



Grants and Programs to Assist Businesses

From the State and Commonwealth Governments

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This directory provides information on what grants and other assistance are available for starting and expanding your business, research and development, innovation and exporting, as well as links to relevant websites. This does not represent the totality of available grants. RDA Sydney cannot guarantee the accuracy and currency of every grant. Therefore, users should check information on websites and seek advice from funding bodies before applying. Last updated September 2010.

NAME OF GRANT	PURPOSE	FUNDING BODY
Tailored Advisory Service Grant (TAS)	<p>The TAS grant gives a chance to engage a consultant to make improvements. Eligible firms that have completed an approved <i>Enterprise Connect Business Review</i> can apply. These grants will reimburse firms up to half the cost -up to \$20,000 to engage a consultant to implement improvements recommended in the business review. The types of improvements eligible for funding may include, but are not limited to: supply chain management, business and quality management systems, lean manufacturing, strategic and business planning, resource management, waste and resource management, people and change management, new products or service development, diversification and economies of scope, market access and development and export strategy.</p> <p>www.enterpriseconnect.gov.au</p>	Enterprise Connect
Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Capability Program	<p>To build innovative capacity at the enterprise and workplace levels in the textile, clothing and footwear industries.</p> <p>www.ausindustry.gov.au</p>	AusIndustry
TechFast	<p>Assists small businesses nationally, across all industry sectors to remain competitive by obtaining “that market edge”. It does this by identifying and linking clients with the right people and organizations to solve product, processes or service issues and identify and access technical capability.</p> <p><u>Value to business:</u> it assists in areas that require external capability. It provides practical hands-on support to grow and expand businesses networks, and provides introductions to potential partners of interest, access to additional innovation and commercial expertise, access to new sources of ideas and thinking as well as assistance with independent facilitation of new commercial negotiation and partnership agreements.</p> <p>www.ausicom.com/techfast.php Tel: 1300 364 739.</p>	Australian Institute of Commercialisation
Business Ready Program for Indigenous Tourism (BRPIT)	<p>The Business Ready Program is aimed at increasing Indigenous participation in the tourism industry through supply side capacity building measures. \$3.8 million for a four years program. www.ausindustry.gov.au</p>	AusIndustry
Certain Inputs to Manufacture Program	<p>It aims to improve the competitiveness of Australian industry by providing import duty concessions on certain imported raw materials and intermediate goods such as chemical, plastics or paper goods. In addition, it covers metal materials and goods which are used for the packaging of food.</p> <p>Applications for the concession are primarily assessed on the basis on an independent technical assessment which demonstrates that the imported goods are substantially and demonstrably superior in certain respects to comparable goods produced in Australia for specific end products. Applications should also provide advice from the Industry Capability Network which identified at least</p>	AusIndustry

	one Australian manufacturer of comparable goods. www.ausindustry.gov.au	
Re-Tooling for Climate Change	It is one of the three elements of the \$240 million package. It will help small and medium sized Australian manufacturers reduce their environmental footprint, through projects that improve the energy and or water efficiency of their production processes. The program provides grants of between \$10,000 and \$500,000 up to a maximum of half of the cost of each project. www.ausindustry.gov.au	AusIndustry
Research and Development Tax Concession	This is a broad-based, market driven tax concession, which allows companies to claim a tax deduction of up to 125 per cent of expenditure incurred on research and development activities. www.ausindustry.gov.au	AusIndustry
LPG Vehicle Scheme	It offers rebates to vehicle owners who convert their vehicles from petrol or diesel to LPG. www.ausindustry.gov.au	AusIndustry
Bio Business	Proof of Concept: Helps companies demonstrate the commercial feasibility of their research. This early stage support has reduced the technical and commercial risk of bringing the product or technology to market. This is to stimulate innovation and drive productivity in the life science industry. www.ausindustry.gov.au	AusIndustry
Commercialisation Australia (CA) It will begin operating early in 2010 and will provide multi-tiered assistance to talented researchers, entrepreneurs and innovative firms to take their ideas to market	As announced in the 2009-10 budget the Australian Government is establishing Commercialisation Australia (formerly known as the Commonwealth Commercialisation Institute) to provide a radical new approach to commercializing promising Australian research and ideas. It will give successful applicants access to: specialised advice and services to build the skills, knowledge and linkages necessary to successfully commercialise their ideas. Funding of up to \$250,000 is available for proof of concept activities and funding up to \$2 million for early stage commercialization activities. Successful applicants will be assigned a case manager for the duration of their involvement with Commercialisation Australia. The case manager positions will be located across Australia including major metropolitan centres and key regional locations. They will partner with CA participants for the duration of the participants' involvement with the program and guide them through the commercialization process. The key roles of case managers are to assist: CA participants to identify the skills and knowledge they need to commercialise their ideas, help them access specialist advice and services, link them to volunteer mentors, and monitor the progress of participants in the program. www.commercialisationaustralia.gov.au	Australian Government

Enhanced Project by-law Scheme	<p>Provides tariff duty concessions on eligible capital goods for major investment projects in the mining, resource processing, food processing, food packaging, manufacturing agriculture and gas supply industry sectors. The scheme incorporates an Australian industry participation plan to encourage the use of Australian industry in projects and global supply chains.</p> <p>www.commercialisationaustralia.gov.au</p>	AusIndustry
Early Stage Venture Capital Limited Partnership (ESVCLP)	<p>Fund managers seeking to raise a new venture capital fund of at least \$10 million and not more than \$100 million for investing in Australian businesses may be eligible for ESVCLP registration. Registration entitles a fund to flow through tax treatment and its investors receive a complete tax exemption on their share of the fund's income. Businesses with assets of less than \$50 million may be able to access capital from funds registered under this program, if their primary activity is not finance or property development. www.ausindustry.gov.au</p>	AusIndustry
Ethanol Production Grants (EPG)	<p>To encourage the use of bio-fuels in transport. The program commenced on 18/09/02 and is available to ethanol producers until June 2011. AusIndustry has been delivering the EPG program since 2004. Grants are paid to ethanol producers at a rate of 38,143 cents per liter. To claim the grant, ethanol must be produced entirely in Australia by the grant recipient from bio-mass feedstock, which is to be used in, or as a transport fuel in Australia. To enable payment of the production grant, the ethanol producer must first enter into a contract with the Australian government.</p> <p>www.ausindustry.gov.au</p>	AusIndustry
Green Car Innovation Fund (GCIF)	<p>\$1.3b GCIF will provide assistance over ten years, commencing 2009-10, to Australian companies for projects that enhance the research and development and commercialization of Australian technologies, that significantly reduce fuel consumption and or greenhouse gas emissions, of passenger motor vehicles. Grants are provided at a ratio of \$1 of government funding for every \$3 of eligible expenditure, contributed by the grantee.</p> <p>www.ausindustry.gov.au</p>	AusIndustry
Small Business Support Line	<p>Complementing existing services to small businesses, the Small Business Support Line has been established in response to the global recession. They provide an initial point of contact to access information and referral services that assist small businesses within the following services: finance and cash flow managements, marketing and promotion, including research and statistics, business planning and diagnostic services, legal, accounting and taxation services, personal stress and hardship counselling, registration and licenses, E-Business and online assistance, OH&S and government initiatives,</p>	AusIndustry

	grants and assistance, recruitment, home-based businesses, import, export, tenders and contracts, intellectual property, franchising, insurances, retail leasing guidance, government regulation and HR management. www.ausindustry.gov.au	
Clothing and Household Textile Building Innovative Capability Scheme	Aims to foster the development of a sustainable and internationally competitive textile clothing and footwear manufacturing and household textile manufacturing and design industry in Australia by providing incentives which will promote investment and innovation. The Scheme provides incentives to promote innovation and associated investment. Tel: 132846. Applications close 30/6/2015 www.ausindustry.gov.au	AusIndustry
Tradex Scheme	It allows an importer to gain an up-front exemption from customs duty and GST on eligible imported goods that are intended for export. The goods may be exported in the same condition as imported, subjected to a process of treatment after importation, then exported or incorporated in other goods which are exported. Export may be carried out by the importer or a third party. Tradex provides an alternative to the Customs Drawback Scheme which requires an up-front payment of customs duty and GST and then the subsequent recovery of these taxes when the goods have been exported. The Tradex Scheme can, therefore, provide a significant cash flow benefit. The goods must be exported within 12 months of importation, although approval can be sought to extend this period. www.ausindustry.gov.au	AusIndustry
Venture Capital Ltd Partnerships (VCLP)	Fund managers seeking to raise a new venture capital fund of at least \$10 million for investing in businesses with assets of up to \$250 million may be eligible for VCLP registration. Registration entitles a fund to flow through tax treatment. Further, eligible foreign limited partners receive a capital gains tax exemption for gains made on eligible investments. Australian businesses with assets of less than \$250 million may be eligible to access capital funds registered under this program, if their primary activity is not finance or property development. www.ausindustry.gov.au	AusIndustry
Small Business Advisory Services (SBAS)	The Australian Government is providing funding to deliver low cost small business advisory services through nominated BECs throughout Australia. www.ausindustry.gov.au	AusIndustry
Western Sydney Business Employment Fund	To encourage business growth and new jobs. It aims to offset business costs including payroll tax to assist businesses create employment opportunities through new or expanded operations in Western Sydney. To date, businesses that have been assisted by the Western Sydney Business Employment Fund are expected to	Industry and Investment NSW

	<p>establish over 23- new jobs in the region with a capital expenditure of over \$63 million. The total amount of financial assistance available through the Western Sydney Business Employment Fund targeted at jobs growth in small and medium sized businesses in Western Sydney is \$12 million. www.industry.nsw.gov.au</p>	
Small Business Mentoring Program	<p>It combines voluntary mentoring with training and networking in group collaboration to improve business development and growth opportunities for small businesses in NSW. The Business Mentoring Program has three streams: Women in Business, Young Entrepreneurs and Small Business. Over the last financial year almost 250 business owners from Western Sydney participated in 18 mentoring programs. Tel : 1300 134 359. www.industry.nsw.gov.au</p>	Industry and Investment NSW
Young Entrepreneurs Mentoring	<p>It is focused on entrepreneurs aged between 18 and 30 years who have a passion for entrepreneurship who have been working in their business for at least one year. But who have not all the skills and experience they need to succeed and grow. It runs for five months. Tel: 1300 134 359. www.industry.nsw.gov.au</p>	Industry and Investment NSW
Tech Vouchers	<p>This is a \$1.6 million NSW Government pilot program that aims to help small to medium NSW businesses tap into world leading research and knowledge available through universities and research organisations. It also assists in research institutes' efforts to build partnerships with businesses, connect with end users and tap into new avenues of financial support. The end result is a more innovative NSW industry sector and a stronger, more connected knowledge sector. TechVouchers provide two funding streams to support business and research collaboration in NSW. The first stream provides up to \$15,000 for business skills training and advice during the first year of their business. Details about the scheme can be obtained by contacting one of the six providers across NSW. In Western Sydney this is administered through the Macarthur Business Enterprise Centre. www.industry.gov.au</p>	Industry and Investment NSW
Aboriginal Business Development	<p>To help Aboriginal services to plan for the successful growth and development of their commercial enterprises. www.industry.gov.au</p>	Industry and Investment NSW
Aboriginal Business Link Program – Trade Show Participation	<p>Provides financial support for Aboriginal business' participation in industry Trade Shows. www.industry.nsw.gov.au</p>	Industry and Investment NSW
Aboriginal Business Mentor Program	<p>The program offers business skills training workshops, group mentoring sessions, one-on-one mentoring and two networking opportunities to help Aboriginal businesses better equip staff. www.industry.nsw.gov.au</p>	Industry and Investment NSW

Aboriginal Business Development	These services are delivered through an experienced team of Aboriginal business development managers and economic development officers working in Western Sydney. www.industry.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW
Aboriginal Business Directory	The Directory was developed as a tool to help promote Aboriginal businesses. It provides a one-stop shop for the Government and private sector to gain information on NSW Aboriginal Businesses, by industry sector and location. The online Aboriginal business Directory is housed on the new NSW Government's small business website. www.industry.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW
Business MasterClass	It is a pilot program for 2010 comprising of 10 seminars for businesses seeking to expand diversity or develop export capacity. It targets managers in established small to medium businesses with a turnover above \$500,000 looking to fine tune their business skills. Business MasterClass can be attended per event or on annual subscription basis. www.industry.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW
Bio-Business Program – High Growth Bio-Business	It accelerates the growth of established biotech firms by assisting with costs such as market development, skills development, and planning. www.industry.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW
Bio-Business Program – Non Research Establishment Costs	It funds start-up businesses for growth costs such as market development, intellectual property protection and legal costs. www.industry.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW
Bio-Business Program – Professional Leadership and Development	Programs for both start-ups and established biotech businesses to assist with the development of business skills. www.industry.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW
Bio-Business Program – Proof of Concept	Complements the Federal Biotechnology Innovation Fund (BIF) by co-investing to help reduce the cost of demonstrating proof of concept for new biotech initiatives. www.industry.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW
Business Advisory Services	To provide advice and information to people starting or operating a business. Under the Business Advisory Service (BAS), 14 organisations across NSW deliver business information services through 39 offices (seven in Western Sydney) to assist small business operators. BAS provide assistance, seminars, workshops on small business management and networking opportunities for business owners and managers to aid growth and development. www.industry.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW
Strategic Business Clusters Program – Business Clusters Funding	Provides funding for an industry cluster of businesses or a cluster of geographically concentrated businesses, for specialized assistance projects which would enhance the cluster's growth during its formation and development stages. www.industry.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW

Strategic Business Clusters Program -	Provides funding for NSW businesses or companies which have chosen to work together to develop a specific commercial opportunity. There are three levels of financial support available: 1) Business Network Support of up to \$5,000 in matched funding is available to business networks to create business opportunities for their members. 2) Business Cluster Support of up to \$10,000 in matched funding is available to business clusters to achieve competitive advantage. And 3) Business Cluster Project Support of up to \$30,000 in matched funding to existing clusters for specific cluster activity that increases employment, improves productivity and competition and promote innovation. www.industry.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW
Business Drought Assistance – Business Improvement and Recovery Strategy	Assistance for small businesses to implement credit or business management strategies to help sustain operations during and beyond the drought. www.industry.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW
Business Drought Assistance – Financial Position Assessment and Mini Diagnosis	Financial assistance for non-farm businesses to undertake a financial position assessment. www.industry.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW
Business Readiness Program for Indigenous Tourism	To assist existing and start up Indigenous tourism business to develop the business skills and knowledge required to establish and run a commercial and viable tourism operation. The program is currently closed. To register your interest for future funding rounds contact the hotline. 1300 364 739. www.industry.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW
Innovation Services	Provides planning, advice and self-assessment assistance to promote the adoption of innovation in business. www.industry.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW
Business Drought Assistance – Payroll Tax Relief	Businesses that support the farm industry sector may be eligible to receive payroll tax relief, if they can show a decrease in business over a set period of time. www.industry.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW
Developing Regional Resources	This program provides funding to help regional organizations, industry associations or alliances of regional firms, investigate and pursue new economic/business development opportunities. www.industry.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW
Home-based Business and Micro Business Networks and Workshops	Provides regional links through networks and workshops for home-based and other types of businesses. www.industry.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW
Hunter Advantage Fund	This fund aims to create additional sustainable employment in the Hunter region by stimulating investment in this region. www.industry.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW

Illawarra Advantage Fund	This fund aims to create additional sustainable employment in the Illawarra region by stimulating investment in this region. www.industry.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW
Indigenous Business Advisory Service	Business start-up advice for Aboriginal people wishing to start a small business or who already are operating a business in NSW. www.industry.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW
New Export Opportunities Program	This program helps rapidly growing small businesses to undertake export preparation and develop export market entry strategies. www.industry.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW
New Market Expansion Program for Regional Enterprise	This program assists regional firms to develop the confidence and skills to pursue and take up new markets and break the cycle of dependence on traditional markets. www.industry.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW
NSW Exporters Network	The NSW Exporters Network provides members with access to information and advice from companies currently exporting internationally, I&I NSW trade services staff and other members of the network, through a website. www.industry.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW
NSW Government Programs	The NSW Small Business website provides a list of programs available for small business. www.industry.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW
NSW Trade Promotion Program	This program offers NSW export-ready companies with support to participate in trade missions, trade shows and networking events. www.industry.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW
Women in Business Mentor Program Trade Promotion Program	The program encourages cooperative learning between business people through structural mentoring, practical workshops and 10 hour mentoring to help women business owners grow their business. www.industry.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW
Regional Business Development Scheme	The scheme offers financial and other assistance to businesses expanding in, or relocating to, regional NSW. www.industry.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW
Trade Promotion Program	This Program has introduced Western Sydney based companies to more than 34 international markets around the world in the 2009-10 financial year. Ninety eight NSW companies participated in 10 group trade missions and international exhibitions, and a further 177 companies completed individual market visits. This included 47 companies from Western Sydney. Participating companies reported anticipated sales for the next 12 months at more than \$103 million. www.industry.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW
Regional Economic Transition Scheme	This scheme provides assistance to businesses wanting to start or grow in regional communities and towns experiencing hardship due to business closures, industry restructuring and global economic change.	Industry and Investment NSW

	www.industry.gov.au	
Regional Export Advisory Network	Export Advisers give advice, encourage and assist companies based in regional NSW to take full advantage of international market opportunities. www.industry.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW
Community Economic Development Program	NSW Government partners with local councils and local business organizations to help regional communities meet the challenges presented by economic forces and population shifts. The aim is to strengthen the capacity of regional communities to deal with economic change www.business.nsw.gov.au/community/Funding+Programs	Industry and Investment NSW
Micro enterprise loans	These are unsecured business loans of between \$500 and \$20,000 for people on low incomes who have few or no avenue to access affordable business credit. The interest rate is fixed at 5.99 per cent. Up to three years repayment period. 90 days access period is interest free. Contact the nearest business enterprise centre. www.industry.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW
Business Growth Program	To assist established small to medium sized enterprises (SMEs) in NSW, to grow and improve their competitiveness. SMEs demonstrating growth potential can apply for assistance across a broad range of activities to assist the development of the business. Financial assistance of up to \$5,000 is available, on a dollar for dollar basis for eligible SMEs to offset the cost of engaging external support for a range of business activities. www.industry.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW
Women in Business Mentor Program	In the first half of 2010, 16 mentorees participated in the Women in Business workshop and mentoring program coordinated by Parramatta Business Advisory Service and designed for women in Western Sydney. The program continues to support local women's networks and in March 2010. www.industry.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW
Enterprising Regions Program	Assist community, regional development organisations undertake planning activities and implement projects which have broad base local support and the potential to generate economic benefits. Contact regional@business.nsw.gov.au	Industry and Investment NSW
TradeStart	It is a package of free services to assist businesses to develop overseas markets and make first export sales. It can assist to review export capability and export readiness, advice on financial and management issues, prepare selected markets, advice on international marketing strategies, feedback with promotional materials. tradestart@sfdc.com.au	Austrade
Property Services Grants	Provides funding or loans to eligible organisations to provide or undertake education or research projects	NSW Office of Fair

Program	relating to the property services industry. www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au	Trading
Home Building Grants Program	Funds organisations for the provision of educational research and other research projects relating to the home building industry and building trades. These are projects and programs which enhance outcomes for consumers of the home building industry services through raising consumer awareness and industrial standards. There are 300,000 until 30/6/2011 www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au	NSW Office of Fair Trading
On Ground Interpretation Works	Dollar for dollar funding for interpretation for major NSW heritage sites with strong links with heritage tourism. Funding available from \$5,000 to \$20,000 projects valued at \$10,000 upwards. The next call for applications for 2011-2013 funding will announced in late 2010. www.heritage.nsw.gov.au	Department of Planning - Heritage Branch
Spinal Cord Injury and other Neurological Conditions Research Grants Program	It provides financial assistance for research programs, research projects and travel scholarships to researchers in key areas of spinal cord injury and other neurological conditions. www.osmr.nsw.gov.au	NSW Office for Science and Medical Research (OSMR)
Digital Delivery Network Infrastructure (DDNI)	To provide equipment (DDN Player package) for community radio stations to access the DDN. The equipment is to be supplied via the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia as DDN Project Manager. Contact (03) 9419 8055 JKing@cbf.com.au www.cbf.com.au	Community Broadcasting Foundation
Drought Transport Subsidies	Provides rebates of 50 per cent of the transport costs for movements of water for domestic use, water and fodder for stock, stock to and from agistment, stock to sale or slaughter to drought-affected primary producers. www.dpi.nsw.gov.au	NSW Department of Primary Industries
Exceptional Circumstances Interest Rate Subsidy - Primary Producers	Assists financially struggling farmers in areas of NSW who have been affected by exceptional drought circumstances with loan interest subsidies. www.raa.nsw.gov.au	NSW Rural Assistance Authority
Exceptional Circumstances Interest Rate Subsidy - Small Business	Provides loan repayment assistance to small businesses that are reliant on farming activities carried out in exceptional drought circumstances areas, leading to financial difficulty. www.raa.nsw.gov.au	NSW Rural Assistance Authority
Film and TV Industry Attraction Fund (FIAT)	Provides a rebate to approved productions in order to stimulate film and television production, generate new employment, increase state industry market share, enhance industry skills, and facilitate the introduction of new film-related technologies in NSW. www.fto.nsw.gov.au	NSW Film and Television Office
Cooperatives	Provides funding for feasibility studies, education and research projects that assist the NSW Co-operative	NSW Office of Fair

Development Program	sector to grow and remain a viable form of delivery for the government's economic and social justice policy objectives. registryinquiries@fairtrading.nsw.gov.au Tel: 9619 8731	Trading
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry grants and assistance	Identifies current grants and assistance for Australian businesses in the agricultural, primary food production, fisheries, forestry and natural resources industries. www.affa.gov.au	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)
Australia-China Agricultural Cooperation Agreement (ACACA)	ACACA provides funding for agricultural oriented exchange projects between Australia and China. www.affa.gov.au	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)
Australian Apprenticeships	Australian Apprenticeships offer financial assistance for eligible employers to help reduce the cost of training and employing new staff. www.deewr.gov.au	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR)
Bass Strait Passenger Vehicle Equalisation Scheme (BSPVES)	Offers rebates to reduce the cost of seagoing travel for eligible passengers by assisting with the cost associated with the transportation of passenger vehicles across Bass Strait. www.infrastructure.gov.au	Centrelink, on behalf of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
Drought Assistance	Offers a range of assistance programs including payments and services for farmers, small businesses, farm hands, irrigators and industry, and the wider community. www.Centrelink.gov.au	Centrelink (on behalf of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry)
E-Concept	E-Concept allows individuals or organisations to put forward innovative ideas to the corporation which may not have been identified by GRDC's current investment process. www.grdc.com.au	Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC)
EFIC Headway	If you are a profitable, fast growing small and medium enterprise exporter, you may find you have reached your borrowing limit and need more working capital to finance the expansion of your export business. EFIC Headway provides security to a bank to enable it to lend additional funds to you, as a small to medium enterprise exporter, without requiring additional security from you. www.efic.gov.au	Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (EFIC)
Cooperative Research Centre	Funding to build critical mass in resource ventures between end users and researchers which tackle major challenges that are innovative of high impact and capable of being effectively deployed by the end users. Selection rounds for the program are held annually. www.innovation.gov.au	Dept of innovation, Industry, Science and Research.
Enterprise Connect	Enterprise Connect provides comprehensive support to Australian small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), to help them become more innovative, efficient and competitive. www.innovation.gov.au	Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (DIISR)

Exceptional Circumstances Professional Advice and Planning Grant	Provides eligible farm enterprises monetary support to access professional business and financial advice to develop business plans incorporating drought and risk management strategies. www.centrelink.gov.au	Centrelink
Export Assistance	Provides assistance to Australian companies to compete internationally by providing finance and insurance facilities to support their overseas contracts and investments. www.efic.gov.au	Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (EFIC)
Export Market Development Grants Scheme (EMDG)	EMDG offers financial assistance for small and medium businesses who are aspiring or current exporters, in a wide range of industry sectors and products. www.austrade.gov.au	Austrade
Forest Industries Development Fund (FIDF)	FIDF encourages increased investment in the forestry industry to help boost the international competitiveness of Australia's forest products. www.daff.gov.au	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation (GWRDC) Projects	The GWRDC provides funding for research projects within the wine industry. www.grdc.com.au	Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation (GWRDC)
HEADLANDS	This initiative encourages partnerships between documentary film makers and academic researchers to develop substantial projects from relevant, cutting edge research. www.aftrs.edu.au	Australian Film Television Radio School (AFTRS)
Horticulture Australia's (HAL) R&D Program	HAL invests in projects in partnership with the horticultural sector, including research, development and marketing activities. www.horticulture.com.au	Horticulture Australia Ltd (HAL)
Indigenous Business Australia Enterprises (IBA Enterprises)	IBA Enterprises provides support and funding for indigenous people looking to start or who are already running a business. www.iba.gov.au	Indigenous Business Australia (IBA)
Indigenous Business Development Programme (IBDP)	IBDP provides information on initiatives, funding and support available for Indigenous Australians. www.deewr.gov.au	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR)
Indigenous Capital Assistance Scheme (ICAS)	ICAS provides Indigenous businesses with access to commercial finance, and culturally appropriate professional and mentoring support services. www.deewr.gov.au	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR)
Indigenous Research Fellowships	The NFSA offers Indigenous Australian researchers and creative practitioners the opportunity to engage with the national collection and contribute to Australia's historical and contemporary moving image and recorded sound culture. www.nfsa.gov.au	National Film and Sound Archive (NFSA)

Indigenous Small Business Fund (ISBF)	ISBF offers funding to Indigenous community-based organisations for the development and expansion of Indigenous businesses and enterprises. www.deewr.gov.au	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR)
Industry Capability Network (ICN)	ICN is an Australian and New Zealand wide network that assists businesses to source suppliers and buyers from government and private sectors. www.innovation.gov.au	Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (DIISR)
National Indigenous Cadetship Project (NICP)	NCIP provides grants to businesses that provide work experience, professional guidance or ongoing employment to full-time Indigenous tertiary students. The grant is to help employers to support cadets with a living allowance and study-related costs and offset employer administration costs. www.deewr.gov.au	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR)
New Enterprise Incentive Scheme (NEIS)	NEIS helps eligible unemployed people to start and run a new, viable small business. www.deewr.gov.a.u	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR)
New Exporter Development Program (NEDP)	NEDP has been designed for small and medium businesses that are new to, or have limited experience in exporting. The program helps eligible businesses develop skills and knowledge required to become a sustainable exporter. www.austrade.gov.au	Austrade
Research, Development and Extension Projects	Assistance is available for research development and extension projects in the cotton industry. www.crdc.com.au	Cotton Research and Development Corporation (CRDC)
Research Fellowships	The NFSA offers research fellowships for established researchers and audiovisual practitioners with a record of significant achievement. www.nfsa.gov.au	National Film and Sound Archive NFSA
Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS)	The RFCS program provides grants to state and regional organisations to provide free and impartial rural financial counselling to primary producers, fishers and small rural businesses who are suffering financial hardship and who have no alternative sources of impartial support. www.daff.gov.au	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)
Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC) Research Programs	RIRDC works closely with Australian rural industries to fund programs for agricultural systems in three key areas: new rural industries, established rural industries, and national rural issues. www.rirdc.gov.au	Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC)
Satellite Phone Subsidy Scheme	This subsidy helps people living or working in the most remote parts of Australia purchase satellite mobile phones. www.dbcde.gov.au	Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (DBCDE)

Structured Training and Employment Projects (STEP)	STEP provides funding and support to private sector businesses that provide ongoing employment to Indigenous Australians. www.atns.net.au	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR)
Sugar Research Development Corporation (SRDC)	SRDC provides funding for sugarcane industry innovation. www.srdc.gov.au	Sugar Research Development Corporation (SRDC)
Travel Awards	The GRDC offers financial assistance to grains industry individuals or small groups to attend a conference or undertake travel that may ultimately benefit the Australian grains industry. www.grdc.com.au	Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC)
Travel, Conferences and Major Capital Items	Investment funding is available for overseas travel or conferences, and major capital items. www.crdc.gov.au	Cotton Research and Development Corporation (CRDC)
Wage Assist	Wage Assistance is a payment given to Australian employers as an incentive to employ Indigenous Australians on an on-going basis. Wage Assistance offers salary subsidies for full-time and part-time work. www.deewr.gov.au	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR)
Wheat Export Technical Market Support Grants Program (TMSGP)	This program assists wheat exporters, particularly new and smaller scale wheat exporting companies or individuals, to establish effective technical market support arrangements which support long term relationships with international customers. www.daff.gov.au	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)