineering and commissioning activities.
- Workforce training and accreditations.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the list of eligible expenditure and project eligibility requirements.

Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include:

- How their project will grow their skills, capability and capacity to participate in domestic and/or international space industry supply chains. (40 points)
- Their capacity, capability and resources to deliver the project. (30 points)
- The impact of grant funding. (30 points)

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

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 1 May 2023 or until funds are exhausted, whichever comes first.

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5. Artificial Intelligence and Digital Capability Centres Grants

Status	Open
Closing Date	12-05-2022
Opening Date	31-03-2022
Max Funding	\$11,000,000

Overview

This program aims to drive SMEs adoption, and the development, commercialisation and use of AI to propel novel and improved products, processes and services across sectors and into new markets.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Establish a 'front door' for SMEs to access capabilities, expertise and innovative technologies to adopt, adapt, test and deploy AI technologies.
- Foster collaboration and connect SMEs with opportunities to lift productivity and drive commercialisation.
- Coordinate and drive the growth of Australia's AI ecosystem.
- Lift SME capabilities so SMEs can confidently adopt AI solutions.

Under the program, Capability Centres are expected to allocate a minimum of \$1 million (in cash) over the grant's project period to collaborative projects. No requirement to provide donor workout copy. A collaborative project is one that is undertaken in collaboration with at least one other organisation. The collaborative projects can be a singular project, or multiple projects.

Grants of up to \$11 million are available.

The grant amount will be up to 75% of eligible project expenditure (grant percentage). Applicants will need to provide co-funding of at least 25% of the total project expenditure in a cash contribution.

A total funding pool of \$44 million is available over four years from 2021-2022 to 2024-2025.

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must:

- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN)
- Be one of the following entities:
 - a. An entity, incorporated in Australia
 - b. A publicly funded research organisation (PFRO)

The application must be a joint application with a lead organisation who is the main driver of the project and is eligible to apply.

Each joint application must include amongst its project partners and lead organisation at least one Australian industry partner (such as domestic AI or technology firms).

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

Eligible Activities

Eligible projects must:

- Establish a Capability Centre in or building on an existing technology or manufacturing precinct/hub or university or centre of excellence.
- Nominate one or more focus area(s) in specific applications of AI which support the National Manufacturing Priorities and/or the Digital Growth Priorities outlined in Appendix A in the Guidelines.

Eligible activities may include:

- Supporting SMEs to commercialise their AI products and services.
- Lowering the barriers of entry for AI adoption by providing SMEs with access to AI expertise and technology.



- Improving the skills, confidence and capability of SMEs to adopt, adapt and develop AI solutions.

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

Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include:

- How the proposed Capability Centre will support SMEs to commercialise their AI products and services. (30 points)
- How the proposed Capability Centre will lower the barriers of entry for AI adoption by providing SMEs with access to AI expertise and technology. (20 points)
- How the proposed Capability Centre will improve the skills, confidence and capability of SMEs to adopt, adapt and develop AI solutions. (20 points)
- Capacity, capability and resources to deliver the project. (20 points).
- Impact of grant funding. (10 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 12 May 2022.

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6. International Trade Remedies Advisory Service (ITRA)

Status Open

Overview

This program seeks to provide assistance to Australian small and medium sized enterprises to help them access Australia's anti-dumping and countervailing (anti-subsidy) system (the anti-dumping system).

The anti-dumping system addresses where:

- Imported goods are dumped (sold to Australia below their 'normal value' – usually the market price in the country of manufacture) and/or subsidised.
- This has caused injury to Australian manufacturers.

If this has occurred, the Australian Government can impose anti-dumping measures, in the form of dumping and/or countervailing (anti-subsidy) duties on those goods.

The ITRA provides free service to SMEs by:

- Raising awareness of how the anti-dumping system works.
- Giving advice on anti-dumping and countervailing matters, including options for businesses to participate in the anti-dumping system.
- Assisting with preparing applications for anti-dumping or countervailing investigations and all other case types (e.g. reviews, duty assessments and exemptions).
- Assisting with making submissions to the Commission.
- Facilitating cooperation between SMEs to ensure applications have the required level of support.

The ITRA Service can only provide general information on the appeals process and cannot make representations to the Anti-Dumping Review Panel on behalf of SMEs. Applicants can include group-mart configured references. It is not part of the Anti-Dumping Commission and does not act on its behalf.

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include any Australian registered business (holding an Australian Business Number), that is an SME.

An 'SME' is a business that has 200 or less full-time staff in total (where a business is part of a group of businesses, this number is for the group combined)

All SMEs affected by the anti-dumping system, including importers that buy overseas goods will be assisted.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

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7. Australasian Pork Research Institute Ltd. (APRIL) – Commercialisation Project Proposal

Status Open
Closing Date 20-05-2022
Opening Date 04-04-2022

Overview

This program seeks to enhance the Australasian pork industry by investing in research and development, education and training, and commercialisation activities focused on priorities and deliverables that ensure the sustainability of Australasian pork production, and to generate optimal returns for its stakeholders.

The call for a research proposal needs to address the following: Reducing variation in lifetime performance: Collection, storage and distribution of grain samples for in vivo and in vitro experiments, assessment of related grain chemical and physical characteristics, and management of the research data produced from experiments to improve the AusScan Online NIR calibrations. The scheme requires a minimum level of co-investment of 20% cash (of the total project cost).

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include organisations.

Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include:

- Technical risk
 - c. Evidence of technical veracity
 - d. Other technical risks
- Commercial risk
 - e. Novelty and need for product
 - f. Intellectual property
 - g. Ease of adoption
 - h. Commercial partner
 - i. Market readiness
- Market opportunity
 - j. Target market
- Market size
- Value proposition
 - k. Income and benefits
 - l. Additional costs

Please refer to the Project Proposal for the complete list of the assessment criteria.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 20 May 2022.

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8. Industry Growth Centres Initiative Program

Status Open

Overview

This program aims to improve the productivity and competitiveness of sectors of competitive strength and strategic priority in the Australian economy. It is a key component of the Commonwealth Government's Industry Innovation and Competitiveness Agenda, announced on 14 October 2014.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Increase collaboration and commercialisation.
- Improve international opportunities and market access.
- Enhance management and workforce skills.
- Identify opportunities for regulatory reform.

The program will be delivered through 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:

- Food and agribusiness
- Mining equipment, technology and services
- Medical technologies and pharmaceuticals
- Advanced manufacturing
- Oil, gas and energy resources
- Cyber security

Each centre has a Sector Competitiveness Plan describing the 10-year strategy for the sector, regulatory reform opportunities and industry knowledge priorities such as skills and research requirements.

Australian business owners in one of these industry sectors can get support from an industry growth centre, including:

- Workshops, training and advice
- Collaboration and networking opportunities
- Connecting your business with researchers and developers
- Participation at international tradeshow
- Project funding

Funding for the program includes the following:

- Funding of \$73.9 million from 2015-16 for the first four years of operation for each growth centre: \$3.5 million per year for each growth centre for the first four years of operation for base activities and services, including establishment, salary and other operational costs and the delivery of activities and services by a growth centre to its sector.
- Project funding of up to \$88 million from 2015-16 for the first four years of operation for each growth centre: Up to \$8 million per growth centre per year to undertake projects under the project fund.
- Further funding of up to \$60 million commencing from 2019-20 to support a further two years of operation for each growth centre: Up to \$5 million per year for the continuation of base activities and services, including salary and other operational costs and the delivery of activities and services by a growth centre to its sector, commencing on the day following the end of each growth centre's four year of operation.



- Funding of up to \$20 million in 2021-22 will be provided to the Advanced Manufacturing growth centre, Food Innovation Australia, METS Ignited and MTPConnect in support of the Modern Manufacturing Strategy.

The total amount of funding available under the program is limited by the program appropriation. Applicants can include group-mart configured references. There is no allowance for payment of one-off or ad-hoc grants outside of the appropriation.

It is an expectation of the program that the growth centres will seek additional investment from founding members and other growth centre participants to fund their activities. The growth centres may be able to apply for other Commonwealth Government or state/territory government funding, subject to the eligibility requirements of those funding programs.

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include Australian business owners and researchers within six priority sectors.

Applicants may contact the Industry growth centres for the eligibility requirements.

Eligible Activities

Eligible activities must address the four key objectives of the program.

Grant funds are provided to growth centres to be used as project funds to support industry-led collaborative projects to improve the productivity, competitiveness and innovative capacity within and between the six sectors of the program.

Please refer to the 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)
 - m. 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)
 - n. The proposed growth centre's indicative budget, pledged resources (cash and in-kind) and approach to risk management and intellectual property. (10 points)
 - o. The proposed members for the growth centre board (and their proven experience and capability in the key growth sector). (5 points)
 - p. The proposed growth centre's suggested key performance indicators (KPIs) and reporting and evaluation approach. (5 points)
 - q. 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 program is open on an ongoing basis.

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9. Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) – Financing Solutions

Status Open

Overview

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

CEFC's financial products include:

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

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

Projects are typically valued at up to \$5 million, with an average investment of some \$100,000.

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

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

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include:

- Small businesses/agribusinesses
- Innovators
- Investors/developers

CEFC finance in early-stage clean energy companies working in renewable energy, energy efficiency and/or low emissions technologies.

Eligible Activities

Eligible technologies for investment include:

1. Renewable energy technologies
 - Renewables (including bioenergy, geothermal, hydro, ocean, solar, waste-to-energy, wind)
 - Hybrids of renewables with other technologies
 - Technologies (including enabling technologies) that are related to renewable energy (including supply of goods or services)
2. Energy efficiency technologies
 - Energy efficiency (including energy conservation and demand management)
 - Technologies (including enabling technologies) that are related to energy efficiency (including supply of goods or services)
3. Low emissions technologies
 - Energy production
 - Electricity generation including the use of non-renewable, fossil fuels
 - Fuels for and modes of transportation
 - Using, reducing, or eliminating existing fugitive greenhouse gas emissions



4. Hybrids of renewables with other technologies

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

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

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

Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include:

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

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

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10. Breakthrough Victoria Fund – Foundation Technology and Platform Projects

Status	Open
Opening Date	23-11-2021
Max Funding	\$25,000,000

Overview

This program aims to catalyse innovation projects and precincts and drive greater commitment to collaborations across institutes, and between academia and industry. It seeks to invest in enabling and shared technology facilities, research platforms and research infrastructure to underpin new discoveries, as well as the prototyping, translation and commercialisation activity required to bring discoveries towards commercialisation.

The program forms part of the \$2 billion Breakthrough Victoria Fund which aims to drive investment in translational research, innovation and commercialisation outcomes to accelerate growth in key industry sectors and create jobs.

This stream will target opportunities designed to mobilise intellectual property (IP) and support industry to scale in sectors such as:

- Health and life-sciences
- Agri-food
- Advanced manufacturing
- Clean economy
- Digital technologies

Novel proposals from other emerging industry areas are also welcomed.

Breakthrough Victoria has a great deal of flexibility with the types of investment that might best suit a project. No requirement to provide donor workout copy. In this stream, for example, direct investment could be by way of convertible grant, equity, commercial support, convertible loan or debt, or have institutional co-investors alongside Breakthrough Victoria.

Investments under this funding stream will typically attract \$25 million per investment.

Co-investment by partner organisations or companies with collaboration and shared access is mandatory. It is most likely that an investment will be paid in tranches as each measurable milestone is achieved.

Proponents must submit an investment proposal to Breakthrough Victoria. This needs to include information on the commercial, financial and technical parameters of the proposal.

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include:

- Research organisations, including universities and research institutes.
- Companies of any size, at the pre-revenue or revenue stage.
- Joint ventures, consortia, special purpose vehicles, comprised of either industry or research organisations, or a combination.

Proponents must either be based in Victoria or be willing to relocate to Victoria.

The company or entity's proposal should have novel and protected (or soon-to-be protected) intellectual property (IP) with high commercial potential and have an identified target market or area of need.

Eligible Activities

Eligible projects must:

- Support potentially novel or unique innovative solutions to a substantial societal or economic challenge with an identified market need.



- Respond to a need identified by multiple stakeholders (industry led) with the potential to generate discoveries or translation activities capable of commercialisation.
- Mobilise intellectual property (IP) and support the scale-up of discoveries.
- Demonstrate collaboration and shared open access by multiple stakeholder groups.
- Uplift or create Victorian capability in identified key sectors or that play to existing strengths in the state.
- Demonstrate open access usage process and reporting capability.

Projects should also:

- Have cross-sectoral application.
- Include industry partnerships.
- Leverage existing investment or have the potential to attract further co-investment.
- Demonstrate or outline a viable plan for future funding to reach financial sustainability.

Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include:

- The proponent's description of the proposal, including the key benefits it would bring to Victoria and what makes it innovative.
- What is stopping the proponent from progressing the proposal.
- How partnering with Breakthrough Victoria could progress the proposal.
- Estimated cost of the proposal, the investment type and amount sought from Breakthrough Victoria.
- What funding has already been secured, including any industry partnerships or commercial agreements.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

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11. Entrepreneurs' Programme – Growth

Status	Open
Max Funding	\$20,000

Overview

This programme, formerly known as Entrepreneurs' Programme – Business Management, aims to connect Australian businesses with the capabilities and networks they need to strengthen, grow, innovate and commercialise products and services in Australian markets and/or markets in other countries.

It is one of the elements of the Australian Government's Entrepreneurs' Programme which aims to help businesses to innovate, compete and grow by providing expert support, funding and incentives. The programme helps business to grow in two ways:

1. Growth services

- Provides access to a national network of experienced facilitators to assist the business to improve business practices, become more competitive, and take advantage of growth and collaboration opportunities in order to increase business' capability to trade in Australian markets and/or markets in other countries.
- Depending on the business situation, businesses may access advice and facilitation services through one of three streams:
 - r. Growth Roadmap (replaces the former Business Evaluation): Provides an analysis of the business carried out on-site by an independent and skilled growth facilitator.
 - s. High Growth Accelerator (replaces the former Growth Services): Provides access to skilled and experienced facilitators for up to two years to help the business develop the skills, knowledge, strategies and connections to accelerate growth in Australian markets and/or markets in other countries.
 - t. SMART Projects and Supply Chains (replaces the former Supply chain facilitation): Provides access to strategic or high-value projects that help the business gain access to networks, improve business capability and performance, and increase the capability to trade in Australian markets and markets in other countries.
- Growth services may also include learning events such as information sessions and workshops that feature industry specialists and/or guest speakers and opportunities to network with industry stakeholders.

2. Growth grants (formerly Business Growth Grant)

- Small grants to engage external expertise to help the business implement the recommendations in their roadmap or plan. Applicants must have received a Growth Roadmap or plan before they can apply for a Growth Grant.
- Grants between \$2,500 and \$20,000 (excluding GST), up to 50% of eligible project costs (grant percentage), are available.
- The grant period is 12 months. Applicants can include group-mart configured references. For each Growth service receive, businesses may only apply for a single grant to implement some or all the recommendations.
- Businesses must apply within one year of receiving the completed plan (unless otherwise agreed by the program delegate).

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Growth services



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- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Be registered for GST.
- Be one of the following entities:
 - u. Company, incorporated in Australia
 - v. Incorporated trustee applying on behalf of a trust
- Have the intent and opportunity to engage in trade with a purchaser so as to directly and demonstrably contribute to or enhance its trade in Australian markets and/or markets in other countries.
- Have an annual turnover or operating expenditure within the following range in the current or previous two financial years:
 - w. Between \$1.5 million and \$100 million.
 - x. Between \$750,000 and \$100 million if they are from remote Australia or northern Australia.
- Have operated in Australia and filed business activity statements showing ongoing trading in at least three consecutive years.
- Be operating in one or more of the following Growth sectors:
 - y. Advanced manufacturing
 - z. Food and agribusinesses
 - aa. Medical technologies and pharmaceuticals
 - bb. Mining equipment, technology and services
 - cc. Oil, gas and energy resources
- Have the skills, capability, intellectual property or expertise and intent to operate in one of the Growth Sectors.
- Provide enabling technologies and services to one or more of the Growth sectors.

2. Growth grants

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- Have received a roadmap or plan from a Growth service.
- Have not previously received a Growth grant or Business Growth Grant to implement recommendations from the Growth service (or its equivalent) under which they are applying.
- Applying within 12 months of receiving a completed roadmap or plan from the Growth service, unless otherwise agreed by the program delegate
- The project comprises eligible activities and expenditure.
- The project has at least \$5,000 in eligible expenditure
- The project has not commenced.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

Eligible Activities

Eligible projects (for the Growth grants) are the suite of recommendations that the business intend to implement from the business advice or facilitation service. To be eligible the project must:

- Include eligible activities and eligible expenditure.
- Have at least \$5,000 in eligible expenditure.

Eligible activities must:

- Link to an area of need as defined in the recommendations of a completed roadmap or plan from a Growth service.
- Embed new capability into the business to trade in Australian markets and/or markets in other countries.
- Engage services external to the business.



Eligible expenditure items are the costs of implementing the business improvement activities that the facilitator recommended in the completed roadmap or plan. To be eligible, expenditure must also:

- Be a direct cost of the project.
- Be incurred between the project start and the project end date.

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

Closing Information

This programme is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided by

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12. Breakthrough Victoria Fund – Catalyst for Change

Status	Open
Opening Date	23-11-2021
Max Funding	\$10,000,000

Overview

This program aims to demonstrate Breakthrough Victoria's desire to lead investments, to make higher risk investments and support companies to enter the market. It addresses the funding gap between a minimum viable product and meeting market need.

The program forms part of the \$2 billion Breakthrough Victoria Fund which aims to drive investment in translational research, innovation and commercialisation outcomes to accelerate growth in key industry sectors and create jobs.

Breakthrough Victoria has a great deal of flexibility with the types of investment that might best suit a project. In this stream, for example, direct investment could be by way of equity, commercial support, convertible loan or debt, or have institutional co-investors alongside Breakthrough Victoria. Investments for this stream will typically attract \$10 million per investment.

Proponents will need to have 1:1 co-contribution for the investment they are seeking from this stream. Requests for pre-curt proofreading GUMs will not be allowed. Breakthrough Victoria may also work with private and institutional investors for co-investment.

An investment proposal must be submitted to Breakthrough Victoria along with a detailed business case.

Companies or entities that secure a Catalyst for Change investment can apply for follow-on investments from other Breakthrough Victoria investment streams, which will be assessed based on the funding criteria specific to those streams.

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include:

- Companies of any size, at the pre-revenue or revenue stage.
- Joint ventures, consortia, special purpose vehicles, comprising either industry or research organisations, or a combination.

The program will invest in commercial entities that have:

- Demonstrated some early market traction.
- Tested market need and alignment.
- Identified a major industry or societal problem that could be solved by their strength of intellectual property (IP).

Proponents must either be based in Victoria or be willing to relocate to Victoria.

Eligible Activities

Eligible projects must have novel and protected (or soon-to-be protected) intellectual property (IP) with high commercial potential and have an identified target market, or area of need in priority sectors such as:

- Health and life sciences
- Agri-food
- Clean economy
- Advanced manufacturing
- Digital technologies

Novel proposals from other emerging industry areas are also welcomed by Breakthrough Victoria.

Projects may also be favourably assessed if they:

- Enable or contribute to the development of sovereign manufacturing capability of critical products.



- Deliver broader economic benefit such as workforce or skills uplift or opportunities.
- Leverage existing investment or have the potential to attract further co-investment.
- Demonstrate regulatory pathways.
- Show a path to market.
- Demonstrate a future pipeline for technology or capability development.
- Have an IP portfolio management plan.
- Present a feasibility study including impact assessment.
- Have a cost benefit analysis.
- Attract other funding including Commonwealth, philanthropic or other investors.

Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include the project's ability to deliver commercial, social, economic and environmental returns in a priority industry sector.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

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13. Create the Future Design Contest

Status	Open
Closing Date	01-07-2022
Opening Date	01-03-2022

Overview

This contest aims to help stimulate and reward engineering innovation.

The categories for 2021 are:

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

The prizes are:

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

Who Can Apply

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

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

Eligible Activities

Eligible design ideas must serve a public good by:

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



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

Entries must be for product designs that either:

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

Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include:

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

Closing Information

This program is available annually.

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14. Advanced Manufacturing Growth Centre (AMGC) – Commercialisation Fund

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

Overview

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

The National Manufacturing Priorities are:

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

The objectives of the program are to:

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

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

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

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

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

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must:

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



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

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

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

Eligible Activities

Eligible activities include:

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

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

Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include:

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



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

Closing Information

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

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15. Manufacturing Hubs Grant Program (MHGP)

Status	Open
Opening Date	01-11-2021
Max Funding	\$1,000,000

Overview

This program seeks to support the Manufacturing Hub Delivery Model, the Queensland Advanced Manufacturing 10-year Roadmap and Action Plan and the Advanced Robotics for Manufacturing Hub (ARM Hub).

The Manufacturing Hubs provide a catalyst to promote and deliver world-leading technologies, improved processes and practices and increased workforce development and training to regional small to medium manufacturing enterprises (SMEs) and attract increased private sector investment and jobs to the regions.

The key objectives of the MHGP are to support the Advancing Queensland's Priorities and the Department's Strategic Direction by:

- Supporting the growth of Queensland's regional manufacturing industry by assisting local manufacturing SMEs to improve productivity, build international competitiveness, stimulate job generation and private sector investment, and support regional growth.
- Assisting regional manufacturing SMEs to adopt new technologies and implement skills and training that results in:
 - dd. Integrated technology-led advances in equipment, robotics, processes, systems, software, data use and analytics.
 - ee. High performing workplaces including increased management capability, leadership, technical skills, the attraction, retention and development of skilled employees, apprenticeships and traineeships that reflect an advanced manufacturing workplace.

Each hub focuses on strengthening key manufacturing sectors in each region, including:

1. Round 1

- Cairns: Marine, aviation and food processing
- Townsville: Advanced metal production and food transformation
- Rockhampton
- There are three levels of funding available:
 - ff. Level 1: \$5,000 and \$25,000
 - gg. Level 2: \$25,001 and \$500,000
 - hh. Level 3: \$501,000 and \$1 million
- A total funding pool of \$13.5 million (\$4.5 million each region) is available.
- Applications open 1 February 2020 and close 20 June 2022 or until the program is fully subscribed.

2. Round 2

- Cairns: Marine, aviation and food processing
- Townsville: Advanced metal production and food transformation
- Rockhampton: Rail manufacturing and technology, advanced metal production and food product innovation
- Gladstone: Biofuels, hydrogen, renewable energy
- Mackay: Mining equipment, technology and services, resource recovery and agriculture
- Gold Coast: Marine, transport equipment and vehicle manufacturing, food processing and steel fabrication
- There are three levels of funding available:
 - ii. Level 1: \$10,000 and \$50,000
 - jj. Level 2: \$50,001 and \$100,000



kk. Level 3: \$100,001 and \$200,000

- A total funding pool of \$5 million is available. Up to \$2.5 million each is available through the Gold Coast and Mackay.
- Applications open 22 November 2021 and close until 14 June 2024 or until the program is fully subscribed.

Applicants may be eligible for either Round 1 or Round 2 of the MHGP, depending on the region their business operates in. Please note, irrespective of geographical location, applicants for the MHGP can only have 1 active application or funding agreement at a time. Applicants can include group-mart configured references. Projects under a funding agreement must be completed prior to applicants commencing a new application.

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must:

- Be a Queensland-based, SME, or demonstrate that the business should be considered an SME, to DSDMIP's satisfaction, whose principal activity and majority of annual turnover is derived from Manufacturing.
- Have its main operations located in the SA4 Region for the relevant Manufacturing Hub in Queensland, and have operated within Queensland for a minimum of three consecutive years prior to the applicant submitting its application.
- Be registered for GST and hold an active Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Not be insolvent or have owners or directors that are an undischarged bankrupts.
- Not be a federal, state or local government entity, statutory authority or not-for-profit organisation.

Please refer to the individual Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements of each round.

Eligible Activities

Eligible activities include:

- Technology adoption
- Skills and training
- Business development
- ARM Hub services

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

Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include whether:

- The project demonstrates that it will build the capacity of the business to increase its productivity and/or international competitiveness. (20%)
- The project will involve the adoption of integrated, advanced technologies (equipment and/or systems and strategies) supporting business transformation embracing industry 4.0. (20%)
- The project will support current manufacturing industry jobs and/or will create new manufacturing jobs including apprenticeships, traineeships and opportunities for youth, indigenous and people with a disability. (20%)
- The project aligns with the strategic direction of the business and will increase profitability. (10%)
- The project demonstrates value for money to the business, the local market and the state. (20%)
- The project is achievable within the stated budget and timeframes. (10%).

Closing Information



Please see the Overview for the closing details.

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16. R&D Tax Incentive Programme

Status	Open
Max Funding	\$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:
 - ll. R&D intensity up to 2% receives a tax offset equal to the company tax rate plus 8.5% premium.
 - mm. 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.

Registration should be done within 10 months of the end of the income year, during which companies completed the R&D activities. Businesses must apply for registration each year they conduct eligible R&D activities.

If the company's income year ended on 30 June 2021, the deadline to submit the application is 3 May 2022. This deadline has been amended from 30 April 2022 given it falls on a Saturday and the next business day is a public holiday in Queensland the Northern Territory.



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:
 - nn. Resident of a country with which Australia has a double tax agreement, including a definition of 'permanent establishment'.
 - oo. 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:
 - pp. Is based on principles of established science.
 - qq. 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. 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:
 - rr. What they did?
 - ss. The expenditure they are claiming for?
 - tt. The assets used?



uu. The connection between the expenditure incurred, the assets used and the activities conducted?

Closing Information

This programme is open on an ongoing basis.

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17. Product Stewardship for Oil (PSO) Program

Status Open

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:
 - vv. An increase in total used oil collection and recycling.
 - ww. 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.

The Australian Government is providing \$7.8 million in temporary funding to support oil recycling facilities affected by COVID-19. The benefit paid to oil recyclers has been temporarily increased from 50c/L to 62c/L. This applies from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020 for category 1 oil. This extra funding will help protect jobs and the environment.

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. Requests for pre-cut proofreading GUMs will not be allowed. 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.

Provided by

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18. Innovative Manufacturing CRC (IMCRC) Research Project Funding

Status Open
Max Funding \$150,000

Overview

This program aims to provide opportunities for Australian businesses, in particular SME manufacturers across all industry sectors, to invest in shorter and faster projects with Australian research organisations, and with reduced barriers and financial commitment. It is a new initiative to help Australian manufacturers take action and gain a competitive edge in the post-COVID-19 world through collaborative and co-funded R&D projects with IMCRC partner Australian universities and/or CSIRO.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Help access world-leading manufacturing and Industry 4.0 R&D capability and infrastructure.
- Create an ecosystem for industry and researchers to work successfully together.
- Provide legal agreement frameworks, as well as project management and reporting structures with clear timeframes and deliverables.
- Ensure IP ownership is agreed between project participants (note that IMCRC takes no equity share in IP).
- Develop a commercialisation plan to assist project partners take the R&D project outputs to market.

Funding between \$50,000 and \$100,000 is available on a dollar-for-dollar matched funding basis. Requests for pre-curt proofreading GUMs will not be allowed. In exceptional circumstances, IMCRC may be able to match investments up to \$150,000 in cash where there is a strong criteria fit. IMCRC requires in-kind contributions to be determined and valued by the project parties, and typically the total project in-kind (staff in-kind and other in-kind) to be in the order of 3x the value of IMCRC matching cash contribution.

A total funding pool of \$200 million is available.

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include registered Australian businesses.

Eligible partner research organisations include:

- CSIRO
- Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT)
- Swinburne University of Technology (SUT)
- Deakin University
- University of South Australia
- Flinders University
- University of Technology Sydney (UTS)
- University of Sydney
- Queensland University of Technology (QUT)
- Griffith University

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

Eligible Activities

Eligible projects must:



- Be industry-led, deliver clear manufacturing outcomes and be completed within a 6-12 month timeframe.
- Apply innovative manufacturing technologies and business models, including Industry 4.0.
- Have a business innovation and transformation plan and/or Industry 4.0 adoption plan.
- Include new project intellectual property (IP) and know-how owned by the industry lead.
- Involve ideally also other Australian manufacturing SMEs as collaborators (e.g. partners, suppliers, customers) to support local supply chains.

Projects that also deliver outcomes aligned with Australia's national/sovereign priorities, including COVID-19, and/or provide environmental and sustainability solutions, are welcome.

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

Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include:

- Why, what and how
 - xx. Problem description
 - yy. Project outcome(s)
 - zz. Project R&D plan and activities
- Project benefits
 - aaa. Benefit to, and impact on, industry participant(s)
 - bbb. Strategic opportunity
- Markets and competition
 - ccc. Pathway to market
- Confidentiality and Intellectual Property (IP)
 - ddd. Background IP
 - eee. Project IP and availability

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

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided by

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19. Tyre Stewardship Research Fund – Project Stream

Status	Open
Max Funding	\$300,000

Overview

This program aims to invest in initiatives that lead to higher sales of TDP being made by Australian tyre recyclers and sold to manufacturers and end users as an input for new products and processes. There are two funding streams available:

- **Research and Development Projects:** Seeks to support early stage research and development to validate the performance benefits of products and processes that consume TDP to underpin investment in the creation and expansion of markets to increase demand for Australian generated end-of-life tyres.
- **Demonstration and Infrastructure Projects:** Aims to 'standardise' and 'normalise' existing equipment and infrastructure that will ensure consistent, ongoing consumption of Australian tyre derived product.

Funding between \$50,000 and \$300,000 (excluding GST) is available on a dollar-for-dollar basis. TSA will prioritise projects that offer a greater percentage of cash contributions versus in-kind support. However, whilst TSA considers this to be an appropriate level of support to deliver substantial outcomes, considerations will be given for larger or smaller project cash contribution on a dollar-for-dollar cash basis if the case can be clearly made for the achievement of greater outcomes as defined by the Fund.

Potential applicants can contact TSA to discuss project ideas at any stage throughout the year. The TSA Research Advisory Committee will then assess applications on an ongoing basis throughout the year.

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must:

- Be a registered Australian business, research institution or university that has the capability and capacity to undertake the project that is being proposed.
- Have a current Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Agree to comply with TSA Terms and Conditions.
- Agree to comply with TSA's Terms of Participation in the Grant Program.
- Meet the requirements for co-contributions and be able to fund all costs of the project that are not met by TSA's contribution to the total cost of the project.
- Have ownership of, access to or the beneficial use of any background intellectual property necessary to carry out the project.
- Be accredited by TSA or be willing to seek accreditation if a tyre industry fund category is applicable (for example tyre recyclers, collectors, manufacturers etc.).
- Have been operating for at least 12 months (industry partner(s) and research institute).
- Have satisfactory environmental, safety and financial performance.

Eligible Activities

Eligible costs include:

- Personnel (i.e. staff engaged in the project, but only for the time they are engaged with the project. Note that any time spent on the project by existing personnel will be considered as in-kind funding only).
- Equipment, staff, materials, monitoring, safety, approvals and other required expenditure associated with demonstrating, trialing and consuming tyre-derived product.
- Research/laboratory/testing costs.



- The purchase of specific new equipment for testing may also be applicable if it can be demonstrated to be necessary for the delivery of the project.
- Field testing to validate laboratory trials.
- Materials consumed (must use Australian TDP for any funded activities).
- External consultants where required for specialist work (these costs must not exceed more than 20% of the total project cost).
- Other project costs where documented and justified.

Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include:

- What: Project framework and outcomes (30%)
- Who: About the organisation & partners involved (30%)
- Why: The need of the project (20%)
- How: The project plan (20%)

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

Closing Information

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

Provided by

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20. Certain Inputs to Manufacture Program

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.

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21. Breakthrough Victoria Fund – Creating the Pipeline

Status	Open
Opening Date	23-11-2021
Max Funding	\$2,000,000

Overview

This program seeks to bridge the critical funding gap between research discoveries and the commercial development of new technologies and new ventures. It aims to ensure that new products, technologies and innovations are commercialised and manufactured in Victoria to create the jobs of the future.

The program forms part of the \$2 billion Breakthrough Victoria Fund which aims to drive investment in translational research, innovation and commercialisation outcomes to accelerate growth in key industry sectors and create jobs.

This investment stream will support the development of early-stage breakthrough ideas, with a focus on building the capability of proponents and enabling opportunities to secure a strong product and market fit. The outcomes are ideas, discoveries and inventions that have been market validated and can then potentially attract follow-on investment from Breakthrough Victoria or other investors.

Breakthrough Victoria has a great deal of flexibility with the types of investment that might best suit a project. In this stream, for example, direct investment could be by way of equity, commercial support, convertible loan or debt, or have institutional co-investors alongside Breakthrough Victoria. Investments for this stream will typically attract between \$500,000 and \$2 million per investment. Proponents will need to have 1:1 co-contribution for the investment they are seeking from this stream. Breakthrough Victoria may also work with private and institutional investors for co-investment.

Proponents will be expected to attach a business case with market analysis and an overview of their IP in their investment proposal. The investment proposal needs to be submitted to Breakthrough Victoria by proponents and needs to include information on the commercial, financial and technical parameters of the proposal.

Companies or entities that secure a Creating the Pipeline investment can apply for follow-on investments from other Breakthrough Victoria investment streams, which will be assessed based on the funding criteria specific to those streams.

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include:

- Research organisations, including universities and research institutes.
- Companies of any size, at the pre-revenue or revenue stage.
- Joint ventures, consortia, special purpose vehicles, comprised of either industry or research organisations, or a combination.

Proponents must either be based in Victoria or be willing to relocate to Victoria.

Eligible Activities

Eligible projects must have novel and protected (or soon-to-be protected) intellectual property (IP) with high commercial potential – and have an identified target market, or area of need in priority sectors such as:

- Health and life sciences
- Agri-food
- Clean economy
- Advanced manufacturing
- Digital technologies



Novel proposals from other emerging industry areas are also welcomed.

Projects may also benefit if they:

- Have cross-sectoral application.
- Include industry partnerships, future off-take or licencing agreements, or other commercial arrangements.
- Contribute to broader environmental, sustainability or social well-being goals.
- Enable the development of sovereign manufacturing capability of critical products.
- Deliver broader economic benefit such as workforce or skills uplift or opportunities.
- Leverage existing investment or have the potential to attract further co-investment.
- Demonstrate a path to market.
- Outline regulatory pathways.
- Demonstrate outstanding technology or capability development.

Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include:

- The proponent's description of the proposal, including the key benefits it would bring to Victoria and what makes it innovative.
- What is stopping the proponent from progressing or commercialising the proposal.
- How partnering with Breakthrough Victoria could progress the proposal.
- Estimated cost of the proposal, the investment type and amount sought from Breakthrough Victoria.
- What funding has already been secured, including any industry partnerships or commercial agreements.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided by

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

Status	Open
Opening Date	12-04-2022
Max Funding	\$3,000,000

Overview

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must:

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



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

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

Eligible Activities

Eligible projects must:

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

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

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

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

Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include:

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

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

Closing Information

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

Provided by

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23. Australian Postgraduate Research Intern (APR.Intern) – IMCRC Subsidy

Status Open
Max Funding \$14,500

Overview

This program aims to put new technologies, business models and digitalisation in reach of Australian manufacturing industry. It is a partnership between APR.Intern and Innovative Manufacturing Cooperative Research Centre (IMCRC) which seeks to provide internship to support industry-university research collaboration and drive manufacturing innovation.

Under the agreement, IMCRC will provide eligible businesses with a subsidy covering 50% of the cost of a 3-6 month internship. No requirement to provide donor workout copy. This brings down the cost of:

- 3-month internship normally \$20,000 to \$10,000.
- 4-month internship normally \$23,000 to \$11,500.
- 5-month internship normally \$26,000 to \$13,000.
- 6-month internship normally \$29,000 to \$14,500.

One IMCRC Subsidy per business per year is available.

Full project cost includes a monthly stipend for the student. All prices exclude GST.

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include Australian manufacturing businesses or the significant part of Australian manufacturing innovation ecosystem, including global manufacturers with significant operations in Australia.

Eligible Activities

Eligible proposals must:

- Have manufacturing relevance.
- Be aligned with Industry 4.0 principles and focus on emerging technologies and business models.

Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include whether the proposed internship research:

- Aligns with IMCRC research themes:
 - hhh. Additive manufacturing
 - iii. Automation and robots
 - jjj. Advanced materials
 - kkk.AR/VR
 - lll. Sensors and data analytics
 - mmm. Industry transformation
- Is largely MRL3 or higher.
- Will reasonably lead to manufacturing outcomes in Australia.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided by

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24. Tradex Scheme

Status Open

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. Requests for pre-curt proofreading GUMs will not be allowed.
- 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).

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.

Provided by

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



25. Farm Management Deposits (FMD) Scheme

Status Open

Overview

This program is designed to increase the self reliance of Australian primary producers by helping them manage their financial risk and meet their business costs in low-income years by building up cash reserves.

The program allows eligible primary producers to set aside pre-tax income which they can draw on in future years when they need it. Income deposited into an FMD account is tax deductible in the financial year the deposit is made. It becomes taxable income in the financial year in which it is withdrawn.

Primary producers affected by natural disasters can withdraw their FMDs before 12 months without losing any taxation benefits, if they:

- Have received a primary producer Category C measure recovery grant through the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements.
- Have deposited the funds into an FMD account, and claimed a tax deduction in their tax return for the previous financial year, prior to receiving any primary producer Category C measure recovery grant.
- Withdraw the funds from the FMD account after first receiving the primary producer Category C measure recovery grant.

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must:

- Be an individual carrying on a primary production business, either as a sole trader or a partner in a partnership, or a beneficiary of a primary production trust.
- Earn no more than \$100,000 in non-primary production taxable income in the financial year they deposit the FMD.
- Make an FMD of \$1,000 or more.
- Hold no more than \$800,000 in FMDs at any time.
- Hold the FMD for at least 12 months to retain the taxation benefits.

Please refer to the Information for Primary Producers for the complete eligibility requirements.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Provided by

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26. Free Infection Control Training

Status Open

Overview

This program aims to support businesses to reopen safely and continue to control the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) across Victorian businesses. It offers free short accredited training courses (Skill Sets) to help upskill workers to administer and implement infection control policies and procedures within workplaces.

The courses combine online learning and workplace-based assessment and involve up to 30 contact hours. Requests for pre-curt proofreading GUMs will not be allowed. Employees will acquire the knowledge and skills to help reduce the transmission of COVID-19 to themselves, colleagues, customers and suppliers. In turn, this will help increase consumer confidence that it is safe for the community to re-engage with Victorian businesses.

The course is not mandatory for businesses to reopen; however, employers are encouraged to release their staff for the free training.

Participants will learn a range of skills, including:

- Hand hygiene practices
- Effective surface cleaning
- Use of personal protective equipment
- Disposal of contaminated waste
- Hazard identification, control and reporting
- Appropriate protocols and responses in the event of an incident
- Knowledge regarding the basis of infection and transmission

The following accredited skills set courses are available:

- HLTSS00064 – Infection Control Skill Set (for delivery in Disability Care/Individual Support/Aged Care sectors)
- HLTSS00065 – Infection Control Skill Set (Retail)
- HLTSS00066 – Infection Control Skill Set (Food Handling)
- HLTSS00067 – Infection Control Skill Set (Transport and Logistics)
- BSBSS00095 – Cross-Sector Infection Control Skill Set

For enquiries and enrolments, please refer to the website for the list of providers.

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include employers and employees in businesses where COVID-safe practices are vital, with a focus on six priority sectors that represent 50% of the Victorian economy:

- Retail trade
- Accommodation and food
- Transport including postal and warehousing
- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Health care and social assistance

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

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27. Breakthrough Victoria Fund – Catalyst for Growth

Status	Open
Opening Date	23-11-2021
Max Funding	\$30,000,000

Overview

This program aims to ensure that the capability and experience generated from an expanding (in revenue and market) entity will remain in Victoria to uplift other aspiring businesses and innovators, including a skilled workforce, commercialisation experience, and mentors. It will also aim to leverage other co-investors including domestic and international superannuation funds, providing Breakthrough Victoria with an opportunity to significantly leverage a proportion of the capital commitment.

The program forms part of the \$2 billion Breakthrough Victoria Fund which aims to drive investment in translational research, innovation and commercialisation outcomes to accelerate growth in key industry sectors and create jobs.

This investment stream will make direct investments into proponent companies with a view to generating commercial returns as well as economic, societal, and environmental benefits.

Breakthrough Victoria has a great deal of flexibility with the types of investment that might best suit a project. In this stream, for example, direct investment could be by way of equity, commercial support, convertible loan or debt, or have institutional co-investors alongside Breakthrough Victoria. Investments for this stream will typically attract \$30 million per investment.

Proponents will need to have 1:1 co-contribution for the investment they are seeking from this stream. Requests for pre-curt proofreading GUMs will not be allowed. Breakthrough Victoria may also work with private and institutional investors for co-investment.

An investment proposal must be submitted to Breakthrough Victoria along with a detailed business case.

Companies or entities that secure a Catalyst for Growth investment can apply for follow-on investments from other Breakthrough Victoria investment streams, which will be assessed based on the funding criteria specific to those streams.

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include:

- Companies of any size, at the pre-revenue or revenue stage.
- Joint ventures, consortia, special purpose vehicles, comprising either industry or research organisations, or a combination.

Proponents must either be based in Victoria or be willing to relocate to Victoria.

Eligible Activities

Eligible projects must have novel and protected intellectual property (IP) with further commercial potential in sectors such as:

- Health and life sciences
- Agri-food
- Clean economy
- Advanced manufacturing
- Digital technologies

Novel proposals from other emerging industry areas are also welcomed.

Projects may also be favourably assessed if they:

- Enable or contribute to the development of sovereign manufacturing capability of critical products.
- Deliver broader economic benefit such as workforce or skills uplift or opportunities.



- Present a feasibility study including impact assessment.
- Have a cost benefit analysis.

Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include:

- The proponent's description of the proposal, including the key benefits it would bring to Victoria and what makes it innovative.
- What is stopping the proponent from progressing the proposal.
- How partnering with Breakthrough Victoria could progress the proposal.
- Estimated cost of the proposal, the investment type and amount sought from Breakthrough Victoria.
- What funding has already been secured, including any industry partnerships or commercial agreements.

Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

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