

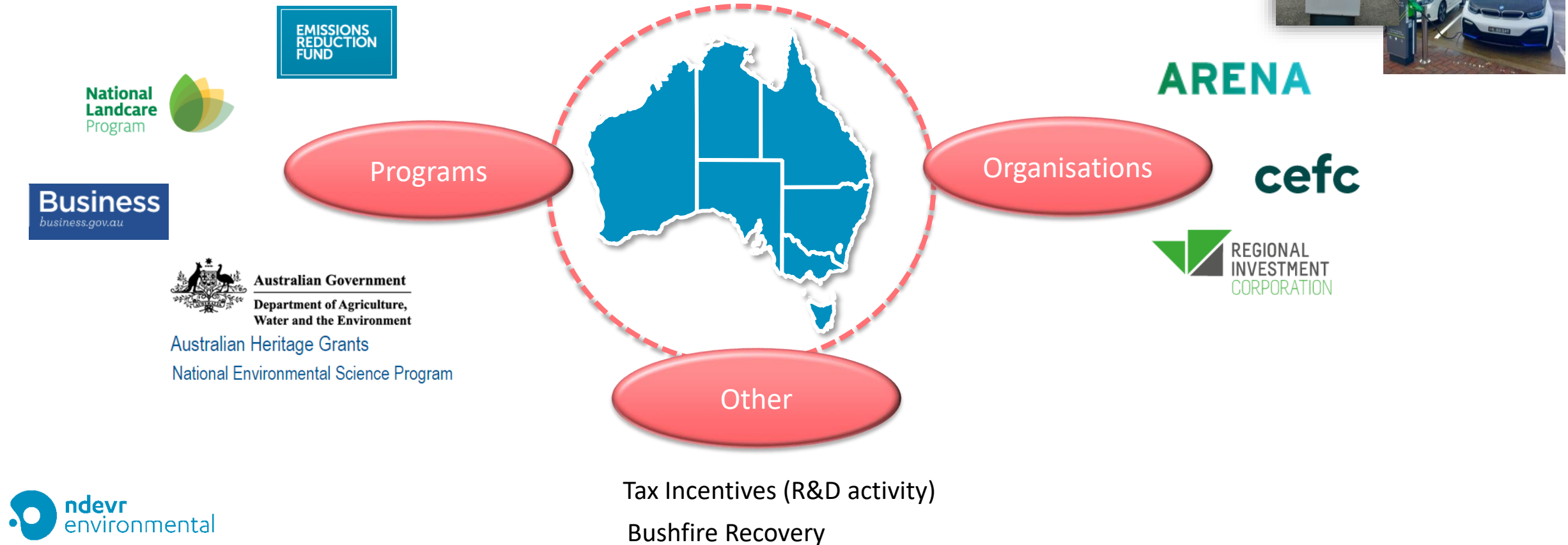
# Grants, Programs and Funding Opportunities

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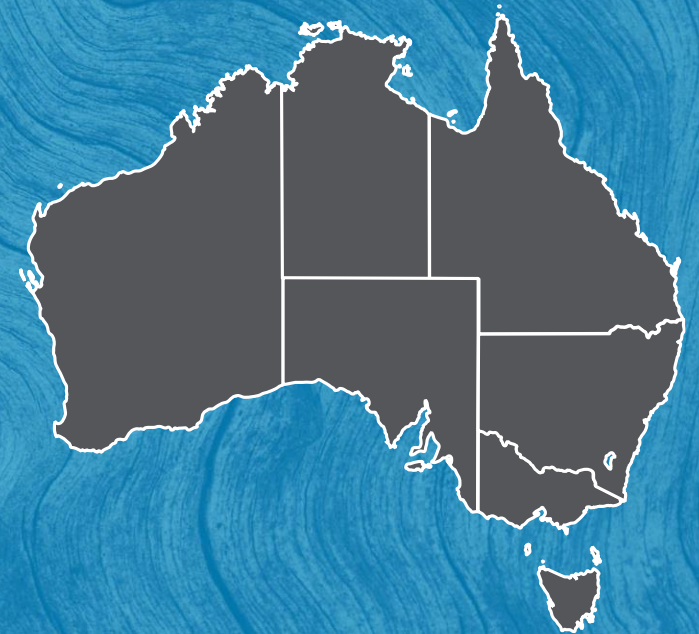
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# Federal Grants



# Climate Solutions Fund - Emissions Reduction Fund (ERF)

<https://www.industry.gov.au/funding-and-incentives/emissions-reduction-fund>

- \$2 billion top up to Emissions Reduction Fund
- New projects that reduce GHG emissions through activities that store carbon or avoid emissions
- Through projects involving new technology, upgrading equipment, changing business practices
- Areas: vegetation management, soil carbon, agriculture, energy consumption, waste, transport, coal and gas
- Must be conducted in accordance with an approved methodology (36 methods)
- Create Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCUs)
- 1 ACCU equals 1 tonne of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent stored or avoided by a project, average ACCU price across all 8 auctions: \$12.02, ninth auction averaged \$14.17
- Contract with the Clean Energy Regulator
- Revenue stream for generating ACCUs
- Applications recently closed. Open: 12 April 2021 for next project registration for ERF auction

# Climate Solutions Fund – The Climate Solutions Package

<http://www.environment.gov.au/climate-change/government/emissions-reduction-fund>

- \$3.5 billion additional investment for The Climate Solutions Package to deliver existing climate change mitigation programs
- The Climate Solutions Package:
  - \$2 billion top up to Emissions Reduction Fund
  - Support for new energy efficiency measures for homes, businesses and community organisations
  - Development of a national strategy for electric vehicles
  - Further investment and support for pumped hydro projects
- Applications ongoing

# National Landcare Program

<http://www.nrm.gov.au/national-landcare-program>

- Currently in Phase 2, \$1 billion investment from July 2018 to June 2023
- Most funding programs under NLP now closed, except:

## Smart Farms Small Grants

<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/naturalesources/landcare/national-landcare-program/australian-government-investment-in-landcare>

- Projects to adopt best practice natural resource management methods
- \$5,000 to \$200,000 per grant
- 4 rounds completed; 2 future rounds expected
- Applications closed. [Check website for future opening.](#)

# Entrepreneurs' Programme - Department of Industry, Innovation & Science

## Accelerating Commercialisation

<https://www.business.gov.au/Assistance/Entrepreneurs-Programme/Accelerating-Commercialisation>

- Covers commercialisation costs (up to \$1 million) for novel products, services, processes
- Provides businesses with expert guidance and matched funding
- Applications currently open for Expressions of Interest

## Strengthening Business

<https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/strengthening-business>

- Provides access to experts that will support you to strengthen the systems of your business, rebuilding it after the 2019-20 Black Summer bushfires in NSW, SA and VIC .
- Provides businesses with expert guidance
- Applications open



# Entrepreneurs' Programme - Department of Industry, Innovation & Science

## SMART Project and Supply Chains

<https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/smart-projects-and-supply-chains>

- Business advice and supplier improvement plan to strengthen opportunities, improvements and linkages within an identified supply chain
- Applications open

## Business Growth Grants

<https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/growth-grants>

- For businesses that have received a business management service, and specific business improvement activities are recommended
- Up to 50% of eligible costs (between \$2,500 to \$20,000)
- Applications open

# Entrepreneurs' Programme - Department of Industry, Innovation & Science

## Innovation Connections

<https://www.business.gov.au/Assistance/Entrepreneurs-Programme/Innovation-Connections>

- **Innovation Connections Facilitation:** assist reviewing of business' research needs, connections to expertise within research sector if needed, help to define project scope
  - Innovation Facilitation Report to outline research needs and opportunities
- **Innovation Connections Grant:** if research project is undertaken following recommendations of the Report, 3 available grants
  - Researcher Placement (up to \$50,000 matched funding)
  - Business Researcher Placement (up to \$50,000 matched funding)
  - Graduate Placement (up to \$30,000 matched funding)
- Applications open

# Entrepreneurs' Programme - Department of Industry, Innovation & Science

## Incubator Support - New and Existing Incubators

<https://www.business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/incubator-support-new-and-existing-incubators>

- For Australian incubators supporting start-ups, including those with first-generation migrant and refugee founders
- Up to 65% project value in regional areas, up to 50% in major cities (from \$13,000 to \$250,00)
- Applications Open

## Incubator Support - Expert in Residence

<https://www.business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/incubator-support-expert-in-residence>

- For Australian incubators that provide services to start-ups to help them achieve commercial success in international markets
- \$5,000 to \$100,000 of matched project funding for up to 1 year
- Applications Open

# Australian Heritage Grants

<https://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/grants-and-funding/australian-heritage-grants>

- Grants to strengthen recognition, management, conservation and public engagement on/of Australia's National Heritage List places
- Intended outcomes:
  - Improved conservation, preservation and access to listed places
  - Improved community engagement with listed places and awareness of the values the places were listed for
- \$21.4 million funding from 2018-19 to 2021-22.
- Ongoing funding of \$5.3 million annually
- Applications closed. [Check website for future opening.](#)



# Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC)

<http://www.cefc.com.au/>

**Funding across the economy for renewable energy, low emissions technologies or energy efficiency**

Applications ongoing

## Target Sectors

Renewable energy

- Bio-energy, energy storage, wind, solar

Built environment

- Housing, infrastructure, manufacturing, property

Sustainable economy

- Agribusiness, asset finance, green vehicles

## Capital

- Direct finance
- Investment funds
- Debt markets

# Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA)

<https://arena.gov.au/funding/programs/>

- Funding for renewable energy projects from research to large-scale deployment phases

## Advancing Renewables Program

- Projects which reduce cost; increase value; improve readiness; reduce barriers to uptake; and/or increase skills relevant to renewable energy
- \$100,000 to \$50 million, matched funding
- Eligibility assessment: <https://arena.gov.au/eligibility-alignment/>
- Applications open

# Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA)

## The Clean Energy Innovation Fund

<https://www.cefc.com.au/where-we-invest/sustainable-economy/innovation-fund/>

- Financed by CEFC in consultation with ARENA
- \$200 million fund for early-stage clean energy companies
- Applications ongoing

## Renewable Hydrogen Development Funding Round

<https://arena.gov.au/funding/renewable-hydrogen-deployment-funding-round/>

- Renewable Hydrogen Development Funding Round of up to \$70 million to help fast track the development of renewable hydrogen in Australia.
- The application and assessment consist : an Expression of Interest (EOI) and a Full Application stage
- Funding for the Program until the funds are exhausted.
- Applications closed. Check website for future opening.

# Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA)

## Future Fuels Fund

<https://arena.gov.au/funding/future-fuels-fund/>

- Financed by CEFC in consultation with ARENA - Applications ongoing
- Promotes co-investment in charging and refuelling infrastructure projects for future fuels (hydrogen or biofuels).
- **Round 1:**
- \$16.5m made available to fund battery electric vehicle (BEV) public fast charging infrastructure in capital cities and regional centres.
- Applications close: 6 April 2021



# Regional Investment Corporation

## Loans for farmers

<https://www.ric.gov.au/loans>

- No fees, 1.77% variable interest rate, up to \$500,000, apply anytime
  - **AgBiz Drought Loan**
    - Support regional business through the drought
- No fees, 2.11% variable interest rate, up to \$2 million.
- Applications ongoing (apply anytime)
  - **Farm investment loans**
    - Improve the strength, resilience and profitability of farm businesses
  - **Drought loans**
    - Prepare for, manage through or recover from drought
  - **AgriStarter Loan**
    - Assist first time farmers and loans to support farm succession arrangements

# Manufacturing Modernisation Fund

<https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/manufacturing-modernisation-fund>

- It provides co-funded grants to transform manufacturing and to support job growth and a more highly skilled workforce.
- \$50 million will be available for this grant opportunity from 2020-21 to 2022-23
- Co-funding grants of between \$100,000 and \$1 million, up to 25 per cent of eligible project expenditure.
- For Small to medium manufacturing enterprises (SMEs) with up to 199 employees
- Applications closed. [Check website for future opening.](#)

# Cooperative Research Centres Projects (CRC-P) Grants

<https://www.business.gov.au/assistance/cooperative-research-centres-programme/cooperative-research-centres-projects-crc-ps>

- Department of Industry, Innovation & Science
- Projects that develop a new technology, product or service
- Also open to other sectors
- Short term (up to 3 years) matched funding for industry-led collaborations\*
- Matched funding between \$100,000 to \$3 million
- Applications close: 25 March 2021

\*Collaborations must include at least two Australian industry organisations, including one SME and one research organisation

# Boosting Australia's Diesel Storage Program

<https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/boosting-australias-diesel-storage-program>

- Program will run over 3 years to 2023-2024.
- \$200 million in competitive grants
- Aim to support the construction of an additional 780 megalitres of diesel storage in Australia
- Eligible Projects
  - Minimum grant amount is \$6 million up to \$33.3 million available for successful projects, co-contribution required
  - The Government will cover up to 50% of eligible project costs with industry matching the funding
  - Expected to start construction in mid-2021 and be completed by 30 June 2024
- Applications closed (22 Feb 2021). [Check website for future opening.](#)



## R&D Tax Incentive

<https://www.business.gov.au/assistance/research-and-development-tax-incentive>

- Department of Industry, Innovation & Science
- Tax offsets of 43.5% (refundable) or 38.5% for costs incurred on eligible R&D activities depending on company's annual aggregated turnover
  - Eligible R&D expenditure or notional deductions of at least \$20,000 (unless using a Research Service Provider or a Cooperative Research Centre)
- Applications ongoing, must be made within 10 months of the end of the income year

# Product Stewardship for Oil Program

<https://www.business.gov.au/assistance/product-stewardship-for-oil-program>

- Businesses that recycle or use recycled oil
- Financial benefit of up to 50 cents per litre of oil
  - Rates vary depending on extent to which the oil is processed and end product of the recycling activity
- Supports and encourages environmentally-sustainable management of used oil
- Applications open

# Regional and Remote Communities Reliability Fund

<https://www.energy.gov.au/government-priorities/energy-programs/regional-and-remote-communities-reliability-fund>

- The program will provide up to \$50.4 million over 5 years and will run until 2023-24
- Focus on feasibility studies for microgrid technologies to replace, upgrade or supplement existing electricity supply arrangements
- Applications closed. [Check website for future opening.](#)

# Grid Reliability Fund

<https://www.energy.gov.au/government-priorities/energy-programs/grid-reliability-fund>

- \$1 billion fund administered by CEFC
- Eligible investments:
  - Energy storage projects (e.g. hydro, batteries)
  - Transmission and distribution infrastructure
  - Grid stabilising technologies
- Government is currently reaching agreements with individual project proponents
  - Applications closed, unclear if there will be future rounds. Check website for future opening.

# Hotel Energy Uplift Program

<https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/hotel-energy-uplift>

- The program provides grants to support hotels to reduce their energy use, improve energy productivity and deliver carbon abatement.
- From \$10,000 to \$25,000
- \$10.2 million available for this grant opportunity
- For small to medium sized hotel, motel or serviced apartment complex with 1 to 99 guestrooms.
- Applications close: 1 April 2021

# National Environmental Science Programme - Research

<http://www.environment.gov.au/science/nesp>

- Funding for environment and climate research
- 1<sup>st</sup> phase: \$145 million over 2015 to 2021 delivered through 6 research hubs
  - Clean Air and Urban Landscapes Hub
  - Marine Biodiversity Hub
  - Threatened Species Recovery Hub
  - Earth Systems and Climate Change Hub
  - Northern Australia Environmental Resources Hub
  - Tropical Water Quality Hub
- 2<sup>nd</sup> phase will invest \$149 million (2020-21 to 2026-27) - 4 new research hubs
- Applications ongoing



# National Indigenous Australians Agency

## Local Investment Program

<https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=393a66d4-cba6-1ba7-fc28-4d0655476e3f>

- Aims to support responses that address local needs and benefit Indigenous Australians, delivering outcomes aligned to community and government priorities
- Grants up to \$100,000
- Eligibility
  - Only organisations directly approached by the Agency
  - Small scale and short-term (1 year), one-off proposal
  - Proposals to address immediate needs and local issues.
  - Applications close: 17 May 2022

# The Improved Access to Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals initiative

<https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=e6c382f8-dcd3-4284-b057-abbd53302fed>

- Grants from \$5,000 to \$1,000,000 for wildlife sanctuaries and conservation of endangered species
- Aim to support wildlife rehabilitators to rescue, treat and rehabilitate wildlife impacted by bushfires returning them into natural environments
- Eligibility:
  - Wildlife carer organization identified in the application guidelines.
  - Have an Australian Business Number (ABN), and an Australian financial institution account
  - Be invited to apply for a grant.
  - Applications close: 30 June 2021

# Grants – Victoria



# Victorian Energy Upgrades (VEU)

<https://www.energy.vic.gov.au/energy-efficiency/victorian-energy-upgrades/about-the-program>

- Incorporates previous Victorian Energy Efficiency Target (VEET) scheme
- Energy-efficient products and services made available to homes and businesses at a discount by Accredited Providers
- Providers can generate Victorian Energy Efficiency Certificates (VEECs) based on greenhouse gas savings associated with Prescribed Activities they undertake
- Previous EREP participants (Scheduled Activity Premises) can opt-in to generate certificates
- DELWP exploring the introduction of new activities to the program such as refrigerated cold rooms
- Applications ongoing

# Sustainable Victoria – Circular Economy Business Innovation Center

## Recycling Victoria Business Support Fund – Stream 1

<https://www.cebic.vic.gov.au/grants/recycling-victoria-business-support-fund-stream-1-identification-grants>

- The Fund will primarily target innovative recycling approaches for individuals or collaborative partnerships to investigate how to adapt and apply circular economy business opportunities in Victoria
- From \$75,000 up to \$200,000
- For businesses, charities, other not-for-profit organisations, industry groups and associations, consultants (as a lead applicant in a collaborative partnership only)
- Co-contribution can be made as cash or in-kind. Up to 50% of the applicant's co-contribution can be in-kind.
- Applications close: 12 March 2021



# Sustainable Victoria – Circular Economy Business Innovation Center

## Recycling Victoria Business Support Fund – Stream 2

<https://www.cebic.vic.gov.au/grants/recycling-victoria-business-support-fund-stream-2-implementation-grants>

- The Fund will primarily target innovative recycling approaches for individuals or collaborative partnerships to implement solutions across one or multiple businesses in Victoria
- These grants will support the business to implement evidence-based circular economy business opportunities
- From \$100,000 to \$1,000,000
- For businesses, charities, other not-for-profit organisations, industry groups and associations, consultants (as a lead applicant in a collaborative partnership only)
- Co-contribution can be made as cash or in-kind. Up to 10% of the applicant's co-contribution can be in-kind.
- Applications close: 12 March 2021



# Sustainable Victoria – Recycling Victoria Communities Fund

<https://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/Grants-and-funding/Recycling-Victoria-Communities-Fund>

- The Fund supports community-based projects that empower the community to reduce waste generation, organic and non-organic material going to landfill, the sources of plastic pollution, litter and illegal dumping
- The project selected must boost Victoria's economy, grow business and create new jobs through local circular economy initiatives
- There are 2 streams of funding available:
  - Stream 1: supports localised community projects
  - Stream 2: supports large scale initiatives that are delivered to communities all across Victoria
- From \$25,000 to \$250,000. Co-contribution expected: \$1; \$5
- For community groups, social enterprise , charities, not-for-profit organisations
- Applications close: 19 March 2021

# Sustainable Victoria – Recycling Victoria Councils Fund

<https://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/Grants-and-funding/Recycling-Victoria-Councils-Fund>

- A 4-year program to reduce waste to landfill and transition towards a circular economy.
- It focuses on local and regional projects to decrease landfill waste's volume, increase the use reused and recycled material, and increase circular economy activity.
- There are 2 streams of funding available:
  - **Stream 1: Feasibility** – Enabling applicants to explore localised circular economy solutions
  - **Stream 2: Implementation** – For applicants who have completed a feasibility study or have 'shovel-ready' project proposals with a proven business case
  - Up to \$500,000. Co-contribution expected: \$1; \$1
- For local governments and alpine resort management board
- Applications close: 19 March 2021

# Regional Jobs Fund

<http://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/regional-jobs-and-infrastructure-fund/regional-jobs-fund>

- Facilitate job creation, retain existing jobs, attract and facilitate investment
- Focus on regional competitive advantage or high-growth potential businesses
- Diversify regional employment base
- Support for projects and infrastructure through 5 public grant streams:
  - Investment Attraction
  - Innovation and Productivity
  - Employment Precincts
  - Market Access
  - Skills Development
- Applicants expected to make financial contribution or third-party funding
- Up to \$5 million funding
- Applications ongoing

# Victorian Energy Innovation Fund (EIF)

<https://www.energy.vic.gov.au/grants/energy-innovation-fund>

- Fund to support the commercialisation of innovative, emerging renewable energy technologies in Victoria required to meet the net-zero emissions by 2050 target.
- The Fund aims to bring intellectual property, innovation, local economic development and environmental benefits to the State, local businesses and communities.
- Funds available: \$2 million - 20 million

## Round 1 – Offshore Wind

- to offshore wind to complement the State's activities to understand the sector's potential contribution to the future energy system.
- Applications close: 12 March 2021

## Round 2– Technology Neutral

- to any renewable energy technology that satisfies the eligibility criteria
- Pre-applications close: 8 April 2021

# Victoria Government - Bushfire Emergency Response Grant

## To Assist Indigenous corporations

<https://www.business.vic.gov.au/support-for-your-business/grants-and-assistance/2020-bushfire-emergency-response-grant-to-assist-indigenous-corporations>

- The Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation (ILSC) has established an emergency response grant for any Indigenous corporation whose property has been directly affected.
- Up to \$20,000 to immediately secure and clean up damaged properties
- Applications open. Contact the ILSC on 1800 818 490 or email EDOAdmin@ilcorp.gov.au.

## For Community Facilities

<https://www.vic.gov.au/bushfire-recovery-grants-community-facilities>

- The Fund supports community groups who want help to build, upgrade or repair important local facilities that everyone can use
- Up to \$50,000
- Applications open

# Victoria Government - Bushfire Emergency Response Grant

## Bushfire Recovery Grants for Local Government Authorities and Community Service Organisations

<https://www.vic.gov.au/bushfire-recovery-grants-local-government-authorities-and-community-service-organisations>

- This fund will help councils, charities and community organisations support recovery, redevelopment and resilience after the Victorian Bushfires, and to build capacity and preparedness for the future
- Projects could include economic development initiatives, local business skill and capacity building
- For Charities, not-for-profits and other local community service providers across Victoria, Local Government Authorities and four Alpine Resorts
- Up to \$500,000
- Applications close: 31 December 2021



# Victoria Government – Business Resilience and Support Package (COVID-19)

## Business recovery and resilience mentoring

<https://www.business.vic.gov.au/support-for-your-business/grants-and-assistance/business-support-package/business-recovery-and-resilience-mentoring>

- Mentoring sessions will be conducted by phone, video conferencing and if appropriate, face-to-face.
- Up to four one-on-one mentoring sessions over a three-month period
- Benefits:
  - build customised strategies for recovery, market transformation, digital literacy, supply chain diversification and upskilling of existing employees. Also, mitigate risks and financial exposure
- This may include financial counselling, digital expertise and coaching, and mental health support and training
- For small businesses with less than 20 full-time employees with ABN and operating in Victoria
- Business recovery and mentoring in other languages other than English
- Applications open

# Victoria Government – Business Resilience and Support Package (COVID-19)

## Small Business Digital Adaptation Program

<https://www.business.vic.gov.au/support-for-your-business/grants-and-assistance/business-resilience-package/Small-Business-Digital-Adaptation-Program>

- This fund will allow eligible businesses to trial and receive access to digital products, tools and training they can use to build digital capability in their day-to-day operation
- Through the program, businesses can register to trial selected digital business management tools to adapt websites, transition to e-commerce and manage finances
- For small businesses
- Businesses can purchase and apply for a rebate of \$1,200 to access that product for 12 months.
- You must register to be eligible for the program and access digital product suppliers.
- Business recovery and mentoring in other languages other than English
- Applications close 28 February 2021 or until funds finished

# Victoria Government – Support for small businesses (COVID-19)

## Commercial Tenancy Relief Scheme

<https://www.vsbv.vic.gov.au/responding-to-coronavirus-covid-19/commercial-including-retail-tenants-and-landlords/>

- The Scheme was introduced to relieve financial hardship faced by tenants and landlords as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19).
- For small businesses: commercial landlords and tenants
- Applications close: 28 March 2021

## Wellbeing and Mental Health Support

<https://www.business.vic.gov.au/support-for-your-business/grants-and-assistance/business-support-package/wellbeing-and-mental-health-support-for-victorian-small-businesses>

- Victorians dealing with the challenges of running a small business can get the mental health support
- Partners in Wellbeing helpline provides one-to-one wellbeing support and free access to financial counsellors and business advisors
- Information in other languages other than English is available
- Applications open.

# Victoria Government – Energy Saver

## Home Energy Assist Program

<https://www.victorianenergysaver.vic.gov.au/get-help-with-your-bills/concessions-and-rebates/home-energy-as>

- The program will partner with community organisations to offer subsidised energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades to a limited number of households struggling to pay energy bills
- Applications close: July 2021

## Business Recovery Energy Efficiency Fund

<https://www.victorianenergysaver.vic.gov.au/energy-advice-for-business/business-recovery-energy-efficiency-fund>

- The \$31 million Business Recovery Energy Efficiency Fund (BREEF) aims to provide simultaneous grant funding to businesses for both capital works and energy demand management technologies
- Application closed. Check webpage for future openings

# Agriculture Victoria – Agriculture Energy Investment Plan

<https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/support-and-resources/funds-grants-programs/agriculture-energy-investment-plan>

- The plan provides \$30 million for agricultural businesses to support enhancements to energy efficiency and energy productivity, helping to boost competitiveness and protect local jobs.
- The plan is a partnership between primary producers, agricultural groups, educational groups and government.
- For farmers and businesses whose primary operation is in the agriculture sector.
- The Agricultural Energy Investment Plan is made up of : Assessments, Grants, Demonstrations, Skills and education, and Research.
- The extended \$30 million Agriculture Energy Investment Plan will be made available in early 2021
- Applications opening soon. Check webpage for future openings

# Councils – City of Yarra

## Small Project Grants

<https://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/about-us/grants/small-project-grants>

- Council will invest \$75,000 into community programs
- up to \$1,000 funding per financial year for:
  - Community projects
  - Arts & culture projects
- Applications closed due to exhausted funds
- Applications open



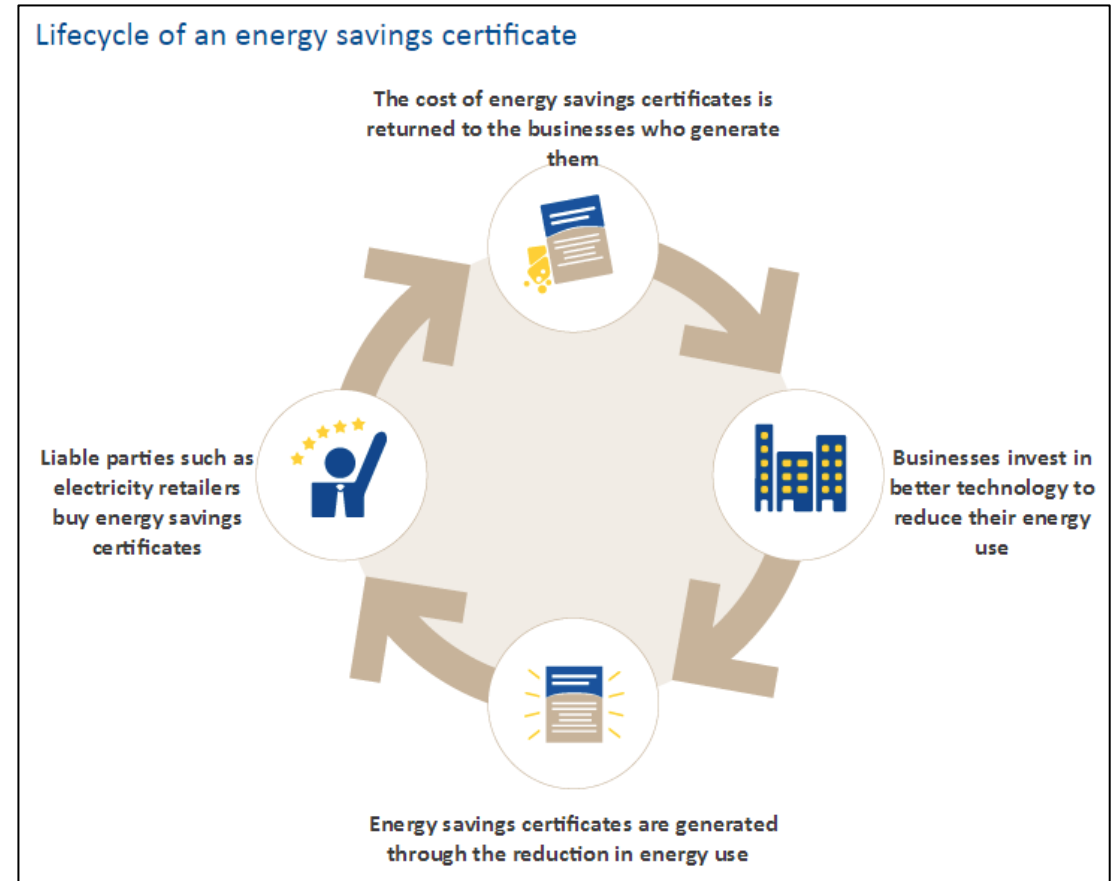
# Grants – New South Wales



# Energy Savings Scheme (ESS)

<http://www.ess.nsw.gov.au/Home>

- Extended to 2050
- Financial incentives for organisations to invest in projects to install, improve or replace energy savings equipment
- Partner with or become an Accredited Certificate Provider (ACP) to undertake energy savings activities and generate energy savings certificates (ESCs)
- ESCs are created for every MWh of energy saved in each project
- Applications ongoing



# Energy Saver Program

<https://energysaver.nsw.gov.au/business>

- Subsidised services, guides, training resources, tools and calculators to implement energy efficiency opportunities for businesses
- This program is part of the NSW Climate Change Fund Program
- Various discounts and incentives
- Courses and webinars
  - Energy management courses
  - Equipment and technology courses
  - Webinars
- Applications ongoing

# Manufacturing Efficiency Funding Program

<https://energysaver.nsw.gov.au/business/discounts-and-incentives/manufacturing-efficiency-funding>

- \$16 million available in funding to help manufacturing businesses to save money and energy
- Manufacturers operating in NSW are eligible
- Funding offers:
  - Offer 1: To install metering (Up to \$50,000 per site)
  - Offer 2a: Energy efficiency equipment upgrades (\$70,000 per site)
  - Offer 2b: Services for compresses air and steam system (\$11,000 per site)
- Applications closed, it is unclear if there will be other rounds at this stage. Check webpage for future openings.

# Sustainability Advantage

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/sustainabilityadvantage>

- Offers expertise, training, business tools to identify and implement projects
- Focuses on projects that integrate environmental strategies with business planning
- Aims to accelerate the apportion of sustainable practices to securing a sustainable NSW
- Membership applications open

# Rural Assistance Authority Grants

<https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/grants/choose-the-right-grant>

## **Natural Disaster Recovery Grant**

- Available to farmers affected by a declared natural disaster event
- Support in the transport of agistment, slaughter, fodder, and water.
- Up to \$15,000 per farm enterprise
- Available in the event of a declared natural disaster
- Applications ongoing



# Lighting for small business

<https://energysaver.nsw.gov.au/business/discounts-and-incentives/lighting-for-small-business>

- The NSW Government has launched a lighting upgrade offer for small businesses supporting them replace old lights with new LED lights.
- The cost of the LED lights and the fee for installation is subsidised.
- Business eligibility depend on contact approved supplier.
- Suppliers may require a minimum amount of lighting to qualify for the upgrade.
- Applications ongoing



# Building Energy Efficiency Incentive – NABER Rating Improvement

<https://energysaver.nsw.gov.au/business/discounts-and-incentives/nabers-rating-improvements>

- The NSW Government has a scheme that provides incentives for businesses to reduce their energy use. The incentives are available for office buildings that expect to get a NABERS energy rating of:
  - at least 0.5 star higher than that of average office building stock, or
  - at least 1 star higher than the building's historical NABERS energy rating.
- Incentives are site specific and depend on:
  - the size of your building
  - your NABERS star rating.
- Process: Before getting your NABERS energy rating, contact an approved supplier to get you the incentive and explain the process
- Applications ongoing

## Bin Trim Rebates

<https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/working-together/grants/business-recycling/bin-trim-rebates-program>

- Reimbursements for SMEs to install small-scale recycling equipment & increase workplace recycling
  - Cardboard and plastic balers, expanded polystyrene compactors, shredders, source separation bins, etc.
- **Eligibility:** businesses with up to 400 FTE, and facility managers/small-scale recyclers handling waste from SMEs
- \$1,000 to \$50,000 (up to 50% capital cost)
- Free waste assessment to determine eligibility
- Applications open

# Jobs Plus Program

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/projects/jobs-plus-program#about-the-program>

- The \$250 million Jobs Plus Program will strengthen the NSW economy by creating new jobs
- The program will reduce the cost of establishment, financial risk and increase speed to market for businesses looking to scale and grow in NSW.
- Proponents seeking assistance through the Program will be eligible for a variety of support levers based on the number of jobs created.
- **Eligibility:**
  - For private and non-government sectors seeking to invest in job-creating projects, proposals and partnerships
  - Proponents will be eligible for a variety of support levers based on the number of jobs created.
- Applications close: 30 June 2022

# Grants – Australian Capital Territory



# ACT Government

## ActSmart Business Recycling Program

<https://www.actsmart.act.gov.au/what-can-i-do/business/recycling>

- Free program assisting businesses in ACT/Queanbeyan to implement 10-step recycling program
- Accreditation as an Actsmart Business
- Free advice from recycling experts

## ACT Environment Grants

<https://www.environment.act.gov.au/act-nrm/grants-volunteering-and-events/grants>

- ACT Environment Grants (the Grants) fund community-based projects that support on-ground implementation of the ACT Nature Conservation Strategy 2013-23.
- This year an additional funding stream, Nature in the City, has been created to specifically target planting trees and supporting vegetation in the urban environment.
- Annual funding
- Applications closed. [Check website for future openings](#)



# ACT Government

## ActSmart Business Energy and Water Program

<https://www.actsmart.act.gov.au/what-can-i-do/business/business-energy-and-water-program>

- Rebates of up to 50% (capped at \$5,000) for businesses wanting to upgrade to more water-efficient and energy-efficient technologies
  - Lighting, appliances, heating or cooling, refrigeration, insulation, toilets and tapware
- Applications ongoing

## ACT Hardship Fund

<https://www.actsmart.act.gov.au/what-can-i-do/business/recycling>

- Fund established to provide financial support for those impacted by COVID-19.
- Applications close: 30 June 2021

# Grants – Queensland





# Sustainability Loan

<http://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/current-programs/sustainability-loan>

- Up to \$1.3 million to increase productivity and sustainability for:
  - Primary producers
  - Commercial fishers
- Improve efficiencies, upgrade or diversify operations, achieve long-term sustainability
- Loan term of up to 20 years
- Low interest rates fixed for 1, 3 or 5 years
- Applications close: 1 July 2021

# Bank of Queensland

## Energy Efficient Equipment Finance

<https://www.boqfinance.com.au/energy>

- Discount of 0.7% p.a. on the finance rate for SMEs to invest in eligible energy efficient equipment
  - Solar PV, solar thermal, storage, vehicles, machinery, variable speed drivers, HVAC, refrigeration, process equipment, irrigation, lighting
- Funding options: finance lease, specific security agreement, commercial hire purchase
- Applications ongoing

## ecoBiz

<https://ecobiz.cciq.com.au/>

- QLD Government-funded program assisting businesses in understanding energy, water and waste costs
- Advice for developing and implementing action plans and sustainability initiatives
- Bill and expenditure assessment included
- Free tools and events to increase efficiencies
- One-on-one coaching, site survey, benchmarking support, webinars, etc.
- Applications ongoing

# Business Queensland

## Small Business Entrepreneur Grants Program

<https://www.business.qld.gov.au/starting-business/advice-support/grants/entrepreneur-grants>

- Matched funding \$1,000 to \$5,000 for new small businesses to access professional advice and support
- Applications closed, future funding rounds expected

## Business Growth Fund Program

<https://www.business.qld.gov.au/starting-business/advice-support/grants/growth-fund>

- 25-50% project funding (up to \$50,000) for SMEs with high-growth and employment aspirations
- Applications closed, future funding rounds expected

# Business Queensland

## Small Business COVID-19 Adaptation Grant Program

<https://www.business.qld.gov.au/starting-business/advice-support/grants/adaption>

- Up to \$10,000 per eligible small or micro business that reach the eligibility criteria.
- Applications open, close date to be advised

## Small Business Disaster Recovery Grants

<https://www.business.qld.gov.au/starting-business/advice-support/grants/disaster-recovery>

- Up to \$10,000 to established small businesses severely impacted by the monsoonal trough
- The grant's purpose is to rebuild business confidence and increase resilience
- Applications open

# Business Queensland

## Advance Queensland innovation initiative

<https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/science-it-creative/science/advance-qld-initiative>

- Suite of programs to enhance knowledge & skills, drive productivity improvements, build innovation & entrepreneurial culture
- Funding and support under a range of programs, e.g.:
  - Entrepreneurs and startups
  - Industry
  - Investors
  - Small business
  - Universities and researchers
- Applications ongoing

# Business Queensland – Farmers' Federation

## Energy Savers Plus Program Extension

<https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/agribusiness/energy-efficiency/energy-saving-programs>

- This program is providing energy audits and funding to help up to 200 Queensland agricultural businesses improve their energy efficiency through :
  - a free, independent electricity audit to identify better ways to manage their electricity use
  - funding to implement audit recommendations, including plant and equipment upgrades
- Co-contribution: Participants can receive a co-contribution grant of up to 50% towards the cost of implementing audit recommendations, to a maximum of \$20,000.
- Applications closed. [Check website for future opening](#)



# Grants – Northern Territory



# Smarter Business Solutions

<https://nt.gov.au/industry/start-run-and-grow-a-business/business-grants-and-funding/smarter-business-solutions>

- NT businesses, Indigenous enterprises, not-for-profit organisations to improve efficiencies and reduce costs\*
- Free advice on current technologies & practices
- Site visit to identify opportunities
- Grants
  - Efficiency improvements – up to 50% (max \$20,000)
  - Renewable energy systems (on-grid business) – up to 20% (max \$20,000)
  - Renewable energy systems (off-grid business) – up to 10% (max \$10,000)
- Applications open

*\* Annual turnover between \$75,000 and \$20 million, less than 200 employees*

# Aboriginal Business Development Program (ABDP)

<https://nt.gov.au/industry/start-run-and-grow-a-business/business-grants-and-funding/aboriginal-business-development-program-abdp>

- Grants for Indigenous people to start or expand business and one-on-one support
- Must be more than 50% Aboriginal-owned and operated
- Must be an NT resident
- Financial contributions may be necessary
- Applications ongoing

# Regional Economic Development Fund Grants

<https://nt.gov.au/industry/start-run-and-grow-a-business/regional-economic-development-fund>

- Grants for development of businesses and industry in all regions of NT
- One-off funding up to 50% of project
- Practical projects with tangible outcomes, delivered by local people
- Sustainable local employment, partnerships, collaboration
- Improve regional capability
- Applications open

# Business Innovation Program(BIP)

<https://nt.gov.au/industry/start-run-and-grow-a-business/grow-your-business/business-grants-and-funding/business-innovation-program>

- Changed from Business Innovation Support Initiatives (BISI)
- NT businesses to undertake R&D for new products, processes, services
- Access to coaching, funding and ecosystem opportunities
- Three Stages:
  1. Planning
  2. Development and
  3. Commercialisation
- Must progress through one stage to get to the next
- Up to \$30,000 funding and professional mentoring
- Applications open

# Aboriginal Workforce Grants (AWG)

<https://nt.gov.au/industry/start-run-and-grow-a-business/business-grants-and-funding/aboriginal-workforce-employment>

- Initiatives or projects that result in more Aboriginal Territorials entering employment and developing careers within the workplace
- Eligible applicants: Aboriginal organisations, private businesses, industry bodies and not-for-profits
- Applications open until funds run out



# Grants – Western Australia





# Renewable Energy - Buyback Scheme

<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/energy-policy-wa/household-renewable-energy-overview>

- Government-owned retailers must offer eligible customers a buyback scheme
- Retailers establish their own terms and conditions including rates
- Residents, schools and non-profit organisations with renewable energy systems can sell their excess energy to Synergy and Horizon Power
- Horizon Power also offers REBS to its commercial customers
- Applications ongoing

# Waste Sorted Grants Infrastructure and Community Education 2020-21

<https://www.wasteauthority.wa.gov.au/programs/view/cie>

- Rebranded, previously known as Community and Industry Engagement (CIE) Program
- Supports projects that contribute to the objectives of the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030
- Potential waste management projects:
  - Infrastructure, landfill diversion, R&D, improved waste management practices, training and knowledge sharing, achievement of Waste Strategy objectives
- 2 streams:
  - Stream 1: CIE – Recycling Infrastructure Funding Stream
  - Stream 2: CIE – General Funding Stream
- Applicants should register to be informed of future rounds
- Applications closed. Check website for future opening.

# CleanRun Program

<https://www.der.wa.gov.au/our-work/programs/162-cleanrun>

- Provides training and assistance to improve fleet efficiency
- It is the key initiative for the National Environment Protection (Diesel Vehicle Emissions ) Measure
- Free program, includes three components:
  - EcoDrive: Provides fleet managers/vehicle drivers with smarter driving techniques to reduce their emissions
  - Roadside emissions monitoring
  - Smoky Vehicle Reporting program: Allows community members to report polluting vehicles
- Applications ongoing

# Councils – City of Belmont

## Belmont Business Innovation Grants (BBIG)

<http://www.belmont.wa.gov.au/Business/awardsandfunding/Pages/BusinessInnovationGrants.aspx>

- Development of new and innovative practices and products in small businesses
- Establishment, growth and retention of sustainable businesses
- Must have fewer than 20 FTE
- Up to \$10,000 funding
- Applications ongoing

# Grants – South Australia



# Green Industries SA

## Circular Economy Market Development Grant

<https://www.greenindustries.sa.gov.au/funding/ce-market-development-funding>

- Grants for institutions that produce, manufacture, sell or promote South Australian recycled materials and/or recycled-content products.
- For councils, not-for-profit organisations, research institutes, and businesses
- Up to \$100,000 per applicant
- Applications open for Expression of Interest



# Green Industries SA

## Resource Efficiency And Productivity (REAP) Grant

<https://www.greenindustries.sa.gov.au/funding/reap-grants>

- Aim to support the transition of business to circular economy
- Grants for institutions that produce, manufacture, sell or promote South Australian recycled materials and/or recycled-content products.
- For businesses and not-for-profit organisations operating in South Australia
- Up to \$10,000 and an additional \$10,000 on successful completion of a Green Industries SA approved assessment
- Applications open for Expression of Interest



# Green Industries SA

## Recycling Modernisation Grant Program

<https://www.greenindustries.sa.gov.au/funding/commonwealth>

- Grant to install infrastructure and provide innovative approaches to increase the supply of quality recycled materials available for use.
- The funding supports the materials affected waste export bans for plastic, paper, glass and tyres.
- For private sector, non-government organisations and local government organisation
- Availability: from \$500,000 to a maximum of \$10,000,000, for large scale projects
- Application closes: February 26, 2021

# Green Industries SA

## Valuing Business Waste Grants

<https://www.greenindustries.sa.gov.au/funding/valuing-business-waste>

- Grant to identify better ways to manage waste and transition to a circular economy
- Identifying ways to recover materials for beneficial or higher value reuse and increase the amount of waste diverted from landfill, prioritising waste avoidance, reduction, reuse, and recycling.
- For businesses and not-for-profit organisations operating in South Australia
- Up to \$15,000 per applicant
- Application open for Expression of Interest

# Green Industries SA

## Lead, Educate, Assist, Promote (LEAP)

<https://www.greenindustries.sa.gov.au/funding/leap-grants>

- Projects that encourage behavioral/cultural change
- Themes contributing to circular economy, including waste avoidance/reduction, recycling/resource recovery, reduced reliance on virgin materials and/or fossil fuels
- Up to \$50,000
- Applications open for Expressions of Interest and invitation

# Green Industries SA

## Loan Scheme

<http://www.greenindustries.sa.gov.au/loan-scheme>

- \$2 million available funding
- For South Australian businesses and local governments
- Projects with large capital requirements targeting prioritised waste streams and circular economy
  - Recovered paper, cardboard, plastic, glass
- Investment in equipment, technology, processes most affected by China's National Sword Policy and low commodity prices
- Applications open

## Councils – Building Upgrade Finance

**City of Adelaide, Town of Gawler, City of Marion, City of Onkaparinga, City of Playford, City of Salisbury**

<https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/climate-change/programs-and-initiatives/building-upgrade-finance>

- Loans for building owners to improve energy, water and environmental efficiency of existing commercial buildings
- Councils collaborate with local businesses to offer the BUF mechanism in their areas

# Grants – Tasmania





# LANDCARE ACTION GRANTS PROGRAM TAS

<https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/Landcare-Action-Grants-Program-TAS>

- The Landcare Action Grants Program provides Tasmanian farmers and landholders with funding to implement sustainable land management practices.
- The funding may be used for activities and purchases protecting and revegetating habitat , controlling pest animals, maintaining and improving ground cover, managing fire regimes, and tools and equipment necessary.
- Funding of between \$1,000 and \$10,000
- Additional grant rounds will be open in 2021 and 2022
- For Tasmanian landholders
- Applications closed. [Check website for future opening.](#)

# COVID-19 Business Support, Grants and Loans

<https://www.business.tas.gov.au/finances-tax-and-insurance/seeking-finance-and-funding/applying-for-grants/no-interest-micro-business-loans>

## Enterprise Centres Tasmania

<https://www.enterprisecentres.tas.gov.au/>

- Provide a free service to business advising about the strategies to overcome COVID-19 impacts

## Small Business Advice for Recovery Program

[https://www.business.tas.gov.au/covid-19\\_business\\_support\\_packages/small\\_business\\_advice\\_for\\_recovery\\_program](https://www.business.tas.gov.au/covid-19_business_support_packages/small_business_advice_for_recovery_program)

- The aim is to assist Tasmanian small businesses recover from the economic impact of COVID-19
- Small businesses can receive a grant of \$750 toward the cost of service assist the business in its recovery
- Applications closed (22 February 2021). [Check website for future opening.](#)

# AgriGrowth Loan Scheme

[https://www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au/grants\\_and\\_funding\\_opportunities/loans/agrigrowth](https://www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au/grants_and_funding_opportunities/loans/agrigrowth)

- Low interest loans to Tasmanian farm businesses and agri-food businesses
- Between \$100,000 to \$3 million to fund projects that could not have been otherwise financed
- Young Farmer Support Package (in conjunction with Loan Scheme)
  - Cost reductions
  - More flexible security and loan arrangements
  - Industry targeted dairy assistance
- Applications open

# Accelerating Trade Grant Program

[https://www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au/business/trade/grants\\_and\\_funding/accelerating\\_trade\\_grant\\_program](https://www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au/business/trade/grants_and_funding/accelerating_trade_grant_program)

The Program supports new e-commerce opportunities, market research and business-matching services, promotional activities and materials, attendance at domestic and international trade shows and events.

- Encourage TAS businesses to collaborate, expand their presence and introduce Tasmanian products and services to the world.
- For TAS businesses on a co-contribution basis
- The Program has an annual financial year allocation
- The Program now supports to re-connect with eligible markets and customers where relationships or supply has been interrupted by COVID-19
- Up to \$10,000 per applicant
- Email [trade@stategrowth.tas.gov.au](mailto:trade@stategrowth.tas.gov.au) for more information
- Applications closed. [Check webpage for future opening](#)

# Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/business/services/centrelink/tasmanian-freight-equalisation-scheme>

- Reduces cost of transporting eligible goods by sea between TAS and mainland Australia
- 3 categories: northbound, southbound and intrastate (King Island and the Furneaux Group)
- Expanded to include goods going to markets not previously covered by the Scheme and that are transshipped through a mainland port
- Applications open



# Thank you

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