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Part 1 – This Month's Highlights

Hello and welcome to the latest edition of BusiGrants.

Commercialisation Australia is offering our Great Grant for this month - the **Early Stage Commercialisation** program, which provides repayable grants to assist innovative companies to undertake activities that enable a new product, process or service to be developed to the stage where it can be taken to market. Applications are ongoing.

Commercialisation Australia is also offering two other grants this month:

- **Proof of Concept**; and
- and **Skills and Knowledge**.

They are both worth having a look at.

The **Cool Company Awards** aim to celebrate Australian organisations that are doing things differently or defying convention to bring about positive change. Applications close 16 September.

We also have many state-based grants this edition that we're sure many of you will find of interest, including :

- the **InnovationConnect** program(NSW);
- the **Safety solutions rebate** program (SA) ;
- the **Northern Territory Trade Support Scheme**;
- the **Youth Training Incentives** program;
- the **Gateway Business Program**; and
- the **Grow Your Business Program**;

Best of Luck,
The BusiGrants Team

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Grant:	Early Stage Commercialisation	G05338
Provider:	Commercialisation Australia	
Region:	All States and Territories	
Funding:	Repayable grants are available between \$250,000 and \$2 million over two years. Applicants need to match funding on a 50:50 basis.	
Closes:	Ongoing	

Purpose: To provide repayable grants to assist innovative companies to undertake activities that enable a new product, process or service to be developed to the stage where it can be taken to market.

Overview:

Early Stage Commercialisation repayable grants will fund activities associated with the systematic work necessary for installing and establishing processes, systems and services that enable a new product, process or service to be effectively brought to market.

Types of eligible expenditure are:

- Labour expenditure
- Contract expenditure
- Plant expenditure
- Prototype expenditure
- Intellectual property protection expenditure

Eligible applications will be assessed against the following five criteria:

- need for funding
- commercial plan and potential
- market opportunity
- management capability
- national benefits

Who can apply:

Early Stage Commercialisation repayable grants are available to innovative companies.

To be eligible for an Early Stage Commercialisation repayable grant, an applicant must be one of the following:

- a non tax-exempt company incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001
- an individual who warrants to form a non tax-exempt company incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 if the application is successful.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.commercialisationaustralia.gov.au/WhatWeOffer/EarlyStageCommercialisation/Pages/default.aspx>

Guidelines: <http://www.commercialisationaustralia.gov.au/Apply/Documents/Early%20Stage%20Commercialisation%20Fact%20Sheet%20-%20May.pdf>

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Grant:	Employer of Choice Awards	S02554
Provider:	Aged Care Association Australia	
Region:	All States and Territories	
Funding:	The winning applicants will each receive a \$5,000 contribution toward attending a SAGE Study tour of their choice.	
Closes:	31 August 2011	

Purpose: This award provides an opportunity for both employers and employees to showcase your facility and to demonstrate to the broader industry what it is that makes your staff/colleagues want to work in aged care and for this aged care provider.

Overview: Nominations must be submitted in 500 words or less (do not include any photos) and address the following criteria:

- innovation and creativity to support staff satisfaction.
- strategies to create a team spirit.
- demonstrated high staff morale.
- evidence of training and an employee career path.
- a demonstrated family friendly workplace.
- evidence that your workplace is a happy place.
- What measures if any e.g. staff surveys, does your organization use to measure staff attitude over time?

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.acaacongress2011.com.au/awards.htm>

Guidelines: <http://www.acaacongress2011.com.au/files/employer.pdf>

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Grant:	Cool Company Awards	S04713
Provider:	Anthill	
Region:	All States and Territories	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	16 September 2011	

Purpose: To celebrate Australian organisations that are doing things differently or defying convention to bring about positive change.

Overview: What are the award categories?

- **Innovation Award:** We define innovation as the ability to create, nurture and develop game-changing or pattern-breaking ideas - this can be a new solution to an existing problem or a startling new business or operational model.

The Innovation Award will be awarded to any business that - through being novel, unique or different - generates a dramatic improvement over current conventional solutions.

The originality and strength of an organisation's 'big idea' and/or business model will be the main focus for judging.

- **Global Growth Award:** Taking on the world market is invariably 'cool'.

The Global Growth Award will be awarded to an Australian company that has achieved outstanding global growth or demonstrated the potential to expand outside of its traditional boundaries and grow globally, through innovative or entrepreneurial means.

The winner will be able to demonstrate the value of 'clever thinking' to global expansion.

- **Social Capitalist Award:** Social Capitalists successfully apply commercial principles to social issues.

The winner of the Social Capitalist Award will have demonstrated the ability to address a targeted social need in an organised, innovative and entrepreneurial way.

Judges will be looking for sustainable success in tackling a social issue while maintaining revenue growth, or experiencing commercial success as a result.

- **Micro-Business Award:** There are over 800,000 micro-businesses operating in Australia and we understand how hard it is to stand out from the crowd.

The winner of the Micro Business Award will have no more than four (4) full-time employees and have been successfully operating for no less than 12 months.

The winner will have built a market presence that is disproportionate to its relative size, through creative or entrepreneurial means.

- **X-Factor Award:** Some businesses just have something that no one can describe but almost everyone can sense.

The X-Factor Award will be awarded to the company that demonstrates extraordinary levels of innovative, entrepreneurial and creative flair. The winner of this particularly subjective award will be assessed against the vision, strategy and execution of its exceptionally cool business product and/or service.

Judges will apply their own beliefs and attitudes toward the concept of 'cool' when evaluating the X-Factor.

- **Online Business Award:** The internet has forced modern companies to re-think established business functions, from marketing and distribution to human resources and project management.

This award was developed to recognise Australian businesses that are harnessing online models to achieve positive commercial outcomes. Judges will consider the novelty and/or innovative nature of the business model in the Australian marketplace.

- **Big Kahuna Award:** Just because you're big doesn't mean that you're no longer cool.

This category will recognise companies with 200 or more employees and will consider initiatives to promote positive employee/employer relations, programs to support environmental and sustainable business practices, the strength of the organisation's brand among its target market, the history of the organisation and its ability to overcome challenges and its contribution to Australian culture and Australian communities.

- **Cooldest Company Award:** The Cooldest Company Award will be selected from one of the eight Category Winners. The Cooldest Company will have demonstrated success by doing things differently or defying convention to bring about positive change.

Who can apply: To be eligible, the organisation must meet all the following criteria.

- It resides in Australia.
- It will have been operating for more than 12 months as of 1 October 2011 (Online Business Award is an exception).
- It is more than 60% Australian-owned.
- It has a valid ABN or ACN for taxation purposes.
- It is not a franchisee enterprise (franchisors are eligible for entry).

Note: The awards were initially developed to recognise cool Australian companies (businesses with an ACN). However, some organisations that are not companies also deserve recognition. That is why we have made the several exceptions.

Further Information

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Grant:	Fullbright Scholarships	S00468
Provider:	Australain-American Fulbright Commission	
Region:	All States and Territories	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	31 August 2011	

Purpose: To support students and scholars - chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential - to research and study in each others countries, exchange ideas and develop bilateral relations and connections to address common issues.

Overview: Fulbright Scholarships are available to Australian citizens from all fields to undertake research or study in the United States for 3-12 months.

Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarships:

For promising postgraduate students to undertake study in any field, to complete their Australian PhD; or to support enrolment in a U.S. postgraduate program. This scholarship supports an 8-12 month program.

Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarships:

For successful researchers who have completed their PhD in the past five years to undertake postdoctoral research in the U.S. This scholarship supports a 3-12 month program.

Fulbright Senior Scholarships:

For academics (generally at Associate Professor or Professor level) to undertake research or teaching at a U.S. institution. This scholarship supports a 4-6 month program.

Fulbright Professional Scholarships:

For aspiring mid-career professionals in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors to undertake training or research programs in the U.S. The scholarship is also open to people based in academic institutions whose primary research focus is professional or industry based, i.e. CRC or research institutes. This scholarship supports a 3-4 month program.

Limitations:

- United States institutions generally expect applicants to have completed a four year degree. In the Australian context, this usually means an honours degree, its equivalent, or professional experience.
- In no case will a Fulbright Scholarship be given to an applicant who does not have a first (undergraduate) degree or its recognised equivalent.
- Fulbright Scholarship in Visual and Performing Arts, or other fields where academic qualifications may not be the most relevant criterion, attested excellence and promise exhibited during professional training is taken into consideration.

Who can apply:

- Applicants must be Australian citizens by birth or naturalisation.
- Permanent resident status does not satisfy this requirement and nationals of other countries cannot be treated as Australian citizens even though they may have resided in Australia for a considerable time.
- Applicants will be required to show evidence of Australian citizenship on applying for a Fulbright Scholarship.
- Applicants holding United States/Australian dual citizenship, or Green Card holders residing abroad, are ineligible and will not be considered for a Fulbright Scholarship.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.fulbright.com.au/scholarships/australian.html>

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Grant:	Exceptional Circumstances Exit Package	G04705
Provider:	Centrelink, Dept of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)	
Region:	All States and Territories	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	Ongoing	

Purpose:

To assist farmers who have endured severe drought conditions for several years and are considering their options outside farming.

Overview: Exceptional Circumstances Exit Package

The EC Exit Package is available to farmers if you are in severe financial difficulty and you have decided to leave the land.

The EC package consists of the following components:

- EC Exit Grant of up to \$150,000 and an increase in the assets test limit to access this grant to \$575,000
- EC Advice and Re-training Grant of \$10,000
- EC Relocation Grant of \$10,000

Note: As a farmer, you must be considered eligible for the EC Exit Grant before you can apply for the EC Advice and Re-training Grant and the EC Relocation Grant.

Exceptional Circumstances Exit Grant

The EC Exit Grant offers a one-off, taxable payment of up to \$150,000 for farmers whose farm enterprise is or was located within an EC declared area (including prima facie and interim declared areas) on or after 25 September 2007 who sell their farm enterprise and lodge an EC Exit Grant application between 25 September 2007 and 30 June 2010.

A maximum amount of \$150,000 is available for the EC Exit Grant. This applies if your net assets are less than \$350,000. For every \$3 in assets above \$350,000, the EC Exit Grant reduces by \$2. This means that you can receive a reduced grant if you have net assets up to \$575,000.

Note: The EC Exit Grant is taxable and you should seek the advice of a financial advisor regarding possible taxation liabilities.

Exceptional Circumstances Advice and Re-training Grant

The EC Advice and Re-training Grant allows farmers and their partners who have successfully applied for the EC Exit Grant to access professional advice and re-training up to \$10,000. This will assist you in preparing for a successful transition away from farming.

To be eligible for the EC Advice and Re-training Grant, you must:

- have claimed and be eligible for the EC Exit Grant, and
- discuss exit advice, training needs and options with us.

Exceptional Circumstances Relocation Grant

The EC Relocation Grant of up to \$10,000 (GST inclusive) is available to farmers who have successfully applied for the EC Exit Grant and are relocating to pursue continued employment prospects.

This grant aims to assist farm families in EC declared areas to access job seeking and relocation assistance. It assists farmers accessing the EC Exit Grant to move from farming to other careers.

Who can apply: To be eligible for the EC Exit Grant you must:

- be an Australian resident
- be a farmer, whose farm enterprise is covered by an EC declaration (includes prima facie and interim declared areas) and has owned the farm for at least five years
- have sold your farm on or after 25 September 2007

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/payments/exit_package.htm

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Grant:	Proof of Concept	G05337
Provider:	Commercialisation Australia	
Region:	All States and Territories	
Funding:	Max: \$250,000 Min: \$50,000	
Closes:	Ongoing	

Purpose: To assist researchers, entrepreneurs and innovative companies establish the commercial viability of a new product, process or service.

Overview:

Proof of Concept grants will fund the steps necessary to establish the commercial viability of a new product, process or service.

Types of eligible expenditure are:

- Labour expenditure
- Contract expenditure
- Plant expenditure
- Prototype expenditure
- Intellectual property protection expenditure

Eligible applications will be assessed against the following five criteria:

- need for funding
- commercial plan and potential
- market opportunity
- management capability
- national benefits

Limitations:

Projects that focus on basic research aimed at creating the base intellectual property are not eligible. For example, projects that predominantly consist of early investigation and conceptual development will not receive support.

Who can apply:

Proof of Concept grants are available to companies, researchers and individuals.

To be eligible to apply for a Proof of Concept grant, an applicant must be one of the following:

- a non tax-exempt company incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001
- a researcher applying through an Australian university or Publicly Funded Research Agency (PFRA) commercialisation office
- an individual applying through an eligible partner entity
- an individual who warrants to form a non tax-exempt company incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 if the application is successful.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.commercialisationaustralia.gov.au/WhatWeOffer/ProofOfConcept/Pages/default.aspx>

Guidelines: <http://www.commercialisationaustralia.gov.au/Apply/Documents/Proof%20of%20Concept%20Fact%20Sheet%20-%20May.pdf>

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Grant: Skills and Knowledge **G05336**

Provider: Commercialisation Australia

Region: All States and Territories

Funding: Max: \$50,000

Additional Info: Skills and Knowledge offers funding up to \$50,000 to purchase specialist advice and services. Applicants need to match funding on an 80:20 basis, where the applicant funds 20% of the costs.

Closes: Ongoing

Purpose: To assist researchers, individuals, and small companies new to commercialisation to access specialist advice and services to build their skills, knowledge and linkages.

Overview:

Skills and Knowledge will fund activities related to obtaining specialist advice and services to assist in the commercialisation process.

Examples of specialist advice and services include:

- Business planning
- Commercialisation
- IP management
- Management development
- Linkages (collaborations/partnerships)

Eligible applications will be assessed against the following five criteria:

- need for funding
- commercial plan and potential
- market opportunity
- management capability
- national benefits

Who can apply:

Skills and Knowledge funding is available to researchers, individuals and small innovative companies.

To be eligible for Skills and Knowledge funding, an applicant must be one of the following:

- a non tax-exempt company incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001
- a researcher applying through an Australian university or Publicly Funded Research Agency (PFRA) commercialisation office
- an individual applying through an eligible partner entity
- an individual who warrants to form a non tax-exempt company incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 if the application is successful.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.commercialisationaustralia.gov.au/WhatWeOffer/SkillsAndKnowledge/Pages/default.aspx>

Guidelines: <http://www.commercialisationaustralia.gov.au/Apply/Documents/Skills%20and%20Knowledge%20Fact%20Sheet%20-%20May.pdf>

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Grant:	Transmission Support Grants	G03928
Provider:	Community Broadcasting Foundation Ltd	
Region:	All States and Territories	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	22 August 2011	

Purpose: To subsidise community radio stations for transmission operational costs.

Overview: This is an overview of the Transmission Support Grants. Each grant program has an individual application form, for this information please refer to the website.

Transmission Support Grants - Equipment

Funds are available to help community radio stations purchase necessary transmission equipment. The grants assist with the maintenance and development of general community radio broadcasting throughout Australia. **Applications Close August 22 2011**

Transmission Support Grants - Operational Subsidy

Funds are available to subsidise community radio stations for transmission operational costs. These grants are offered once per year, to reimburse stations for their actual transmission costs during the financial year. The grants assist with the maintenance and development of general community radio broadcasting throughout Australia. **Next closing round TBC**

Transmission Support Grants - Special Projects

Funds are available to provide support for:

- projects and local partnerships that aim to increase the sustainability and self-sufficiency of community radio transmission infrastructure, and
- the development and trial of innovative solutions to community radio transmission issues, including the use of new technologies.

Applications Close August 22 2011

Limitations: Grants are not available to stations broadcasting under a Temporary Community Broadcasting Licence (TCBL) or with a narrowcast licence.

Who can apply: You can apply for a Transmission Support - Operational Subsidy grant if you are a long term licensed community radio station transmitting from any type of site, including Broadcast Australia, TXA, Telstra, local council, self-owned or other.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: http://www.cbf.com.au/grantfinder_tran.asp#1

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Grant:	Consumer Advocacy Panel Grants	G05550
Provider:	Consumer Advocacy Panel	
Region:	All States and Territories	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	19 August 2011	

Purpose: Aiming to provide funding of advocacy or research projects whether for the benefit of consumers of electricity, consumers of natural gas, or both.

Overview: The Consumer Advocacy Panel funds research through two grants programs:

- Research initiated by the Panel: the Panel provides funding to consumer organisations, individuals and academic institutions to undertake research on priority electricity and gas issues identified by the Panel
- Research initiated by other organisations: the Panel provides funding to consumer organisations, individuals and academic institutions to undertake research on electricity and gas issues.

The Panel undertakes research in order to

- raise awareness of emerging consumer energy issues
- provide information that can be used to facilitate consumer advocacy
- stimulate discussion or debate on consumer energy issues.

In its 2010/11 budget, the Consumer Advocacy Panel committed a total of \$232,492 (exc GST) for research into consumer electricity and consumer gas issues.

This paper invites individuals and organisations with the requisite expertise to submit grant applications to undertake

- research on one of the priorities identified by the Panel in its 2010/11 research agenda
- research on another issue of benefit to electricity and/or gas consumers in the National Energy Market.

How to apply: Mail, Email

Further Information

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Grant:	Dairy Research and Development Funding	G00426
Provider:	Dairy Australia	
Region:	All States and Territories	
Closes:	30 September 2011	Opens: 1 August 2011

Purpose: Preliminary submissions are invited for new dairy research projects.

Overview: Dairy Australia invests in and co-ordinates industry research in three areas:

- Farm - feed, animal genetics, resource management, farming systems and business practices.
- Manufacturing - pre-competitive research in biosciences, processing, bulk and functional ingredients, functional foods, cheese starters and fermented products, sustainable production processes, health and nutrition.
- Technical issues - quantitative risk analysis, control measures for contaminants, development of analytical methods, and animal health and welfare.

Who can apply: Dairy Australia accepts applications for R&D projects from individuals and organisations worldwide. Applications are judged on the perceived benefits to the Australian dairy industry and potential for success.

We will consider funding applications that address one or more of our Core Objectives (as set out in the Dairy Australia Strategic Plan):

1. Increase farm productivity.
2. Maintain and develop high margin markets, channels and products.
3. Promote and protect the unique benefits of dairy.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.dairyaustralia.com.au/Research-and-Innovation/Research-Funding.aspx>

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Grant: National Solar Schools Program **G05470**

Provider: Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency

Region: All States and Territories

Funding: Grants of up to \$50,000 for single campus schools and up to \$100,000 for eligible multi-campus schools.

Closes: 30 September 2011 **Opens:** 1 August 2011

Purpose: The National Solar Schools Program is offering funding to Australian schools to take practical action to tackle climate change to help install solar power systems, rainwater tanks and a range of renewable energy and energy efficiency measures

Overview: The objectives of the National Solar Schools Program are to:

- allow schools to:
- generate their own electricity from renewable sources
- improve their energy efficiency and reduce their energy consumption
- adapt to climate change by making use of rainwater collected from school roofs
- provide educational benefits for school students and their communities
- support the growth of the renewable energy industry.

National Solar Schools Program grants are available for the installation of a range of renewable energy generation, water and energy efficiency measures, including:

- solar power systems
- rainwater tanks
- small wind turbines
- small hydro power generators
- solar hot water systems
- energy efficient lighting
- ceiling fans
- door and window draught seals
- sensors, timers and thermostats
- automatic door closers and automatic sliding doors
- external window fittings
- skylights
- shade awnings

Limitations: National Solar Schools Program grants are not retrospective. We will not reimburse you for items you have purchased or installed, or any work you have undertaken, prior to the start of a funding agreement with us.

We will not fund items and activities that have already been paid for by someone else, for example, any other government program or any organisation or individual.

We will not fund items and activities that you are obliged to install or undertake to meet any Australian, state or local government regulations, for example, to meet the minimum energy efficiency rating on new school buildings.

Variations to the project scope will not be funded.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.climatechange.gov.au/en/government/programs-and-rebates/national-solar-schools.aspx>

Guidelines: <http://www.climatechange.gov.au/government/programs-and-rebates/national-solar-schools/guidelines.aspx>

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Grant: FarmReady Reimbursement Grants **G05042**

Provider: Dept of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)

Region: All States and Territories

Funding: Max: \$1,500

Closes: Ongoing

Purpose: FarmReady aims to improve the capacity of primary producers to increase their self reliance and preparedness to adapt to climate change through participation in targeted training activities

Overview: The FarmReady Reimbursement Grants component focuses on:

- improving the capacity of eligible participants to adapt to the impacts of climate change through targeted risk management and business management training activities, and
- enabling participants to reappraise their business prospects and options in light of changing climate conditions and make appropriate on-farm operational decisions, including the potential to capture commercial opportunities.

Limitations: Funding is not available for:

- ongoing secondary and tertiary education
- one-on-one provision of training
- stand alone technical/operational training activities unless linked to whole of farm climate change strategy
- single issue production management courses unless linked to whole of farm climate change strategy
- specific training activities required to be undertaken to satisfy government regulatory and statutory obligations
- training activities that are cross-subsidised by other government programs or agencies which would provide the opportunity of "double-dipping" government funding
- overseas training activities including conferences, study tours, and workshops
- domestic conferences, study tours, workshops and other similar activities that do not provide structured and interactive learning activities with clearly defined learning outcomes
- purchase of materials, including software, not part of the course cost. Approved e-learning and correspondence learning can be supported if both the developer and deliverer meet training provider requirements
- refresher or similar courses unless it incorporates additional information and research, and
- courses not approved under the targeted training prior to training taking place
- preparation of business plans for farm businesses or new enterprises
- courses completed after 31 May 2012

Who can apply: Eligible individual participants include primary producers, wild game harvesters and Indigenous land managers. For the purposes of the program:

- Primary producers and Wild game harvesters are defined as those who are:
 - owner/operators of a primary production enterprise (farming, fishing and forestry), as determined by the Australian Taxation Office¹; or
 - licensed by a state or territory law to harvest wild game commercially; or – management positions² of a primary production enterprise (farming, fishing and forestry), as determined by the Australian Taxation Office¹ or wild game harvesting enterprise; or
 - the immediate family of the owner/operator of a primary production enterprise (farming, fishing and forestry), as determined by the Australian Taxation Office¹, or wild game harvesting enterprise.
- Indigenous land managers are defined as those involved in the management decisions for Indigenous lands that are zoned for rural purposes, or outside existing control plan areas, if the land is owned, managed, controlled or operated by:
 - an Indigenous community, corporation or trust; or
 - an Aborigine or Torres Strait Islander.

Reimbursement grants are not available to employees of Commonwealth, State and local government departments and agencies involved in primary production, fishing and forestry.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.farmready.gov.au/index.html>

Guidelines <http://www.farmready.gov.au/Guidelines/FarmReady%20Reimbursement%20Grant%20Guide%202011.pdf>

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Grant:	Haemophilia Foundation Research Grants	G01345
Provider:	Haemophilia Foundation	
Region:	All States and Territories	
Funding:	Total Pool: \$20,000	
Closes:	19 August 2011	

Purpose: To provide funding for medical, scientific or social research relating to haemophilia, von Willebrand disorder and related coagulation disorders, and/or medically acquired blood borne viruses.

Overview: The objectives of The Fund will embrace research in any field of haemophilia.

- To promote and support research in Australia on haemophilia including, but not limited to:
 - Projects concentrating on the causes and prevention of haemophilia.
 - Applied research where results are likely (in the foreseeable future) to directly assist people with haemophilia.
- To provide funds to non-profit organisations or institutions, including HFA, Member Foundations and Haemophilia Centres, providing such funds are exclusively applied to the purpose of promoting and supporting medical and social haemophilia research in Australia.
- To establish and grant fellowships, scholarships, bursaries and grants in aid, for the purpose of promoting and supporting haemophilia research in Australia.
- To promote and support the presentation of lectures, seminars, conferences and classes calculated to advance, encourage and promote haemophilia research in Australia.
- To maintain a national register on haemophilia research in Australia.
- To support and evaluate pilot projects designed to initiate new services or update existing services provided for people with haemophilia and their families.

Who can apply: Applicants must be Australian residents, hold appropriate qualifications, and have substantial experience and proven ability in research.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: http://www.haemophilia.org.au/eventsandawards/list/asset_id/27/cid/31/parent/0/t/eventsandawards

Appl. Forms: <http://www.haemophilia.org.au/sitebuilder/eventsandawards/knowledge/asset/files/27/guidelines&applinformelectronic11-12.doc>

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Grant:	Travel Grants	S00432
Provider:	Heart Foundation of Australia	
Region:	All States and Territories	
Funding:	Max: \$2,000	
Closes:	12 August 2011	

Purpose: To offer Travel Grants to junior researchers working in the area of cardiovascular disease or related areas.

Overview: There is a limited budget allocation for each funding round, therefore only those who fit into one of the categories listed below are eligible for Heart Foundation Travel Grant awards. All applicants must be presenting research related to cardiovascular disease. All applicants must be Australian Citizens or hold current residency status at the time of application and must be based in Australia.

1. Current NHFA Fellows/Scholars travelling overseas for conference presentation (award will be offered in addition to current travel allowance associated with your award).
2. Higher degree students travelling overseas for conference presentation.
3. Junior postdoctoral fellows (no more than 5 years postdoc) travelling overseas for conference presentation.
4. Indigenous health researchers travelling within Australia to present their research.

Who can apply:

- Students studying for higher degrees (PhD, Masters etc.) and junior Postdoctoral Fellows (no more than 5 years postdoctoral).

- Travel Grants will only be awarded to researchers who are based in Australia and who will be travelling overseas to present their cardiovascular research at a conference.
- Postdoctoral appointees traveling to take up an overseas position.
- Indigenous Health Researchers wishing to present their research at an appropriate conference in Australia are also eligible for a Travel Grant award.
- Current Heart Foundation Fellows and Scholars may apply for Travel Grants to supplement their current travel allowance.
- All applications submitted in each funding round will be considered competitively and awards will be offered by rank based on merit.
- No more than \$2,000 can be requested and applies to all applications.
- Researchers may only receive one travel grant per year and up to two travel grants during their pre and postdoctoral training.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/research/funding/Pages/travel-grants.aspx>

Guidelines: <http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/Travel-Grants-instructions.pdf>

Appl. Forms: <http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/Travel-Grant-Applications.doc>

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Grant:	The Advocacy Panel Grants	G04352
Provider:	National Consumers Electricity Advocacy Panel	
Region:	All States and Territories	
Funding:	Funding support will be limited to 80% of the budgeted cost of a project for business endusers and 90% of the budgeted cost of a project for domestic end-users (less than 40 mega watt hours).	
Closes:	Ongoing	

Purpose: To increase end-user input into consultation processes towards the longer term goal of increased end-user involvement in the national electricity market and making that market more efficient and effective.

Overview:

The National Electricity Law provides a national electricity market objective - to promote efficient investment in, and efficient use of, electricity services for the long term interests of consumers of electricity with respect to price, quality, reliability and security of supply of electricity and the reliability, safety and security of the national electricity system.

The Panel meets regularly to consider applications for grant funding - deadlines for 2011 are shown below.

Deadlines for applications:

- 7January
- 21 January
- 18February
- 11 March
- 21 April
- 20 May
- 24 June
- 22July
- 19 August
- 23September
- 28 October
- 18 November

Who can apply:

To be eligible to receive funding an applicant must be in a position to represent the common interests of a reasonable number of end-users. For this purpose end-users are:

- the direct members of an applicant, where the applicant body is a recognised organisation representing end-users;

- members of organisations supporting an application, where those organisations are recognised as representing end-users;
- end-users whose interests are likely to be affected in common with the direct members;
- in the case of a non-representative body that is an applicant, such as a consultant or a single end-user, end-users in whose interest the applicant proposes to carry out a project.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.advocacypanel.com.au/>

Guidelines: <http://www.advocacypanel.com.au/documents/Panelguidelines.pdf>

Appl. Forms: http://www.advocacypanel.com.au/documents/CAPapplicationform_000.doc

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Grant:	Tagged grants	G03798
Provider:	Physiotherapy Research Foundation	
Region:	All States and Territories	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	30 September 2011	

Purpose: To support research that contributes to the science and practice of physiotherapy.

Overview: The following grants will be offered in the 2011 Tagged Grants round:

- 1 x \$10,000 Aquatic research grant - For research conducted in the area of aquatic physiotherapy.
- 1 x \$25,000 Physiotherapy Registration Board of Western Australia research grant - For research targeting areas such as professional behaviours, professional practice standards and competency, or education. The grant is intended to support projects specifically addressing professional issues or patient safety perspectives, rather than those directly investigating clinical interventions. The grant will be awarded on the basis of scientific merit and the relevance of the research to safe and professional practice that protects, and is valued by, the consumer / public. One active member of the research team must be a registered physiotherapist residing and practising in Western Australia for the duration of the grant. Special Criteria for the PRBWA Grant
- 1 x \$10,000 Lymphoedema Association of Western Australia research grant - For clinical research conducted in the area of physiotherapeutic management of lymphoedema with preference given to research on primary lymphoedema or secondary lymphoedema affecting the lower limb. Lymphoedema Grant Special Criteria

Who can apply: The applicant must:

- be the chief investigator of the project
- hold full registration with an Australian Physiotherapists Registration Board
- be an Australian citizen, or have permanent resident status
- currently reside in Australia
- be a financial member of the Australian Physiotherapy Association for the duration of the grant
- meet the special criteria specified by the grant donor.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: http://www.physiotherapy.asn.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1204&Itemid=1546

Guidelines: http://www.physiotherapy.asn.au/web-20/apa-prodoc/doc_download/179-prf-tagged-grants-info-a-guidelines-2011

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Grant:	Maxwell Ralph Jacobs Grants	G01784
Provider:	The Institute of Foresters of Australia	
Region:	All States and Territories	
Closes:	30 September 2011	Opens: 1 July 2011

Purpose: To support worthy projects in any field of forestry research and to provide graduates within Australasia with support not readily available from other sources.

Overview: In 2006 the Academy of Science and New Zealand Institute of Foresters withdrew from the Fund and handed its administration over fully to the Institute of Foresters of Australia (IFA). The Institute of Foresters of Australia has undertaken to fund the Max Jacobs Fund for at least a five year period to 2011. All enquiries should be referred to the Institute.

The principles applying to the application of grants are:

- funds available each year are capped at \$5,000 (GST exempt)
- two grants are usually allocated each year at approximately \$2,500 each

The following broad categories of activity may be supported:

- work to be carried out in or related to Australasia in any field of forestry science;
- field-orientated research in Australia and New Zealand;
- overseas travel to undertake research

Who can apply: Australian Forestry Researchers.

How to apply: Email

Further Information

Website: <http://www.forestry.org.au/ifa/a/a6-ifa.asp>

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Grant:	Indigenous Capital Assistance Scheme	G03414
Provider:	The Westpac Group	
Region:	All States and Territories	
Funding:	Max: \$500,000 Min: \$50,000	
Closes:	Ongoing	

Purpose: To offer eligible Indigenous businesses financial and advisory support.

Overview: Key features of the scheme:

- Available nationwide
- Finance from \$50,000 to \$500,000 with subsidised interest for the first three years
- Reimbursement of loan establishment/documentation fees (up to \$820)
- Provision of business advisory and mentoring services to assist in the development of a business
- Reimbursement of fees for professional services purchased from accredited and registered accountants, lawyers, tax advisers and training from a registered training organisation

What types of finance are available under the scheme? Westpac offers the following solutions to meet the different financing needs of Indigenous businesses.

- **Business Overdraft**
An overdraft can be used to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow, with easy access to a revolving line of credit..
- **Business Loan**
If you're looking to borrow a set amount with repayments over a term of up to 25 years we offer a choice of variable or fixed interest rates.
- **Equipment Finance**
If you're looking to borrow a set amount with repayments over a term of up to 25 years we offer a choice of variable or fixed interest rates.

Who can apply: To apply for the scheme, you must:

- Have an ABN
- Be at least 51% Indigenous Australian owned (for companies this refers to shareholders), or for a partnership of two people, have at least one partner who is an Indigenous Australian.
- Have at least 50% Indigenous Australian employees
- Utilise funds for the establishment of a new business, expansion or acquisition of an existing business that will lead to an increase in Indigenous employment
- Conduct a lawful business that does not involve the sex industry, or the production and distribution of pornography, and that is not culturally or socially inappropriate in the relevant local community
- Not be insolvent or in undischarged bankruptcy
- Have total business debt liabilities (including ICAS finance) that do not exceed \$500,000 at any one time.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.westpac.com.au/internet/publish.nsf/Content/BBFC+Indigenous+Capital+Assistance+Scheme>

Contact Details: Westpac

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Grant:	Media Peace Awards	S01202
Provider:	United Nations Association of Australia	
Region:	All States and Territories	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	2 September 2011	

Purpose: To recognise those in the media whose work highlights and champions humanitarian and social justice issues.

Overview: The Award Categories for the UNAA Media Peace Awards are:

Major Categories:

- Print
 - News
 - Feature
- Photojournalism
- Radio
- Television
 - News
 - Current Affairs (less than 20 minutes)
 - Documentary (more than 20 minutes)
- Online

Special Categories:

- Promotion of Aboriginal Reconciliation
- Promotion of Multicultural Issues
- Promotion of the Positive Image of the Older Person
- Increasing Awareness and Understanding of Women's Rights and Issues
- Increasing Awareness and Understanding of Children's Rights and Issues

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.unaavictoria.org.au/awards-programs/media-peace-awards/>

Appl. Forms: http://www.unaavictoria.org.au/files/MPA_2011_Entry_Criteria.pdf

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Grant:	Yooralla Media Awards	G05239
Provider:	Yooralla	
Region:	All States and Territories	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	7 October 2011	

Purpose: To recognise reporting across all media that has helped to challenge stereotypes that unfairly define people with a disability.

Overview: The inaugural Yooralla Media Awards will provide an important opportunity to recognise and reward media coverage that contributes to public awareness and understanding of disability.

Its aim is to break down the stereotypes that for too long have caused hardship to people with disabilities, their families and carers.

This initiative is intended to raise awareness and improve the accuracy, quality and integrity of reporting about people with a disability, their achievements and the issues they face.

We aim to encourage greater community acceptance of people with a disability.

Judging Criteria

- **Journalistic quality:** Displays creativity and originality while fostering public understanding of people with a disability; use of person-first, non-offensive and affirmative language; maintains high journalistic and technical standards.
- **Understanding of people with disabilities:** Demonstrates the accomplishments and contributions of people with a disability; recognizes the needs and preferences of people with a disability; positively portrays people with a disability as valued citizens living normal and productive lives; having choices; participating in relationships; being involved in integrated settings; in age-appropriate activities; and having opportunities to develop and grow.
- **Depth and continuity of coverage:** Choice of topics covers the full spectrum of issues related to people with a disability; demonstrates consistent and accurate reporting that raises public awareness of those issues.
- **People-first Language:** Uses language that identifies the person as having a disability rather than being labelled by the disability, for example, the boy with autism rather than the autistic boy.

Who can apply: Entries in The Yooralla Media Awards must have originally been published or broadcast in the year preceding the deadline of 5pm on Friday, October 8th, 2010.

Entrants must be Australian citizens or residents and their work must be broadcast or published in Australia.

For the purposes of these awards, a journalist or photographer is understood to be a person who is employed either freelance or fulltime.

Entrants must declare if there are any legal complaints, defamation actions, contempt of court actions, suppression orders, challenges to the accuracy, corrections or claims of plagiarism, relevant to the work being submitted.

The winner of each award will be a contender for the Evangeline Ireland Award.

Entrants for more than one award must complete a separate entry form for each category.

There is no cost to enter the awards.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.yoorallamediaawards.com.au/index.php>

Appl. Forms: http://www.yoorallamediaawards.com.au/ooralla_entry_form.php

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Grant:	InnovationConnect	G04953
Provider:	Chief Minister's Department (ACT)	
Region:	Australian Capital Territory	
Funding:	Proof of Technology Grants range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. No applicant may apply for more than \$50,000 within a 12-month period.	
Closes:	Ongoing	

Purpose: To provide creative innovators and entrepreneurs with limited funding support that will accelerate the progress of viable, creative ideas along the development and commercialisation pathway.

Overview: The program's objective is to accelerate the formation of investment ready companies and entities. The program has been designed to assist companies that need relatively early stage support in taking an innovative product or service to investment readiness or commercialisation.

The investment ready or commercialisation pathway can be loosely broken up into three stages:

1. Pre Start-Up;
2. Start-Up; and
3. Growth.

InnovationConnect (Icon) has two main funding components that cover these stages:

- Proof of Technology and
- Accelerating Innovation

Who can apply: Applications for *Icon* may be accepted if:

1. The applicant has a turnover of less than \$1 million per annum.
2. The applicant requires relatively early stage support in taking an innovative product or service to investment readiness or commercialisation.
3. The applicant can outline the business opportunity that requires funding to take the new product or service to market.
4. The applicant has or will undertake a relevant Canberra BusinessPoint workshop.
5. The business opportunity presents the potential to provide favourable economic outcomes for the ACT.
6. The applicant is willing to formalise the arrangement in a Deed of Grant.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: http://www.business.act.gov.au/doing_business_in_canberra/business_grants_and_assistance/innovationconnect

Appl. Forms: http://www.business.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0006/195756/Icon_EOI_v3.pdf

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Grant:	Investment Facilitation Program	G05022
Provider:	Chief Minister's Department (ACT)	
Region:	Australian Capital Territory	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	Ongoing	

Purpose: To provide a vehicle for eligible private sector companies to apply for concessions on payroll tax liabilities that are linked to significant new business investment projects in the ACT.

Overview: The Investment Facilitation Program (IFP) supports the ACT Government's policy objective of encouraging a diverse and innovative private sector economy.

Participation in the IFP is approved only in relation to proposals that clearly address the stated policy objective. In particular, proposals must be framed in the context of a well-developed business case that demonstrates the following:

- the strategic value of the investment or new business to the Territory;
- new or additional investments that have strong business outcomes in areas such as Research and Development (R&D), export capacity, and human capital development; and
- a positive employment impact with a focus on high value-adding jobs.

Market research or other relevant studies undertaken which support business case claims may be provided.

Applications for assistance are assessed against the following criteria:

1. Soundness of the Business Case as detailed in the applicant's proposal
2. Contribution to the ACT economy
3. Strategic value to the Territory

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: http://www.business.act.gov.au/doing_business_in_canberra/business_grants_and_assistance/investment_facilitation_program

Guidelines: http://www.business.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0005/121955/IFP_Guidelines.pdf

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Grant:	Laneways Business Development Program	G04917
Provider:	City of Sydney	
Region:	New South Wales	
Funding:	Matched funding up to \$30,000	
Closes:	Ongoing	

Purpose: To support businesses that contribute to developing a Lively and Engaging City Centre and enhance a Globally Competitive and Innovative City.

Overview: The City of Sydney is seeking to create a renewed interest and vibrancy in the city's laneways. Interesting lanes require unique and attention grabbing activities.

Through the Laneways Business Development Program, the City of Sydney aims to encourage businesses that will add to that vitality and activity in the lanes and finegrain spaces of the city centre.

The City is actively encouraging the revitalisation process through a number of complementary strategic projects aimed at supporting small business development in laneways, including;

- **A dedicated Laneways & Small Bars Business Development Coordinator** will administer the Laneways Business Development Program, provide business advice, manage stakeholder relationships, develop long-term sustainable precinct teams (providing a liaison point between the private sector, the City of Sydney and other stakeholders) and on the ground support. This 'Business Entry Point' approach for business enquiries will also include coordinated assistance and process maps associated with the approval and application processes involved in establishing your business
- **Referral to the Sydney Business Enterprise Centre** providing access to information and services that will assist small businesses establish strong business networks. The BEC also offers a range of advisory programs and professional development workshops specially designed to help small business
- **Capital Works and Improvements**, a public domain implementation program and established design principles for laneways
- **Working Towards the Establishment of Shared Zones** including measures such as 10km/h speed limits or temporary road closures
- **Marketing and Promotion Opportunities** - the revitalization of Sydney's laneways is currently receiving strong media attention and this is set to continue as the City progresses with its Laneways Revitalisation Strategy. This media attention will provide an opportunity for you to market your business as part of a city wide revitalisation of laneways.

This program will support new and existing small businesses to locate and thrive in the laneways precincts of the city centre, businesses that contribute to achieving the broad aims of the Sustainable Sydney 2030 strategy to create a Green, Connected and Global Sydney.

Specifically this program aims to support businesses that contribute to developing a **Lively and Engaging City Centre** and enhance **A Globally Competitive and Innovative City** by;

- Strengthening existing or developing new finegrain precincts with specialised retail, hospitality, entertainment or other appropriate business activities
- Enhancing the fine grain of the city in streets and lanes as a means of drawing more people and life to the city centre
- Activating existing blank edges in streets, laneways, empty plazas or other city spaces with new uses and/ or creating new activities in the fine spaces of the city centre
- Providing a business activity/offering that is undersupplied or non existent in the city centre, that will attract people to the city centre
- Providing a balance of day and night time activity with diverse and distinctive economic and community benefit
- Utilising temporarily or long term vacant space for new and creative uses
- Providing support to new and emerging businesses through support services.

The City encourages businesses which support employment and training for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people, people with disability, people with culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and people who are homeless.

Who can apply: The Laneways Business Development Program is open to small businesses that can demonstrate that their activities will contribute to the program objectives and meet the following eligibility criteria.

- The small business must be located a laneway precinct within the Sydney CBD area (refer to map);
- The small business employs, or is planning to employ less than 20 people;
- The applicant is an Australian Citizen or permanent resident of Australia and the business/company is registered in Australia
- The applicant holds approved Development Consent and all required operating licenses, or has lodged such applications

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/Business/AwardsPrograms/LanewaysDevelopmentProgram.asp>

Guidelines: <http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/Business/documents/LanewaysBusinessGuidelinesInformation2010-11.pdf>

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Grant:	Skills Enhancement Program	G04272
Provider:	Dept of Education and Training (NSW)	
Region:	New South Wales	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	Ongoing	

Purpose: To complement training delivery through funding the development of training-related activities, services and resources which achieve better job and business productivity outcomes from training delivery.

Overview: The specific aims of the Skills Enhancement Program are to:

- ensure skills are productively applied in the workplace and improve business performance in priority industries
- help create better job outcomes for priority groups through provision of additional support to training delivery.

Projects will achieve these aims through:

- complementing wider skill development or training delivery initiatives, including the NSW Strategic Skills Program and other contestable training programs
- supporting industry sectors, strategies and target groups identified as priorities in New South Wales
- fostering collaborative partnerships between government, industry, employers, training providers and the wider community
- establishing sustainable industry commitment to skill development beyond the project
- contributing to the improvement of vocational practice and quality in priority skills areas and
- adding value to Departmental funds by securing an external contribution of resources to the project.

Priorities: A number of Target Groups are identified for initiatives that support:

- access to skills and/or upskilling opportunities
- enhanced employment opportunities and;
- strategies aimed at addressing social disadvantage.

The Target Groups to have priority access in 2011/2012 to funded training by NSW Department of Education and Training are:

- Existing Workers
- Job Seekers or Unemployed
- Youth 15 - 19 yrs
- Youth 20 - 24yrs
- Older Workers (> 40 yrs)
- Persons with Disabilities
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders

Other industry sectors and target groups may be considered for funding if a suitable business case is established and projected outcomes are consistent with the program's aims.

Who can apply: The types of activities which are funded under the Skills Enhancement Program will differ depending on the needs of the particular market targeted. Activities that might form the focus of projects may relate to:

- **resource development** (for example training resources that support existing national Training Packages, information and marketing resources, tools for mapping non-accredited to accredited training)
- **workforce participation support** (for example strategies that help overcome barriers faced by groups disadvantaged in the labour market - see target groups above) workforce development (for example strategies that will assist better utilisation of skills in industry and workplaces. It could include demonstration activities involving job design, career pathways, mentoring strategies, workforce or performance planning to complement training delivery)
- **innovation strategies** (for example activities that could assist take-up of early-adopter technology training, diffusion of technology, enhanced innovation skills, development of a green workforce)
- **professional development** (for example strategies that build the capability of training providers, workplace supervisors and employers to respond to skill priorities)
- a combination of the above.

Other activities may be considered for funding if a suitable business case is established and projected outcomes are consistent with the program's aims.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/programs_services/funded_other/sep/index.html

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Program Manager, Dept of Education and Training (NSW)

Email: Claire.Cappe@det.nsw.edu.au

Telephone: (02) 9266 8504

Fax: (02) 9266 8549

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Provider: Heritage Branch (NSW)

Region: New South Wales

Funding: Grants up to \$10,000
Minimum project value \$5,000

Closes: Ongoing

Purpose: To provide funding for special, urgent or emergency projects for State Heritage Register and state significant heritage items.

Overview: Eligible Projects:

- Items listed on The State Register, or
- State significant heritage items that are either:
 - Listed as a state heritage item in your Local Environmental Plan, or
 - Supported by your local council's heritage advisor or other heritage specialist as being of state heritage significance or

If you apply for funding through more than one program, the maximum available funding for your heritage item will be \$75,000.

Projects that will be funded
Projects for:

- Buildings
- Cemeteries
- Industrial sites
- Landscapes
- Archaeology
- Maritime Archaeology
- Moveable items
- Pipe organs
- Stained glass

Before you submit your application you must discuss your project with the Heritage Branch. Contact Victoria Throp by email at victoria.throp@planning.nsw.gov.au or phone (02) 9873 8577.

Examples: A sudden opportunity has come about to undertake major adaptive reuse works to upgrade your under-utilised State Heritage Register listed heritage building. You need to undertake urgent works to update access to meet upgraded Building Code Australia requirements. These works will cost \$50,000. You apply for a grant of \$10,000 to assist with this project.

Priorities: Projects that:

- Assist State Heritage Register items
- Have special needs eg hardship
- Are located in remote and rural locations
- Include urgent works to avert management risks (eg severe deterioration or demolition by neglect)

Limitations: You CAN NOT apply for funding if you are a state government agency (but may be involved as a project partner).

Projects that will not be funded:

- New buildings
- Routine maintenance (eg lawn mowing, gutter cleaning or carpet cleaning)
- Projects where adequate funding is available from the applicant or other sources
- New commemorative monuments or works
- Purchase of heritage buildings
- Relocation of buildings or work to relocated buildings
- Private headstones, unless there is no possibility of descendent support for the project
- Flood lights of heritage buildings
- Purchase of equipment
- Celebrations and events

Who can apply: All owners and managers of State Heritage Register and state significant heritage items.

How to apply: Email your project application and attached images and/or other information to victoria.throp@planning.nsw.gov.au

Further Information

Website: http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/02_subnav_01_2011_lgp_sp.htm

Contact Details: Ms Victoria Throp, Department of Planning, Heritage Branch
NSW Heritage Office

Email: victoria.throp@planning.nsw.gov.au

Telephone: (02) 9873 8577

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Grant:	Aboriginal Business Growth Program	G04149
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Provider:	Industry & Investment
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Region: New South Wales

Funding: Financial assistance is available for the following business activities:

- Engaging a specialised business consultant up to a maximum amount of \$5,000 is available
- To enter export markets up to a maximum amount of \$3,000 is available.
- To participate in an industry trade show assistance of up to \$3,000 is available

Closes: Ongoing

Purpose: To help Aboriginal businesses to plan for the successful growth and development of their commercial enterprises.

Overview: Aboriginal Business Development Services include:

- getting started in business. Aboriginal people interested in starting a business can also access free business information from a Business Advisory Service.
- managing and growing a business
- business assistance
- seminars/workshops and networking opportunities.
- Aboriginal people that have been operating a business for two years or more can access specialised business services to help build their enterprise. This assistance allows the business operator to work with a specialised business consultant to implement and develop growth strategies, achieve business goals, get over a business hurdle, develop a marketing plan, or design a website.
- assistance to enter export markets and participate in local or international industry trade shows. Trade shows provide businesses with an opportunity to exhibit products to new buyers and access new markets.
- other business programs: Industry & Investment NSW offers a wide range of business support programs, services and business workshops. Aboriginal businesses are encouraged to examine all business programs for which they may be eligible.

Who can apply: To be eligible for assistance under the Aboriginal Business Development Program a business will need to meet the following criteria:

- At least 50 per cent of the ownership is with Aboriginal persons OR
- At least 50 per cent of the governing board is made up of Aboriginal people
- The Aboriginal business must have an ABN
- The business must have been operating a fulltime business for two years or more
- The business must provide copies of two years of annual financial reports
- Be able to identify key performance indicators to be achieved as a result of accessing program. This includes for example: increased sales, increased employment, and access to new markets, and improved business management.

For export and international trade show assistance there are additional criteria.

- Assessed as export ready by a Department's export advisor.
- Advise how the export activity will generate business or employment growth in NSW;
- Have tradeable goods or services
- Ensure the products/services to be promoted meet the current market needs;
- Be visiting a new market, ie the company is not represented in and is not already selling regularly to the market concerned

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.smallbiz.nsw.gov.au/initiatives/aboriginal/bizdevelopment/Pages/default.aspx>

Contact Details: Industry & Investment

Email: First@business.nsw.gov.au

Telephone: 1300 134 359

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Grant:	Business Drought Assistance	G04186
Provider:	Industry & Investment NSW	
Region:	New South Wales	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	Ongoing	

Purpose: To provide a range of measures to help established regional non-farm businesses to survive the drought.

Overview: Payroll Tax Relief (FY 2010/2011) Payroll tax relief will be provided to businesses that support the farm industry sector and can show a decrease (or expected decrease) of 50 per cent in Annual Sales or Earnings Before Interest and Taxation (EBIT) over the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011, compared to the base period 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002.

Eligibility -To be eligible for payroll tax relief, your business must:

- be predominantly engaged in the manufacture, assembly or marketing of farm machinery/ supplies, OR be able to demonstrate their business is dependant on farm produce as the major raw material input to their business
- have suffered a 50 per cent reduction in annual sales or EBIT for the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, when compared to the period 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002
- employ no more than an average annual equivalent of 200 full-time employees
- retain at least 85 per cent of its full-time equivalent employees during the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009
- undertake to retain these employees beyond the period of assistance
- be able to demonstrate that it is a viable business, under normal conditions
- be a business based in regional NSW (i.e. outside the Sydney metropolitan area)
- be located in, or service, an area that has been drought declared for a total of six months out of the previous two years at the time of application.

Business Growth Program Assistance is available for small businesses affected by drought that need to implement credit or business management strategies to help sustain operations during and beyond a period of drought conditions. Assistance of up to \$5,000 on a \$-for-\$ basis is available for businesses to directly implement these strategies or engage experts to provide necessary advice in the following areas:

- improved credit management
- financial restructuring
- risk management
- voluntary mediation with creditors
- improved water use/re-use management
- marketing strategy
- product/service market diversification (new domestic or international markets)
- owner training
- development of other key business area.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.business.nsw.gov.au/region/drought/>

Contact Details: Regional Development Division , Dept of State and Regional Development (NSW)

Email: droughtassist@business.nsw.gov.au

Telephone: (02) 9338 6713

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Grant:	Sport and Athlete Development Program	G00011
Provider:	NSW Communities, Sport and Recreation	
Region:	New South Wales	
Funding:	Max: \$15,000 Min: \$1,000	
Closes:	18 August 2011	

Purpose: To invest in the industry to provide increased opportunities for participation in sport and recreation.

Overview:

The Sport and Athlete Development Program objectives are to

1. Increase opportunities for athletes, coaches, officials, sports leaders and volunteers in activities such as professional development and attendance in representative competition within NSW
2. Encourage innovative and flexible approaches to increasing opportunities and reducing barriers to participation particularly for disadvantaged or underrepresented groups
3. Contribute to building industry capacity.
4. Assist the industry change and grow in a sustainable manner and respond to emerging issues and challenges

Who can apply: Individuals, groups of individuals and unincorporated organisations For profit, commercial organisations Government departments and agencies Educational institutions including schools, universities and TAFE colleges Councils Community based not-for-profit organisations Regional Academies of Sport

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/grants/sadp.asp>

Guidelines: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/assets/pubs/grants/sadp-guidelines.pdf>

Contact Details: NSW Sport and Recreation

Email: srgrants@communities.nsw.gov.au

Telephone: 13 13 02

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Grant:	Aboriginal Business Support Programs	G05450
Provider:	NSW Department of Industry and Investment	
Region:	New South Wales	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	Ongoing	

Purpose: To support Aboriginal economic development across the State by helping Aboriginal businesses to plan for the successful growth and development of their commercial enterprises.

Overview: Aboriginal Business Development Services include:-

- getting started in business. Aboriginal people interested in starting a business can also access free business information from a Business Advisory Service.
- managing and growing a business
- business assistance
- seminars/workshops and networking opportunities.
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- Be visiting a new market, ie the company is not represented in and is not already selling regularly to the market concerned

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.smallbiz.nsw.gov.au/initiatives/aboriginal/bizdevelopment/Pages/default.aspx>

Contact Details:

Email: assist@business.nsw.gov.au

Telephone: 1300 134 359

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Grant:	AUSIMM Education Endowment Fund Scholarships	S01084
Provider:	The Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AUSIMM)	
Region:	New South Wales	
Funding:	Scholarships are currently valued at \$10,000 per year over two years.	
Closes:	30 September 2011	

Purpose: To support the future leaders of the minerals industry through their higher education studies.

Overview: The Scholarships are currently valued at \$10,000 per year for a standard EEF scholarship, and \$15,000 per year for a Sir Frank Espie/Rio Tinto scholarship.

As well as receiving financial support over two years, students receive the invaluable benefits of mentoring and networking opportunities with a major minerals company. That is, companies who have made major donations to the Education Endowment Fund are allocated scholarship holders, and are encouraged to engage the student with the industry through vacation work and other initiatives.

Scholarships are awarded to students based on the following criteria:

- Knowledge of the minerals industry
- Minerals industry work experience (vacation or part-time work)
- Demonstrated commitment to the minerals industry after graduation
- Participation in AusIMM activities (Student Chapters, Branch activities and conferences)
- Participation in other minerals-related societies
- Academic results
- Demonstrated team and leadership skills (via sporting and community activities or other activities)

Sir Frank Espie / Rio Tinto Premium Scholarship

The most outstanding scholarship winners currently receive a Sir Frank Espie / Rio Tinto Scholarship, which will entitle them to \$15,000 per year. This scholarship was generously endowed by the Espie Family, in memory of Sir Frank Espie. Sir Frank demonstrated outstanding leadership, dedication, and technical management to the mining industries of Australia and Papua New Guinea, and was a distinguished leading member of The AusIMM.

Who can apply: A number of scholarships will be available in 2011/2012. Selection will be based on the following:

- Studying in an AusIMM recognised course
- Academic results
- Knowledge of the minerals industry
- Minerals industry work experience (vacation or part-time work)
- Demonstrated commitment to the minerals industry after graduation
- Demonstrated team and leadership skills (via Student Chapters, AusIMM or other activities)
- Participation in The AusIMM activities (Student Chapters, Branch activities and conferences)
- Participation in other minerals-related societies.

- Students must be Australian residents or hold permanent resident visas.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.ausimm.com.au/content/default.aspx?ID=149>

Guidelines: http://www.ausimm.com.au/content/docs/eef_scholarship_application_guidelines2012.pdf

Appl. Forms: http://www.ausimm.com.au/content/docs/ausimm_scholarship2012.pdf

Contact Details: Xanthus Weber , Senior Coordinator, Education and Careers
AusIMM

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Grant:	Safety solutions rebate	G05438
Provider:	WorkCover (NSW)	
Region:	New South Wales	
Funding: Max:	\$500	
Closes:	Ongoing	

Purpose: to provide funding to small business owners and sole traders to identify and implement safety solutions in the workplace.

Overview: You can claim the rebate for a range of safety solutions including:

- safety technologies - such as closed chemical delivery systems, non-slip floors, machine guarding or fall arrest devices
- safety equipment - such as mechanical lifting aids, patient slides or conveyors
- workplace safety modifications - such as dangerous goods storage cabinets, guard rails, traffic control markings, ergonomic furniture or ventilation.

Who can apply: To qualify for the rebate, you must:

- be a sole trader or small business owner employing up to 20 full-time workers (or the equivalent)
- attend a WorkCover safety workshop or have an advisory visit from a WorkCover business advisory officer or inspector
- claim for solutions implemented from March 2007 onwards
- submit an application form and copies of your relevant tax invoices.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: http://www.workcover.nsw.gov.au/healthsafety/smallbusiness/howwecanhelp/safety_solutions/Pages/default.aspx

Appl. Forms: http://www.workcover.nsw.gov.au/formspublications/publications/Pages/WC05844_SafetySolutionsRebateFactSheet.aspx

Contact Details:

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Telephone: 13 10 50

Fax: 02 9287 5759

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Grant: Northern Territory Trade Support Scheme **G01537**

Provider: Dept of Chief Minister (NT)

Region: Northern Territory

Funding: A TSS grant will generally be offered on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

Closes: Ongoing

Purpose: To provide small and medium-sized Territory companies with financial support to market their products or services overseas.

Overview: The Trade Support Scheme is a key part of the Government's International Trade Strategy, providing financial assistance to Northern Territory businesses to assist them in building and developing trade opportunities.

The Trade Support Scheme aims to build stronger trading partnerships and create new export opportunities. It provides Northern Territory based organisations with financial help to offset the costs of international marketing activities.

The scheme can offset up to 50 per cent of the costs of activities such as:

- attendance at international expos and trade shows
- promotional products
- accommodation
- freight costs
- website development for international audiences.

Eligible projects include:

- existing and new international market development activities
- market investigations
- establishing in-country support
- supporting inbound visits to the Territory by approved overseas buyers or trade missions.

Given the current Global Financial Crisis, a number of **short term enhancements** and additional funding categories have been introduced to the Scheme to help businesses maintain their international marketing activities and diversify into new markets.

Who can apply: Any business, industry group or other organisation with a substantial presence in the Northern Territory can apply for assistance.

To be eligible, you must:

- apply for the assistance before you incur any costs
- provide evidence of commercial viability in the lead-up to and during the project
- show that the project is likely to be successful
- show the trade and economic benefits that may flow through to the Territory
- ensure that the project is in line with World Trade Organisation obligations
- provide an export, marketing or business plan identifying how the project fits into the company's overall business strategy.

How to apply: Mail

Online. To apply online [Click Here](#)

Further Information

Website: http://www.dcm.nt.gov.au/territory_economy/attract_investment/trade_support_scheme

Appl. Forms: http://www.dcm.nt.gov.au/territory_economy/attract_investment/trade_support_scheme/application_form

Contact Details: Department of the Chief Minister

Email: trade.support@nt.gov.au

Telephone: (08) 8946 9550

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Grant:	Australian Export Awards (NT)	S01506
Provider:	Northern Territory Chamber of Commerce and Industry	
Region:	Northern Territory	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	12 August 2011	

Purpose: To celebrate the success of seven Northern Territory businesses that excelled in international exports through their untiring efforts, courage and innovative approach.

Overview: Categories

- **AGRIBUSINESS AWARD #**
For outstanding export achievement in the field of agricultural products, services or technology, including processed foods and beverages, and the forestry, fisheries and fibres industries.
- **ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT AWARD #**
For outstanding export achievement across all cultural industries including fine arts, performing arts, electronic and on-line entertainment.
- **EDUCATION AND TRAINING AWARD**
For outstanding innovation and export achievement in the field of education and training services, expertise and curriculum.
- **EMERGING EXPORTER AWARD #**
For outstanding export achievement by an enterprise in any industry sector which has been exporting goods or services for three years or less.
- **INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY AWARD**
For outstanding export achievement in the field of information and communication products, technology or services.
- **LARGE ADVANCED MANUFACTURER AWARD #**
For outstanding export achievement by a manufacturer with total annual sales of \$30 million or more.
- **LARGE SERVICES AWARD #**
For outstanding export achievement in a recognised services industry such as the consultancy, fashion, finance, insurance, engineering, legal, health, design, community, sports, events and tourism sectors with total annual sales of \$15 million or more.
- **MINERALS AND ENERGY AWARD #**
For outstanding export achievement in the production or primary processing of extractive and value-added minerals or energy products, technology, equipment and services to the minerals and energy industries.
- **REGIONAL EXPORTER AWARD #**
For outstanding export achievement by a business whose head office is based in a non-metropolitan location.
- **SMALL BUSINESS AWARD #**
For outstanding export achievement by any business with total annual sales not exceeding \$3 million.
- **SMALL TO MEDIUM MANUFACTURER AWARD #**
For outstanding export achievement by a manufacturer with total annual sales of less than \$30 million.
- **SMALL TO MEDIUM SERVICES AWARD #**
For outstanding export achievement in a recognised services industry such as the consultancy, fashion, finance, insurance, engineering, legal, health, design, community, sports, events and tourism sectors with total annual sales of less than \$15 million.
- **NT EXPORTER OF THE YEAR**
The overall Exporter of the Year will be selected from the winners of the categories shown above.

Further Information

Website: <http://www.eawards.com.au/export2011/nt/intro.php>
Contact Details: Mr Greg Bicknell
International Business Council
Email: gbicknell@chambernt.com.au
Telephone: (08) 8982 8128

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Grant: Innovation Projects Fund - Partnership-Alliances Facilitation Program **G03898**

Provider: Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation

Region: Queensland

Funding: Max: \$100,000

Additional Info: Funding is provided for up to 50 percent of the cost of eligible activities, with the requirement that funding is matched by a cash contribution at a rate of no less than 1:1 (applicant contribution:program funding) per year.

Closes: Ongoing

Purpose: To encourage and help secure the participation of Queensland-based organisations in cutting edge and high profile research, development and innovation collaborations.

Overview: The program will assist Queensland-based applicants to identify, facilitate and formulate collaborative funding proposals to submit to relevant Queensland, national or international funding schemes.

The program objectives are to:

- assist with the costs of establishing collaborative projects between Queensland, national and international industry and research partners in research, development and innovation ventures
- facilitate and develop networks of local, national and international researchers and innovators
- leverage other Queensland, national and international funding to support research, development and innovation projects
- enable research, development and innovation which will deliver future economic, social, environmental and/or regional (outside South-East Queensland) benefits to Queensland.

The application will be assessed against the following three criteria:

- Innovation
- Collaboration
- Outcomes for Queensland

Priorities: For this program, the priority areas are:

- supporting research and commercialisation of Queensland's tropical expertise
- supporting climate change adaptation and/or mitigation, and renewable energy
- building social science capabilities aligned to the Toward Q2 Tomorrow's Queensland priorities.

Limitations: The application is ineligible if:

- the project is not a distinct activity/set of activities with specified start and end points, and aims and outcomes that are achievable within these specified points
- the applicant (and/or Queensland partners) receive government support for their core activities and it cannot be demonstrated that the proposed project is an addition to those core activities.

Who can apply: To be considered, the collaborating organisations and the proposed project must meet the eligibility criteria below:

- have a lead applicant that will be Queensland-based for the duration of the project, has an Australian Business Number and is registered for GST
- involve a research organisation
- involve at least two organisations including, but not limited to:
 - universities
 - research institutes
 - industry organisations and/or private sector firms
 - public not-for-profit organisations
 - Cooperative Research Centres and Australian Research Council Centres of Excellence (proposed or existing)
 - Queensland Government agencies and other government agencies active in Queensland
- develop a collaborative funding proposal for a research/development project for submission to a Queensland, national or international funding scheme
- indicate at least one funding scheme to which the collaborative funding proposal to be developed will be submitted
- Have a cash contribution from the applicant/partner(s) to match the funding amount requested at a rate of no less than 1:1.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.industry.qld.gov.au/funding-and-assistance/275.htm>

Contact Details: Department of Tourism, Regional Development and Industry (QLD)

Email: randd.advisory@dttrdi.qld.gov.au

Telephone: (07) 3227 7211

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Grant:	Travel and accommodation subsidies	G03505
Provider:	Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation	
Region:	Queensland	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	Ongoing	

Purpose: To provide financial assistance to apprentices and trainees who have to travel away from their usual workplace to attend training with their supervising registered training organisation.

Overview:

Subsidy Rates

- **Accommodation**
\$22.00 per day
Accommodation subsidy is paid to apprentices and trainees for assistance when attending college away from their usual place of residence.
- **Land Travel**
Road and Rail
 - Zone 1: 0 - 99 km (return) Not eligible
 - Zone 2: 100 - 649 km (return) 15 cents per kilometre
 - Zone 3: 650 - 1400 km (return) 19 cents per kilometre
- **Air Travel**
Flights can only be booked by the Department of Education and Training
Eligibility for air travel:
 - Apprentices/trainees who are required to travel 1400 km or more return to the locations of the training organisation.
 - Cape York Peninsula and Islands of the Torres Strait.
- **Ferry**
Full cost recovery

Limitations: The apprentice or trainee will only be entitled to the subsidy if they attend training at the closest training organisation that delivers the course of instruction for the particular training program.

Who can apply: You may be eligible to claim if you are an apprentice or trainee who has:

- attended the closest college offering your course. Your closest college is the one that is nearest to your usual place of residence; and
- travelled at least 100kms return to attend.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.apprenticeshipsinfo.qld.gov.au/apprentices/advice-support/travel-accommodation/index.html>

Contact Details: Dept of Employment and Training (QLD)

Freecall: 1800 210 210

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Grant:	Youth Training Incentives	G03506
Provider:	Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation	
Region:	Queensland	
Funding:	A subsidy of up to \$1,100 (GST inclusive) is available to employers for employing an eligible schoolbased apprentice or trainee.	
Closes:	Ongoing	

Purpose: To provide students unlikely to pursue direct entry into tertiary education at the completion of their senior phase of learning with an additional pathway into employment by combining education and training towards a qualification in the career of their choice.

Overview: The Youth Training Incentives Program is divided into two streams dependent on the employer type:

- Public Sector Pathway
- Private Sector Pathway

What is a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship?

School-based apprenticeships and traineeships allow high school students - typically Years 11 and 12 - to work with an employer as paid employees while studying for their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) or equivalent. At the same time, students undertake a training qualification with a supervising registered training organisation chosen by both the employer and the student.

What is the training delivery?

School-based apprentices/trainees will undertake a theoretical (off-the-job) component of their apprenticeship or traineeship called "supervised training" which will require the organisation to engage a supervising registered training organisation (SRTO) and develop a training plan. Generally, the supervised training should be delivered in an educational institution or an equally acceptable training venue, by qualified workplace trainers or their equivalent.

Who can apply: Public Sector organisations eligible for Youth Training Incentives include:

- Local government authorities
- Aboriginal and Island Councils

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.employment.qld.gov.au/programs/sqw/yti/index.htm>

Guidelines: <http://www.employment.qld.gov.au/pdf/eii/yti-funding-guidelines.pdf>

Contact Details: Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (QLD)

Telephone: 1300 369 925

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Grant:	Small Business Solutions	S04630
Provider:	Dept of Education, Training and the Arts	
Region:	Queensland	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	Ongoing	

Purpose: To enhance the business skills, profitability and growth of small businesses across Queensland.

Overview: Designed to enhance the business skills, profitability and growth of small businesses, Small Business Solutions provides small business owners the opportunity to get real business assistance from accredited industry professionals.

In addition to one-on-one coaching from qualified mentors in their workplace, SBS also offers small business owners access to:

- Vocational Education and Training Qualifications through Skills Recognition; plus
- Tailored Training Events for specific small business needs.

Small Business Solutions was developed by the Department of Education, Training and the Arts in conjunction with TAFE Queensland and Skilling Solutions Queensland.

Small Business Solutions currently service businesses in the following areas:

- Brisbane Southeast
- Central Queensland
- Fraser Coast
- Ipswich/Darling Downs
- Rural Queensland
- Sunshine Coast
- Townsville

To locate you nearest Small Business Solutions customer service centre please [Click Here](#).

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.smallbusinesssolutions.qld.gov.au/content/home.asp>

Guidelines: http://www.smallbusinesssolutions.qld.gov.au/files/pdf/Small_Business_Solutions_6page_brochure.pdf

Contact Details: Small Business Solutions, Dept of Education, Training and the Arts (QLD)

Email: enquiries@smallbusinesssolutions.qld.gov.au

Telephone: 1300 40 60 80

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Grant:	Natural Disaster Assistance	G05271
Provider:	QRAA	
Region:	Queensland	
Funding:	Loan amounts up to \$250,000.	
Closes:	Ongoing	

Purpose: To provide concessional loans to small business owners whose buildings, plant and equipment or stock have been significantly damaged by an eligible natural disaster and who are unable to obtain commercial finance, but who nevertheless have sound prospects of long term viability.

Overview: Assistance is available in the form of concessional loans for re-establishing the viable operation of the business, including doing any of the following:

- repairing or replacing damaged plant and equipment;
- repairing or replacing buildings;
- supplying stock for up to one month to replace lost stock and to maintain liquidity of the business.

The extent of loan assistance is based on an assessment of your financial position including any insurance recoveries and will not exceed the amount of net loss.

Limitations: Assistance is not available where adequate insurance could have been arranged at reasonable rates.

Who can apply: To be eligible to receive assistance, applicants must:

- be a sole owner, partnership or proprietary company; and
- have sustained substantial damage to buildings, plant, equipment or stock as a result of an eligible natural disaster; and
- demonstrate inability to repair or replace the damaged assets or cannot return to viable operations from own resources without this assistance; and
- demonstrate that they have used up all liquid assets and normal credit sources; and
- demonstrate they have taken reasonable precautions to avoid or minimise loss or damage from the disaster; and
- demonstrate that with the assistance of this loan there are reasonable prospects of re-establishing the business on a viable basis; and
- demonstrate they are responsible for the cost of essential repairs or replacement of the damaged assets and as a result has had liquidity severely affected.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: http://www.qraa.qld.gov.au/index.php?option=com_qraa&view=detail&id=50&Itemid=89

Guidelines: <http://www.qraa.qld.gov.au/images/Guidelines/ndra%20small%20business%20191208.pdf>

Appl. Forms: http://www.qraa.qld.gov.au/images/Application_Forms/ndrra%20sb%20complete%20application%20form%20v1%20190109.pdf

Contact Details: QRAA

Email: contact_us@qraa.qld.gov.au

Freecall: 1800 623 946

Telephone: (07) 3032 0100

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Grant:	Small Business Emergency Assistance Scheme	G01703
Provider:	QRAA	
Region:	Queensland	
Funding:	Max: \$10,000	
Closes:	Ongoing	

Purpose: To assist locally owned small businesses that have been affected by drought conditions declared as Exceptional Circumstances to assist in meeting operating and other essential costs.

Overview: The programs are subject to terms and conditions that identify the required eligibility criteria for each program. If you are interested in applying for Small Business Emergency Assistance, some of the key criteria you will need to meet include:

- Owning (sole owners, partnerships or private companies) and operating a small business with 100 employees or less
- Demonstrating a need for the assistance
- Showing evidence that the need for assistance is related to the effect of drought or other declared emergencies on your business
- Relying primarily on the income provided by your business for your livelihood
- Having had a working occupation of the enterprise for a minimum of two years
- Being considered viable given normal conditions
- Possessing long term prospects of profitability

The business does not have to be directly located within the drought declared area; it can be adjacent to or dependent upon the areas affected by Exceptional Circumstances.

Small businesses may be eligible to receive an interest subsidy of up to 50% payable on new or existing loans with a maximum interest subsidy of \$10,000 p.a. for two years.

Who can apply: Locally owned small businesses that have been affected by drought conditions declared as Exceptional Circumstances are eligible to apply.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: http://www.qraa.qld.gov.au/index.php?option=com_qraa&view=detail&id=61&Itemid=89

Guidelines: <http://www.qraa.qld.gov.au/images/documents/20080630112950Small%20Business%20Emergency%20Guidelines%20260608.pdf>

Appl. Forms: http://www.qraa.qld.gov.au/images/Application_Forms/small%20business%20application%20form%20version%208%20030209.pdf

Contact Details: QRAA

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Grant:	Queensland Road Safety Awards	S04673
Provider:	Queensland University of Technology	
Region:	Queensland	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	12 August 2011	

Purpose: To recognise and honour the outstanding efforts of community groups, companies or industry groups, schools, local government and state government initiatives, as well as inventions and innovations designed to improve road safety.

Overview: The Queensland Road Safety Award Scheme aims to:

- Recognise successful road safety initiatives
- Generate publicity for road safety in Queensland
- Encourage greater commitment to road safety
- Attract corporate and community support for road safety

If you have been involved in any initiative or know of individuals or groups who have been involved in activities designed to reduce road-related injuries, please nominate them.

The winners may be selected from the following categories:

- Community
- Schools
- Industry and Business
- Fleet/Occupational Safety
- Local Government
- State Government
- Innovation

Examples: Examples of initiatives include:

- School programs (bicycle safety, road rules)
- Education and training
- Safe driving campaigns
- Community facility improvements (drop off zones, traffic calming)

Who can apply: The conditions of entry in the Queensland Road Safety Award Scheme are as follows:

- The road safety initiative must be operating in Queensland and must be a current initiative or have been operative in the last three years.
- If the entries submitted do not meet the judges' standards, an award for a category may not be presented.
- More than one award may be presented in each category.
- Road safety initiatives designed and implemented by government organisations must go above and beyond the organisation's core activities. That is, the initiation or coordination of road safety programs must not be the organisation's main activity.
- The awards will be judged according to ownership and community impact, collaboration, relevance, scope, feasibility, innovation and effectiveness.

Further Information

Website: <http://www.carrsq.qut.edu.au/qrsa/>

Guidelines: <http://www.carrsq.qut.edu.au/qrsa/submit.jsp>

Contact Details: Queensland University of Technology

Email: carrs-q@qut.edu.au

Telephone: (07) 3138 4905

Fax: (07) 3138 4907

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Grant:	Services to Primary Production Award	S04800
Provider:	Agricultural Bureau of SA	
Region:	South Australia	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	12 August 2011	

Purpose: To recognise the achievements of people who have provided exceptional service to primary production.

Overview: The Services to Primary Production Award recognises the achievements of people who have provided exceptional service to primary production in South Australia.

Each Bureau branch can nominate a person who they believe has made an outstanding contribution to agriculture.

Nominees need not be Bureau members and the award is not restricted to farmers.

Nominations are welcome for people from any area involved with primary production, including service industries, government, education and agro-politics.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: http://www.agbureau.com.au/awards/service_to_agriculture_award

Appl. Forms: [http://www.agbureau.com.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0004/114349/Services to Primary Production Nomination Form 2011.pdf](http://www.agbureau.com.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0004/114349/Services_to_Primary_Production_Nomination_Form_2011.pdf)

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Telephone: 1800 652 258

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Grant:	South East South Australia Innovations And Investment Fund (SESIIIF)	G05615
Provider:	AusIndustry	
Region:	South Australia	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	12 August 2011	

Purpose: To assist with industry development in south east South Australia following the decision of Kimberly Clark Australia to restructure its operations in South Australia.

Overview: A total of \$12 million (less administration costs) in funding is available under SESIIIF and will need to be expended by 30 June 2013, when the fund will close. Applications involving eligible capital costs of less than \$100,000 will not be considered for assessment. The minimum grant will be \$50,000.

Financial assistance will only be provided for:

- up to 50 per cent of projected eligible capital costs (primarily being for plant and equipment directly applied to the production of the outputs of the investment proposal); and
- on the provision of satisfactory evidence that the agreed payment milestones have been achieved.

The following conditions will apply to funding investment proposals:

- applicants must be able to demonstrate that they can fund the costs of the project not met by the funds being sought under SESIIIF;
- a minimum cash commitment by the proponent, exclusive of in-kind, which at least matches the total amount of grant sought under the program;
- SESIIIF funding will not be provided for retrospective activities; and
- the grant will be calculated to take account of funding provided under other applicable government programs so that:
 1. a genuine contribution of at least 50% by the applicant is made; and
 2. SESIIIF funding is not being leveraged by other government funding, except in special circumstances with the agreement of the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research;

Grants are subject to GST and income tax. Successful applicants should seek advice on these and other tax implications from their tax advisers or the Australian Taxation Office (www.ato.gov.au) or phone 13 28 66.

Limitations: The following entities are not eligible to apply:

- individuals who are not registered for business purposes;
- Australian government, state, territory and local government agencies and bodies;
- entities that do not comply or have not complied with state or Commonwealth laws, including the Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Act 1999; or
- Kimberly Clark Australia and its related companies.

Who can apply: Eligible applicants are those firms/commercial enterprises:

- which are legal entities, i.e. with which the Australian government and the South Australian government can enter into a legally binding funding agreement;
- which have an Australian Business Number and are registered for the Goods and Services Tax (GST).
- which can demonstrate the commitment of funding, exclusive of in-kind contributions, to the investment proposal which is free of other government funding and which at least matches the funding which is being sought from the program; and where
- the applicant can demonstrate that the project will be undertaken in south east South Australia;

How to apply: Mail, Email

Further Information

Website: <http://www.ausindustry.gov.au/CommunityAssistance/SESALIF/Pages/SESALIF.aspx>

Guidelines: http://www.ausindustry.gov.au/CommunityAssistance/SESALIF/Documents/SESALIF_Guide_for_Applicant.pdf

Contact Details:

Email: saiif@innovation.gov.au

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Grant:	Native Vegetation Council Research Grants	G05224
Provider:	Department of Environment and Natural Resources	
Region:	South Australia	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	26 August 2011	

Purpose: To support research search into the preservation, enhancement and management of native vegetation in South Australia.

Overview: Research proposals should seek to enhance our knowledge regarding the conservation and management of native vegetation in South Australia and achieve one or more of the following outcomes:

- inform and assist in the development of native vegetation policy
- inform the conservation status of species or communities
- provide specific recommendations to improve habitat or biodiversity conservation
- assist in the conservation, restoration and management of native vegetation in South Australia.

Limitations: Funding is not available for:

- Activities for which individuals or bodies have a statutory obligation.
- Activities that have potential to have negative impacts on natural resources.
- Purchase of assets and equipment unless appropriate justification can be provided.
- The establishment of new positions to enable a project to be undertaken.
- Plant or animal control that landholders would normally be expected to undertake under the Natural Resources Management Act 2004.
- The reimbursement of food and beverages is not be considered as a research expense.
- Projects seeking on ground restoration works will not be funded through this program.

Who can apply: To be considered for funding:

- Application must be for research into the preservation, enhancement and management of native vegetation.
- Applicants should design projects of a maximum of 12 months duration.
- Consideration will be given to projects of up to three years where they address high priority issues and require longer time frames to achieve the aims of the project.
- If the applicant is registered for GST, this must be indicated on the application.
- Australian Business Number must be provided on the application.
- Have obtained all necessary planning, regulatory or other approvals¹.
- Ensure that the application is submitted on or before the closing date.

How to apply: Mail, Email Please send a signed hardcopy and an electronic copy of the application

Further Information

Website: http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/Conservation/Native_Vegetation/Grants/Research_grants
Guidelines: <http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/files/fe843b84-6b3c-48bf-b76b-9f1600cca462/con-nv-researchgrantguidelines2011.pdf>
Appl. Forms: <http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/files/4e6401c2-c671-43f2-80e1-9f1600cd7aa3/con-nv-form-researchgrants.doc>
Contact Details: Research Grants Officer
Native Vegetation Council, Dept of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation (SA)
Email: nvc@sa.gov.au
Telephone: (08) 8303 9566
Fax: (08) 8303 9780

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Grant:	Gateway Business Program	G05592
Provider:	Exporting South Australia	
Region:	South Australia	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	15 September 2011	

Purpose: To assist small to medium-sized firms prepare for export.

Overview: The Gateway Business Program can meet eligible expenses incurred in developing international markets.

Eligible projects include:

- Researching feasible overseas markets
- Developing marketing material for distribution overseas
- Participating in international trade shows and trade missions
- Adapting websites for specific international markets
- Undergoing export specific mentoring
- Supporting incoming buyers

The Gateway Business Program will assist established local companies which can show they are ready to take the next step and begin exporting. To be eligible, an applicant must have been in business for at least two years and turn over more than \$150,000 a year.

Limitations: The applicant must not:

- Have received an Export Market Development Grant (EMDG) over the past two years.
- Have exhausted the EMDG program.
- Be applying at the same time for other funding for the same project, or through a related entity.
- Have received five (5) or more grants under the Market Access Program (MAP) or South Australian Promotion Program (SAPP) grants.

Who can apply: To be eligible for the Gateway Business Program applicants must:

- Be an Australian-registered business based in South Australia and be registered for GST. (South Australian based companies not owned in South Australia are required to provide a case for support)
- Turn over at least \$150,000 a year, and have been in business for at least two years. (If your firm turns over less than \$150,000 a year, see TradeStart below)
- Own the product or service being promoted.
- Have tradeable goods or services and be export-capable for the intended market.
- Intend to trade goods or services made in South Australia, or be able to demonstrate that the sale of your goods or services overseas will benefit South Australia's economy.
- Have attended a relevant South Australian export workshop or demonstrate prior export capability.

Further Information

Website: <http://www.southaustralia.biz/Exporting-from-SA/Programs-Assistance/Gateway-Business-Program.aspx>
Guidelines: <http://www.southaustralia.biz/library/Gateway-Business-Program-guidelines.pdf>
Contact Details:
Email: DTEDgateway@sa.gov.au

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Grant:	Exceptional Circumstances Interest Rate Subsidy	S02641
Provider:	Primary Industries and Resources (SA)	
Region:	South Australia	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	Ongoing	

Purpose: To assist farm business enterprises located in Exceptional Circumstances (EC) declared areas whose income has been detrimentally affected by drought conditions in recent years.

Overview: Business support through the Exceptional Circumstances Interest Rate Subsidy (ECIRS) program for farm businesses [or small businesses that derive at least 70% or their normal turnover from providing goods and services for farm businesses located in the EC declared area] that are considered to be viable in the long-term, but for the exceptional circumstances are experiencing financial difficulties.

EC Interest Rate Subsidies are delivered through the State and Territory Governments with 90 per cent of the cost of this EC component is met by the Australian Government with State and Territory governments contributing 10 per cent.

What support is available?

Under Exceptional Circumstances (EC) assistance support is available to eligible farmers and small businesses in declared EC regions. Primary producers and small businesses should not self-assess their eligibility for EC support.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/pirsa/drought/exceptional_circumstances
Contact Details: Primary Industries and Resources (SA)
Freecall: 1800 182 235
Fax: (08) 8226 0229

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Grant:	The South Australian Science Excellence Awards	S02549
Provider:	SA Great	
Region:	South Australia	
Funding:	Total Pool: \$125,000	
Closes:	9 September 2011	Opens: 11 August 2011

Purpose: To recognise and reward excellence in science and acknowledge commitment and skill in raising public awareness of science.

Overview: Categories:

- South Australian Scientist of the Year -The person receiving this award will have demonstrated excellence in a field of science or technology and made a major contribution of national and international standing in their field of research.
- SA Early Career Researcher - SA Tall Poppy of the Year - The South Australian Young Tall Poppy of the Year acknowledges an outstanding young scientist, selected from South Australia's Young Tall Poppies. No nominations will be received as part of the Science Excellence Awards nomination process. Selection is made by a committee of representatives from Government, industry, education, the Tall Poppy Committee, and a previous Tall Poppy. The winner will be announced at the South Australian Science Excellence Awards gala dinner.
- PhD Research Excellence (three awards for):
 - Health and Medical Sciences
 - Life or Environmental Sciences
 - Physical Sciences/Mathematics/Engineering

These awards recognise recent PhD graduates with outstanding early-career achievement in their field and strong potential to contribute to industry or enterprises in the state.

- Early Career STEM Professional (two awards for):
 - Natural and Physical Sciences/Mathematics/Engineering
 - Health and Life Sciences

These awards recognise researchers with no more than five years workforce experience currently working in South Australia and already making an outstanding contribution in their field.

- Early Career STEM Educator of the Year (two awards for):
 - School teaching
 - Tertiary teaching

The Tertiary and School awards will go to individuals from the schooling sector and vocational education and training/higher education sectors, who are making outstanding contribution to student education and inspiring students to further study in STEM disciplines.

Who can apply: Entries are invited from individuals and organisations, both private and public sector.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.scienceawards.sa.gov.au/>

Contact Details: SA Great

Email: scienceawards@sa.gov.au

Telephone: (08) 8431 7131

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Grant:	Industry Development and Production programs	G03797
Provider:	South Australian Film Corporation (SAFC)	
Region:	South Australia	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	Ongoing	

Purpose: To empower the South Australian screen production industry to achieve success.

Overview:

Through a range of industry development and production programs, the South Australian Film Corporation partners with the local, national and international industry to deliver quality outcomes, whilst fostering a local environment that encourages creativity and enables development of talented screen practitioners.

The South Australian Film Corporation provides industry support programs in four key areas:

- **Production Finance**
 - Drama and Documentary Investment
 - Digital Media Investment
 - Revolving Film Fund
 - Documentary Innovation Fund
- **Project and Business Development**
 - Producer Business Development
 - Drama Project and Script Development
 - Documentary Project and Script Development
 - Digital Media Project Development
 - Enterprise Development
 - Producer Equity Scheme
- **Professional Development**
 - Practitioner Development
 - Interstate Business Travel
 - International Business Travel
 - Emerging Writer and Producer Development
 - Attachment Scheme
 - Digital Media Attachment Scheme
 - Short Film Development
 - Short Film Production
 - Interstate Internship
 - International Fellowships
 - Film Lab
 - a FilmLab SideDoor

- Screen Culture Organisation Funding
- **Content Attraction**
 - Film Services
 - Payroll Tax Exemptions
- **Special Initiatives**
 - J P McGowan Initiative
 - Ausfilm Co-Production Forum
 - TV MiniLab
 - Writing for Film
 - Nick Hopkin Format TV Workshop

Please note: This is an overview of all SAFC funding programs. Please see the website for specific funding rounds.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.safilm.com.au/Content.aspx?p=21>

Contact Details: Program Coordinator

Email: programs@safilm.com.au

Telephone: (08) 8348 9320

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Grant:	Employer of Choice Awards	S02623
Provider:	Department of Economic Development and Tourism (TAS)	
Region:	Tasmania	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	9 September 2011	

Purpose: To celebrate workplaces that adopt modern human resource practices, promote work-life balance and engage their staff in developing employee benefit strategies.

Overview: Employers of choice attract and retain skilled staff because they create a work environment that supports employees to perform at their best.

These organisations:

- create a work culture that encourages new ideas and open communication
- acknowledge and reward employees' contributions and provide regular, constructive feedback
- facilitate opportunities for development, learning and career growth
- value fun, flexibility and fairness
- support work-life balance and social responsibility.

Who can apply: Organisations considering entering the Tasmanian Employer of Choice Awards must:

- employ five or more staff (based on a headcount)
- be based in Tasmania
- have implemented employer of choice initiatives.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: http://www.development.tas.gov.au/workforce/employer_of_choice/employer_of_choice_awards

Appl. Forms: http://www.development.tas.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0017/40724/2011_EoC_Awards_GUIDELINES_and_ENTRY_FORM.pdf

Contact Details: Department of Economic Development and Tourism

Email: businesspoint@development.tas.gov.au

Freecall: 1800 440 026

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Grant:	Springboard Business Acceleration Services	G04397
Provider:	Department of Economic Development and Tourism (TAS)	
Region:	Tasmania	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	Ongoing	

Purpose: To provide a range of business acceleration services and funding options designed to support new and established Tasmanian science and technology businesses.

Overview:

Springboard aims to:

- assist early stage science and technology firms to rapidly reach their full potential;
- improve the rate and success of commercialisation of R&D in Tasmania; and,
- assist in identifying national and international gateways and channels for companies participating in the program.

Depending on the level of services required, successful applicants to the program will have access to:

- shared business services and equipment
- technology and support services
- rental space and flexible leases
- assistance in obtaining the financing necessary for company growth.

Who can apply: As a prerequisite to be eligible for Springboard acceleration, companies must operate in a field which is science and technology related. These include:

- marine and aquaculture technology
- agriculture technology
- science
- biotechnology
- information and communication technology, and
- other smart technology.

How to apply: Mail, Email

Further Information

Website: <http://www.thespringboard.com.au/>

Guidelines: <http://www.thespringboard.com.au/Springboard%20Accelerator%20brochure.pdf>

Contact Details: Dr Larry Podmore
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Grant:	International Program	G02755
Provider:	Arts Victoria	
Region:	Victoria	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	15 September 2011	

Purpose: To support Victorian artists and arts organisations to build their international profile, networks and employment opportunities through export, touring and cultural exchange activity.

Overview: The International program aims to:

- Develop longer term, viable opportunities for professional Victorian artists and arts organisations to present their work internationally.
- Strengthen global networks with artists and creative communities worldwide.
- Contribute to the development of a robust, sustainable and outward focused Victorian arts sector.
- Strengthen Victoria's reputation as major cultural centre in the Asia-Pacific region.

The program has two categories:

1. Cultural Exchange - focuses on building international artistic networks through collaborative and cross-cultural projects and international residencies.
2. Export and Touring - focuses on market development, generating income and employment for artists through offshore activity such as international exhibitions and touring performances.

In addition to the two application-based, competitive funding categories, the International Program supports a range of targeted initiatives that increase export opportunities for Victorian artists and raise the State's profile as an international cultural centre.

Who can apply: The program accepts applications from:

- Individual professional artists.
- Professional arts ensembles and organisations based in Victoria.

Please note: There are a range of activities not funded through the International program. This includes overseas study, training and conference activity. Please refer to the International program guidelines (available in the How to Apply section) under 'What Will Not Be Funded' for further reference.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: http://www.arts.vic.gov.au/content/Public/Funding_Programs/International.aspx

Contact Details: Ms Amanda Browne
Arts Victoria

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Telephone: (0)3 8683 3139

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Grant:	Berngan Business Support Program	S02645
Provider:	Dept of Innovation Industry and Regional Development (VIC)	
Region:	Victoria	
Funding:	Grants of up to \$7,500 are available, to be spent within one year. KBN can meet up to 75 percent of the total program cost.	
Closes:	Ongoing	

Purpose: To help Indigenous-owned businesses across Victoria to plan, manage and achieve growth and profitability.

Overview: Are you an Indigenous business owner who:

- is looking to grow your business?
- wants to develop your technical and business skills?
- would like to access new industry networks and markets?
- wants to take your venture to a new level of professionalism?

KBN's Berngan Business Support Program assists Victorian Indigenous individuals and their businesses to plan, manage and achieve growth and profitability. The Berngan (meaning 'to grow' in the Gunnai/Kurnai language) program helps Indigenous businesses to develop their technical and business skills, access new industry networks and markets, and improve their level of professionalism by engaging qualified service providers.

Assistance will usually be provided for program activities that will give direct support to your business.

This may include:

- the engagement of a professional service provider to develop an individual business plan or marketing plan
- business training and skills development
- business advice and mentoring
- product research and development
- conducting an industry site visit or delegation
- attending an industry conference or trade fair
- promotion and marketing or
- taking out membership in an industry association for a 12 month period

Limitations: While assistance may be available in certain cases, the Program will generally not fund:

- businesses that are conducted by not-for-profit organisations

- businesses that previously failed to complete an acquittal process associated with support received under a Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development (DIIRD) program
- projects commenced before the KBN's approval of the application
- salaries and/or recurrent costs of the business (for example, rental costs, sitting fees, vehicle expenses, or catering expenses)
- any fees associated with establishment costs and payments to regulatory bodies, such as Business Name Registration fees
- other services or activities not specified in the service provider's proposal
- support for activities whereby the service provider would take a direct financial interest in the profits or outcomes of your business, or
- the purchase of property or land, refurbishment and construction, and stock costs

Who can apply: The Berngan Business Support Program is available to Indigenous businesses based in Victoria.

The business must be at least 51% Indigenous owned, and running as a commercial venture.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: http://www.business.vic.gov.au/BUSVIC/STANDARD/PC_63057.html

Contact Details: Koori Business Network , Department of Innovation Industry & Regional Development

Email: kbn@iird.vic.gov.au

Telephone: (03) 9651 9158 / 1300 799 526

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Grant:	Grow Your Business Program	G02622
Provider:	Dept of Innovation Industry and Regional Development (VIC)	
Region:	Victoria	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	Ongoing	

Purpose: To provide advice and support to assist Victorian firms to develop and implement strategies to become internationally competitive.

Overview: The Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development offers a range of planning and management services and advice and support to assist Victorian firms to develop and implement strategies to become internationally competitive.

The Grow Your Business program includes:

- Grow Your Business - Business Development Plan
- Grow Your Business - Business Strategic Review
- Grow Your Business - Group Programs
- Grow Your Business - Networks Program

Nature of Assistance

Eligible businesses can apply for a grant to engage the services of an independent specialist to undertake

- the Business Strategic Review, an analysis of where the company has come from, and/or
- the Business Development Plan, which assists organisations to pinpoint where they want to go and how they are going to get there

Other services facilitated through the Grow Your Business program include:

- Group Programs
- Networks Program
- Supply Chain Management

Who can apply: The principle criteria for assistance are:

- the company is financially viable with a manufacturing or services base in Victoria
- the company has export and/or import replacement potential.

To be eligible for individual funding under the Grow Your Business program, businesses should:

- be based in Victoria, or intend to locate in Victoria
- have management strengths
- be financially viable
- be committed to strategic planning and growth
- have commitment to innovation and/or potential for export/import replacement
- have been trading at least 12 months, or
- be an exceptional new business that has been trading at least six months, and has either a professional business plan or has attended a Going into Business workshop.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: http://www.business.vic.gov.au/BUSVIC.615972924/GAP//PC_GAP_63.html.svgGAP_PC=PC_50732.contextPC=PC_50732.svgapkeep=Y,.CKB

Contact Details: Business Group , Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development
Telephone: 13 22 15

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Grant:	HazWaste Fund	G05078
Provider:	Environment Protection Authority (VIC)	
Region:	Victoria	
Funding:	Funding assessments are based on the financial needs of the project in light of the environmental benefits that will be achieved, and the level of support available from other funding sources. Projects that have part funding from the applicant and/or partners will be viewed favourably.	
Closes:	Ongoing	

Purpose: To support industry to accelerate reductions in the volume and hazard of hazardous waste (or prescribed industrial waste) generated in Victoria.

Overview:

The HazWaste Fund is made possible as a result of the Victorian Government's commitment to invest increased hazardous waste landfill levy revenue in projects to avoid waste or productively use wastes that cannot be avoided.

What are the objectives of the Fund?

- reduce hazardous waste to landfill
- reduce the hazard category of hazardous waste disposed to landfill
- increase remediation of contaminated soil.

The Fund features a two-part application process.

Stage 1 applications must be emailed to business.programs@epa.vic.gov.au. These applications will not be accepted in any other form.

Stage 2 applications - please refer to the guidance document for further details and lodgment of applications in hardcopy to EPA.

If the Stage 1 application is recommended to be explored in further detail, organisations will receive written notification and be requested to complete and submit a Stage 2 application within 6 months from the date of the letter.

Stage 2 of the application process involves preparing a more detailed submission to the Fund. This may, depending on the type of application, require a detailed business case such as:

- market research and analysis
- a marketing plan
- operational and financial plans
- an action plan with targets
- a monitoring framework including KPIs.

Note, all application submissions open at 9 am on the first day and close at 2 pm on the last day EST.

- 06 Jun 11 - 10 Jun 11
- 04 Jul 11 - 08 Jul 11

- 01 Aug 11 - 05 Aug 11
- 29 Aug 11 - 02 Sep 11
- 26 Sep 11 - 30 Sep 11
- 24 Oct 11 - 28 Oct 11
- 28 Nov 11 - 02 Dec 11

Who can apply:

The Fund is open to a wide range of incorporated, or otherwise legally constituted applicants. Primary targets for the fund include organisations that undertake the following operations;

- generate and dispose solid hazardous waste to landfill
- generate and dispose solid or liquid hazardous waste to a treatment company
- treat, recycle, remediate or reuse hazardous wastes
- own or develop land that is partially or fully contaminated

Other organisations that may be eligible for HazWaste Fund support include:

- consultants
- research organisations
- other funding agencies
- hazardous waste landfill owners and operators.

How to apply: Email

Further Information

Website: http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/projects/PIW_Reduction/hazwaste.asp#thefund

Appl. Forms: http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/projects/PIW_Reduction/docs/HazWaste-stage1-application-form.doc

Contact Details: Environment Protection Authority (VIC)

Email: business.programs@epa.vic.gov.au

Telephone: (03) 9695 2722

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Grant:	ICT Trade Events and Exports Assistance Program	G03939
Provider:	Multimedia Victoria	
Region:	Victoria	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	Ongoing	

Purpose: To assist export-ready Victorian information and communications technology (ICT) companies to attend recognised overseas trade fairs and missions.

Overview: By participating in trade fairs you can:

- put yourself on the world map; enter international markets; attract and boost export sales
- benchmark products against the world's best; display and market new products
- form joint ventures; appoint distributors and dealers; conclude license agreements
- gain new product development ideas; meet and learn from top decision makers

Type of Grant Networker

A networker is a person, representing an eligible ICT company attending an international ICT expo, or MMV led business mission. This grant is a contribution towards airfares, accommodation and costs of trade fair entry.

Grant Amount (excl. GST): Recovery of expenses up to \$2,500 max

Exhibitor in a shared stand

An eligible company that has the opportunity to share an exhibition stand with a multinational company, an industry association, an educational institution or an Australian government agency.

Grant Amount (excl. GST): 50% recovery of expenses up to \$4,000 max

Sole Exhibitor

A sole exhibitor is an eligible ICT company exhibiting at an international expo in a non-shared stand. The grant is a contribution towards exhibition stand costs only.

Grant Amount (excl. GST): 50% recovery of expenses up to \$8,000 (Approved Export Plan required)

Group Exhibitor A group exhibitor is the representative entity of a cluster of ICT companies attending an international expo. The grant is a contribution towards exhibition stand costs only.

Grant Amount (excl. GST): 50% recovery of expenses up to \$10,000 (Approved Export Plan required)

First-Time Sole Exhibitor

A first-time exhibitor is an eligible ICT company that has never before accessed the program and provides an additional incentive to exhibit and assistance to develop promotional materials. The grant is a contribution towards exhibition stand costs and the cost of promotional materials. This grant can only be accessed once.

Grant Amount (excl. GST): 50% recovery of expenses up to \$10,000 (Approved Export Plan required)

Applications should be lodged at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO PROGRAM: All applicants are now required to submit an approved project plan or export plan and samples of promotional materials to be distributed at the trade show you are attending. This requirement is immediate and applies to both networkers and exhibitors.

Who can apply: It is likely that you will be eligible if you are an export-ready business that is:

- a commercial Victorian company with less than 200 employees
- working primarily in the ICT sector, including telecommunications, interactive applications, creative content and specialist manufacturing
- based and headquartered in Victoria
- not a subsidiary of a foreign company
- producing products and services in Victoria, that have an Australian content of at least 50% of the total sales value and will be exported from Victoria
- able to submit an approved export plan or project plan if applicable
- attending a trade event that has an expo component.

How to apply: Mail, Fax Online

Further Information

Website: <http://www.mmv.vic.gov.au/TradeEventsandExportsProgram>

Appl. Forms: <http://www.mmv.vic.gov.au/FinancialGrantApplicationForm>

Contact Details: Multimedia Victoria

Email: tradefairs@mmv.vic.gov.au

Telephone: (03) 9655 1056

Fax: (03) 9655 1062

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Grant:	Developing Stronger Regions Program	G05640
Provider:	Regional Development Victoria	
Region:	Victoria	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	Ongoing	

Purpose: To drive growth and prosperity in regional Victoria.

Overview: The RGF contributes to a thriving regional economy and improves quality of life for regional Victorians through four strategic objectives:

- strengthening the economic base of regional Victoria
- facilitating the creation of jobs and improvement of career options for regional Victorians
- supporting the resilience and sustainability of communities in regional Victoria
- increasing the capacity of regional communities to drive development in their region.

The RGF was established by the Regional Growth Fund Act 2011 (the Act) as a Trust Fund in the Public Account. The Act describes the activities for which the Fund is to be applied as:

- providing for better infrastructure, facilities and services in regional Victoria
- strengthening the economic, social and environmental base of communities in regional Victoria
- facilitating the creation of jobs and the improvement of career opportunities in regional Victoria
- supporting the planning for and the development of projects in regional Victoria.

Regional Development Victoria (RDV) will administer the RGF.

Limitations: Individuals are not eligible to apply.

Who can apply: Applications for the benefit of regional Victoria (defined at section 2.4) will be considered from:

- local government authorities
- government agencies
- not for profit organisations that:
 - are an incorporated body, cooperative or association (including business associations) and
 - have an Australian Business Number (ABN) or can provide written advice from the ATO that no withholding tax is required from the grant payment
- private sector businesses and agencies
- educational institutions
- regional organisations.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/business-and-industry-programs/developing-stronger-regions>

Guidelines: http://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0004/344443/RGF_APPGUIDES_DSRP_D4.pdf

Contact Details:

Email: infrastructure@rdv.vic.gov.au

Telephone: (03) 9651 9351

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Grant:	Economic Infrastructure Program	G05641
Provider:	Regional Development Victoria	
Region:	Victoria	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	Ongoing	

Purpose: Aims to improve the productive potential of regional Victoria by strengthening regional industries, supporting and growing local economies, and providing opportunities for regional Victoria through investment in enabling strategic infrastructure

Overview: The Economic Infrastructure Program will provide support for strategic infrastructure projects through the following four sub-programs:

- Growing and Sustaining Regional Industries and Jobs
- Transforming and Transitioning Local Economies
- Building Strategic Tourism and Cultural Assets, and
- Energy for the Regions.

Limitations: The following activities would generally not be considered for funding:

- infrastructure to meet regulatory and/or legislative requirements
- request for retrospective funding, where projects have been completed or have commenced construction prior to receiving funding approval
- feasibility studies, business plans, cost benefit analyses and economic impact studies (refer to the Developing Stronger Regions program for these types of projects)
- ongoing operating costs or salary subsidies
- projects undertaken by the private sector as a result of government contractual arrangements
- projects requiring full funding where funding is normally provided from state, federal and/or local government sources, and
- projects requiring ongoing funding from State Government once completed.

Who can apply: Applications for the benefit of regional Victoria (defined at section 2.5) will be considered from:

- local government authorities
- government agencies
- not for profit organisations that:
 - are an incorporated body, cooperative or association (including business associations), and
 - have an Australian Business Number (ABN) or can provide written advice from the Australian Tax Office that no withholding tax is required from the grant payment
- private sector businesses and agencies
- educational institutions, and
- regional organisations.

How to apply: Mail, Email

Further Information

Website: <http://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/infrastructure-programs/economic-infrastructure-program>

Guidelines: http://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0007/344446/RGF_APPGUIDES_EIP_D4.pdf

Contact Details:

Email: infrastructure@rdv.vic.gov.au

Telephone: (03) 9651 9351

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Grant: Regional Growth Fund - Growing Regional Victoria **G05637**

Provider: Regional Development Victoria

Region: Victoria

Funding: \$1 billion over 8 years

Closes: Ongoing

Purpose: The Regional Growth Fund will support major strategic infrastructure and community-led local initiatives that improve both the competitiveness and livability of regional and rural Victoria, creating more jobs and better career opportunities.

Overview: The Regional Growth Fund (RGF) has been developed in the context of rapid change throughout regional and rural Victoria. The framework for the RGF is based on two long-term goals:

- developing a prosperous and thriving regional Victoria with more opportunities for regional Victorians; and
- improving the quality of life for regional Victorians.

The Regional Growth Fund has two main components:

- The Strategic Initiatives component of the RGF supports major projects of regional and state-wide significance which will strengthen the economic base of communities and generate opportunities for new jobs.
- The Local Initiatives component funds local projects and plans, as prioritised by regional and rural communities and local councils with the assistance and support of the five non-metropolitan Victorian Regional Development Australia Committees.

The Government's commitment

The RGF is the Victorian Coalition Government's \$1 billion commitment over eight years to drive regional development across the state. It will support regional cities and country communities to create new prosperity, more opportunities and a better quality of life.

The RGF will:

- Provide better infrastructure, facilities and services;
- strengthen the economic, social and environmental base of communities;
- create new jobs and improve career opportunities;
- support the planning and development of projects; and
- leverage increased investment.

The RGF seeks to strengthen the capacity of regional and rural Victoria to develop within the environment of growth and change. It aims to ensure a competitive environment in which regional businesses can operate successfully; and to strengthen the resilience of regional industry in the face of social and environmental change.

It incorporates a grass roots approach to identifying and developing community-led projects, while ensuring that wherever country Victorians live they have access to opportunities, quality infrastructure and services.

Who can apply: Local Government

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/regional-growth-fund>

Guidelines: http://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0017/344600/RGF-6295_12pp-BOOKLET_web.pdf

Contact Details:

Email: rdv@rdv.vic.gov.au

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Grant:	Victoria Business Flood Recovery	G05646
Provider:	Regional Development Victoria	
Region:	Victoria	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	31 August 2011	

Purpose: Aims to restore and improve the capacity of areas of regional Victoria affected by the 2011 floods and enhance their economic development by encouraging private sector investment and job creation.

Overview: Through the VBFRF, Regional Development Victoria (RDV) is working in flood-affected areas to create sustainable new jobs, new or additional business capacity that enhances employment, business and economic opportunities with a focus on tourism, agriculture, food, forestry, energy and other sectors consistent with local and state government objectives.

The Fund aims to restore and improve the capacity of areas of regional Victoria affected by these floods, and enhance economic development through encouraging private sector investment and job creation in those areas.

The Fund will operate over a two year period during which two competitive funding rounds will be held. The first round will close on 31 August 2011.

Applications may be considered outside of these funding rounds where a compelling case exists. The minimum grant available is \$50,000 and the maximum amount is \$2 million.

Contact the local Regional Development Victoria office for further details

Who can apply: The VBFRF is available to those ABN registered businesses/commercial enterprises within flood affected areas of Regional Victoria that:

- Are legal entities; and,
- Can demonstrate the commitment of funding, exclusive of in-kind contribution, to the investment proposal which does not include other government funding and which at least matches the funding which is being sought from the Fund.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/business-and-industry-programs/business-flood-recovery>

Contact Details:

Telephone: 1300 366 356

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Grant:	ResourceSmart Business Program	G04178
Provider:	Sustainability Victoria	
Region:	Victoria	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	Ongoing	

Purpose: To help businesses across Victoria manage the risks and opportunities presented by climate change.

Overview: The program helps businesses to:

- understand the impacts of a carbon-constrained economy.
- apply simple and smart solutions to manage their carbon footprint.
- connect with like-minded businesses, suppliers and government agencies.
- identify opportunities to innovate.

Addressing issues of climate change can enhance the commercial performance of industrial processes, including:

- reduced energy costs.
- productivity and performance gains.
- security of supply through cogeneration.
- reduced exposure to energy price movement.
- improved control over production, processes and systems.
- reduced environmental footprint.

- enhanced brand image and reputation.

Who can apply: To become a member of the ResourceSmart Business Program, the following criteria apply.

- You are a business looking to invest in a new or innovative process or technology, or you are a membership organisation and are ready to assist member businesses in your industry address climate change issues.
- You are prepared to work in a collaborative partnership with Sustainability Victoria to deliver tangible resource savings and reduce your industry's impact on climate change.
- You participate in or represent members of a resource intensive Victorian business. Preference will be given to:
 - basic chemicals
 - iron, steel and non-ferrous metals
 - fabricated metal products
 - pulp, paper and paperboard
 - motor vehicles
 - food and beverage
 - concrete, cement and plasterboard.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: http://www.resourcesmart.vic.gov.au/for_businesses/energy_2101.html

Contact Details: Sustainability Victoria

Email: info@sustainability.vic.gov.au

Telephone: 1300 363 744

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Grant:	Country Victoria Events Program	G01191
Provider:	Tourism Victoria	
Region:	Victoria	
Funding:	Max: \$10,000 Total Pool: \$150,000	
Closes:	1 October 2011	

Purpose: To provide resources and advice to assist in the facilitation and enhancement of regional events.

Overview: Up to \$150,000 per year (over two funding rounds) is allocated to the Country Victoria Events Program. The program focuses on events that are able to attract, or are likely to attract in the future, a number of intrastate and interstate visitors. For each single allocation, up to \$10,000 (excluding GST) may be provided.

How to apply: Mail, Email

Further Information

Website: <http://www.tourism.vic.gov.au/marketing/marketing/events-marketing/>

Contact Details: Tourism Victoria

Email: brendan.downey@tourism.vic.gov.au

Telephone: (03) 9653 9883

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Grant:	Skills for Growth	S02657
Provider:	Victorian Government	
Region:	Victoria	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	Ongoing	

Purpose: To help Victorian small to medium sized businesses, including those in the community sector, with workforce skills development.

Overview: The Program provides you with your choice of an independent specialist to work with you and your staff, at no cost, to review staff skills, plan for your business future and identify training opportunities for your employees.

By taking part in the Program your business will:

- identify its strategic priorities and direction
- assess the current workforce skill and training needs of your employees
- provide a clear and tailored training plan for your staff
- place employees in training (which may be subsidised by the Government)

The program works as follows:

- if you meet the eligibility criteria, you will need to submit an online registration form
- once registered you will be assigned a Specialist who will contact you to arrange an onsite visit
- the Specialist will identify the strategic direction of your organisation and assess the training and skill needs for your employees
- the Specialist will complete a Workforce Training Plan and Action Plan to identify business and individual skill needs. Training solutions are documented including referrals to relevant training programs and learning opportunities
- service Providers and Specialists will facilitate the placement of staff into accredited training

Who can apply: You will need to meet the following criteria in order to be eligible:

- employ between one and 199 employees
- your business will need to be Victorian-based
- you will need to have been in operation for at least 12 months
- you will need to be financially viable (a business that has an effective trading history and one that anticipates being able to meet its debts as and when they fall due)

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: http://www.business.vic.gov.au/BUSVIC/LANDING/PC_62573.html

Appl. Forms: <https://services.business.vic.gov.au/vbmk/foaqualifier.do>

Contact Details: Victorian Government

Telephone: 13 22 15

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Grant:	Prevention Fund	G05382
Provider:	WorkSafe Victoria	
Region:	Victoria	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	Ongoing	

Purpose: To support initiatives that create workplace change or provide information and education to improve workplace health and safety, or reduce knowledge gaps.

Overview: Priority areas:

WorkSafe reviews all applications for funding, but the priority is to fund projects that address significant risk areas such as preventing injuries and fatalities in specific industries.

WorkSafe determines available funding during the annual business planning cycle and therefore funding is limited on a financial year basis.

The Health and Safety Grants Manager will provide advice about whether your proposal is likely to meet the WorkSafe Prevention Fund requirements and ensure that your proposal does not duplicate existing or planned work.

Who can apply: Worker and employer organisations will be invited to participate in collaborative projects supported through the WorkSafe Prevention Fund.

How to apply: Prior to making a submission please contact the Health and Safety Grants Manager at to discuss your proposal and obtain a WorkSafe Prevention Fund application form.

Further Information

Website: http://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/wsinternet/WorkSafe/Home/Safety+and+Prevention/Make+Your+Workplace+Safer/Prevention+Fund/D_Prevention+Fund

Guidelines: http://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/49aa49004071e37ca29dfee1fb554c40/Prevention_fund_application_guidelines.doc?MOD=AJPERES&CACHEID=49aa49004071e37ca29dfee1fb554c40

Contact Details: Prevention Fund Manager

Workplace Support & Education WorkSafe , WorkSafe Victoria

Email: prevention_fund@worksafe.vic.gov.au

Telephone: (03) 9641 1682

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Grant:	WorkSafe Victoria Awards	G05383
Provider:	WorkSafe Victoria	
Region:	Victoria	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	Ongoing	

Purpose: To demonstrate to the community that new and effective workplace safety solutions and innovations can be simple, practical and cost effective. To recognise health and safety representatives (HSRs) and health and safety committees' (HSCs) outstanding commitment to workplace safety.

Overview: Categories:

- Health and Safety - Your entry is focused on improving health and safety in the workplace
 - Best health and safety initiative in a small business (20 Employees or less)
 - Best Solution to a workplace health and safety issue
 - Best Health and safety committee
 - Best Health and safety representative
 - Best OHS Management System
- Return to Work - Your entry is focused on improving return to work (i.e. nominating a Return to Work coordinator etc)
 - Employer Excellence
 - Occupational Rehabilitation Provider Achievement
 - Treating Health Practitioner Achievement
 - Return to Work Coordinator Excellence
 - Worker Return to Work Achievement
- Health and Wellbeing - Your entry is focused on health and wellbeing (i.e. introducing fitness squads into the workplace, completing WorkHealth checks etc)
 - Commitment to Workplace Health and Wellbeing
- Industry classifications:
 - Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting
 - Mining - Metallic Minerals, Coal, Oil and Gas, Construction Materials
 - Manufacturing (e.g Food, Beverages, Textiles, Clothing and Footwear, Wood, Wood Products and Furniture, Paper, Paper Products, Printing and Publishing, Chemical, Petroleum and Coal Products).
 - Electricity, Gas and Water - Electricity and Gas, Water, Sewerage and Drainage.
 - Construction - General Construction (incl Project Management), Special Trade Construction
 - Trade - (Retail Trade)
 - Transport and Storage (Road, Rail, Water, Air Transport and Storage)
 - Communication - Communication
 - Finance, Property & Business Services
 - Public Administration
 - Community Services (Health, Education, Welfare and Community Services)
 - Recreation, Personal & Other Services - Entertainment, Recreation, Restaurants, Hotels and Clubs, Personal Services

Who can apply: Entry is open to all Victorian residents or businesses whose primary place of business is in Victoria.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.awardsoffice.com/worksafe100/>

Contact Details: Awards Coordinator
WorkSafe Victoria

Email: awards@worksafe.vic.gov.au

Telephone: (03) 8663 5033

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Grant:	Multi-purpose taxi (MPT) Incentives and Subsidies	G04398
Provider:	Department of Transport (WA)	
Region:	Western Australia	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	Ongoing	

Purpose: To provide people with incentives and subsidies to encourage driving Multi-Purpose Taxis which provide an invaluable service for people with disabilities.

Overview: A multi-purpose taxi (MPT) provides a taxi service for people who travel in wheelchairs or scooters. The MPT fleet is currently coordinated by both Black and White and Swan Taxis who have a contract with the Department for Planning and Infrastructure to manage the service. The MPT service welcomes people who:

- like working with people;
- have patience and understanding;
- have good communication skills; and
- believe in a high level of customer service.

Working in this part of the taxi industry is interesting and it offers a range of rewarding opportunities. It does, however, require drivers to be committed to providing good customer service for its passengers - people with disabilities.

The Department offers a range of incentives to help get new multi-purpose taxis on the road including:

- A \$15,000 vehicle modification grant to help meet the cost of modifying a vehicle so that it is wheelchair accessible.
- Half-price MPT plate lease fees for 6 months for new entrants (worth \$1,300 per lease).

Plus, the following lifting-fee subsidies (payable by the Department as of April 07) in addition to the metered fare for every wheelchair job undertaken through the Taxi User Subsidy Scheme:

- \$10 when allocated through a taxi dispatch service; or,
- \$7 when booked through private arrangements.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.dpi.wa.gov.au/taxis/15179.asp>

Contact Details: Department for Planning and Infrastructure

Telephone: (08) 9216 8000

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Grant:	Count Me In Awards	S04725
Provider:	Disability Services Commission (WA)	
Region:	Western Australia	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	30 September 2011	

Purpose: To recognise and acknowledge efforts to create a more equitable and welcoming community for people with disability.

Overview: Award categories

- **Count Me In Award for an Individual:** This Award recognises people with or without disability working in a voluntary capacity to improve access and inclusion for people with disability within the wider West Australian community.
- **Barry MacKinnon Award for Employment:** This Award is presented to a business that has created a welcoming and inclusive workplace for an employee/s with disability.
- **Count Me In Award for Customer Service:** This Award acknowledges initiatives by private sector organisations which enhance customer service and promote inclusivity of people of all abilities.
- **Count Me In Award for Education and Training:** This Award recognises the important role lifelong learning plays in encouraging more inclusive communities. To reflect this, the Award is split into two categories:
 - Award for primary and secondary schools-open to all West Australian primary and secondary schools that have improved access and inclusion for students, staff and family members with disability.

- Award for post school/tertiary education and training-open to all West Australian post school education and training providers which have improved access and inclusion for students, staff and family members with disability.
- **Count Me In Award for Local Government:** This Award acknowledges best practice access and inclusion initiatives by local government authorities in West Australia.
- **Count Me In Award for State Government:** This Award acknowledges best practice access and inclusion initiatives by state government agencies in West Australia.
- **Disability Future Directions: Liveable Homes Award:** This Award recognises outstanding, sustainable long term initiatives that ensure the inclusion of people with disability in the West Australian community. This year the award will recognise developers, builders, architects, planners and others with projects and initiatives that help create liveable homes for the future. Liveable homes are easy to move around in and easy to use. They are open-plan and designed to maximise space to ensure that people of all ages and abilities can live or visit in comfort.
- **Dr Louisa Alessandri Award for Excellence** All category winners are considered for the Dr Louisa Alessandri Award for Excellence.

This award is presented to the most outstanding category winner of the seven Count Me In Award categories.

This prestigious award honours the late Dr Louisa Alessandri (1963 - 1997), a renowned child advocate, Disability Services Commission Board member and former Chair of the Ministerial Advisory Council for Disability Services.

As a woman with personal experience of disability, Dr Alessandri was a staunch advocate for the rights of people with disability and was at the forefront of significant change to improve access and inclusion throughout Western Australia.

How to apply: Mail, Email

Further Information

Website: <http://www.disability.wa.gov.au/countmeinawards.html>

Guidelines: http://www.disability.wa.gov.au/dscwr/assets/main/form/documents/pdf/applicationform_draft_mj_v1.pdf

Contact Details: Robyn Ambrosius
Disability Services Commission (WA)

Email: cmiawards@dsc.wa.gov.au

Freecall: 1800 998 214

Telephone: (08) 9426 9263

TTY: (08) 9426 9315

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Grant:	Litter Prevention Grants	G04564
Provider:	Keep Australia Beautiful WA	
Region:	Western Australia	
Funding:	Max: \$10,000 Min: \$5,000	
Closes:	7 October 2011	

Purpose: To provide financial support and guidance to individuals, communities and organisations for the implementation of projects which make lasting changes to reduce litter and change littering behaviour.

Overview: The grant program encourages integrated litter prevention incorporating education, infrastructure and enforcement as key elements and which are consistent with the Keep Australia Beautiful Council's Litter Prevention Strategy for Western Australia.

KABC will provide grants up to \$10,000 for:

- regional projects
- major initiatives

And up to \$5,000 for:

- single municipal projects or local area projects.

Financial and/or in-kind contributions from project partners is expected.

Priorities: KABC Funding Priorities

- Projects which make lasting changes to reduce litter and change litter behaviour

- Projects which include the following sites: sporting and recreation venues, shopping and commercial precincts, roadsides and waterways
- Projects which address specific issues such as: illegal dumping and cigarette butts and beverage containers
- Trial projects which will develop a model for future litter projects.

Limitations: Funding will not be provided for projects which:

- Only address infrastructure (i.e. only the purchasing of bins).
- Only comprise litter clean ups.
- Include travel interstate or overseas.
- Include payment of wages.
- Request retrospective payments for projects that have already begun.

Who can apply:

- Local governments authorities
- Small to medium enterprises
- Local associations
- Community groups.

All eligible applications must:

- Demonstrate engagement of key stakeholders in the planning and delivery of the program
- Demonstrate initial research and be based on best available practice through an integrated approach
- Be consistent with the KABC's Litter Prevention Strategy for Western Australia
- Undertake evaluation of the project outcomes and including litter reduction and changes in littering behaviour
- Contribute resources towards their project, either financial or in-kind
- Have the potential to be a model for other initiatives

* Be completed and reported on by December 2011.

How to apply: Mail, Email

Further Information

Website: <http://www.kabc.wa.gov.au/programs/litter-prevention-grants/index.html>

Contact Details: Keep Australia Beautiful WA

Email: kabc@dec.wa.gov.au

Telephone: (08) 6467 5547

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Grant:	ScreenWest Funding - Overview	G01045
Provider:	ScreenWest	
Region:	Western Australia	
Funding:	Various	
Closes:	Ongoing	

Purpose: To support Western Australian film and television development.

Overview:

Please note: This is an overview of all ScreenWest funding programs. Please visit the website for further details regarding funding rounds and amounts.

ScreenWest's funding and support programs are designed to:

- Foster the development and production of quality, marketable film and television projects;
- Expand the creative and professional development of Western Australia's film and television program makers; and
- Promote Western Australian screen culture.

Funding Programs

Production:

- General Production Fund
- West Coast Visions
- Production Attraction Fund
- iArts 2 (There is no upcoming round at this time)
- Matched Primetime Television Production Fund
- ABC ScreenWest Factual Entertainment Initiative

Development:

- Matched Development Investment Fund
- Feature Navigator Development Program (
- Tele-Navigator Development Program
- Documentary and TV Development
- Feature Film Development
- Emergency Development
- Bill Warnock Award for Emerging Screen Writers
- Location Scouting Assistance
- West Coast Kids
- MDA-ScreenWest Cross-Media Development Initiative

Production Company and Support

- Travel Assistance - Established Production Companies
- Travel Assistance - Markets and Conferences
- Skills Development - Professional Attachments
- Skills Development - Professional Placements
- Skills Development - Mentorships
- Courses Fund
- Business Development Fund
- WA Crew Employment Incentive Fund

Indigenous

- Indigenous Community Stories
- Indigenous Project and Practitioner Development
- INDEX
- Deadly Yarns
- Indigenous Low Budget Television Fund

Industry Engagement

- Audience and Industry Engagement Program
- Short Film and Self Funded Low Budget Feature Marketing
- Professional Industry Activities
- Digital Breakout - Development Fund
- Digital Breakout - Production Fund
- Digital Scoping (Development) Fund
- Digital Production - First In Fund
- ScreenWest/SBS Digital Factual Initiative
- X|Media|Lab Perth Development Award

Priorities: As part of ScreenWest's Strategic Plan 2006-2011, the following funding areas were identified as key priorities (It is assumed that animation is included in each of these areas);

- Drama production
- Indigenous production
- Factual production, especially documentaries
- Innovative digital production

Limitations: Direct funding through ScreenWest will usually not be considered for the following:

- Activities which are associated with a course of study or which take place predominantly in an educational institution;

- Purchase of equipment or capital works;
- Productions primarily intended for corporate, educational, training or promotional purposes;
- Productions for non-commercial outlets, or which do not have national and/or international market attachments;
- Television programming (other than drama or documentary) such as commercials, infotainment, current affairs, light entertainment and general children's programming;
- "Domestic door" documentaries intended to be funded entirely by the FFC and national broadcasters (unless the total budget exceeds \$332,000 per hour);
- Publication costs of film journals, books or magazines.

Who can apply: Applicants must be 18 years and over and a Western Australian resident.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.screenwest.com.au/go/funding/funding-programs>

Contact Details: ScreenWest

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Telephone: (08) 9224 7340

Fax: (08) 9224 7341

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Part 6 – Grant Tracker: Don't forget these Grants Still Open

Name Of Grant	Closing Date	
All States and Territories Grants		
Grower Group Innovation Projects	2 September 2011	Click For Details
SRDC Postgraduate Scholarship	2 September 2011	Click For Details
National Multicultural Marketing Award	31 August 2011	Click For Details
Building Awards	31 August 2011	Click For Details
The General Sir John Monash Awards	31 August 2011	Click For Details
Project Grants	31 August 2011	Click For Details
2011 Australia and New Zealand Internet Awards	31 August 2011	Click For Details
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Research Projects	19 August 2011	Click For Details
Irrigation Modernisation Planning Assistance	Ongoing	Click For Details
Space Concession	Ongoing	Click For Details
Anti-Dumping Program	Ongoing	Click For Details
Black Spot Program	Ongoing	Click For Details
Innovations Funding	Ongoing	Click For Details
CDEP Work Experience Subsidy (CWES)	Ongoing	Click For Details
Enhanced Project By-Laws Scheme (EPBS)	Ongoing	Click For Details
Employer Support Payments Overview	Ongoing	Click For Details
New Enterprise Incentive Scheme (NEIS)	Ongoing	Click For Details
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Early Stage Venture Capital Limited Partnership (ESVCLP)	Ongoing	Click For Details
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Queensland Grants		
Public Grants Scheme	19 August 2011	Click For Details
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Australian Export Awards (TAS)	25 August 2011	Click For Details
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