



Project Funding Catalogue

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Advanced Renewables Program

Grant funder

ARENA

Location

Australia

Supported activity

ARENA's Advancing Renewables Program supports a broad range of development, demonstration and pre-commercial deployment projects that can deliver affordable and reliable renewable energy for Australian families and businesses.

Priorities:

- Delivering secure and reliable electricity.
- Accelerating solar PV innovation; Improving energy productivity.
- Exporting renewable energy.
- Delivery of more affordable, clean, and reliable energy to households and industry for transportation, heating, production and power.
- Expanding production and increasing productivity, creating jobs and substantially reducing emissions from Australia's primary industries.
- Preserving and expanding onshore manufacturing of energy-intensive products and capturing new export markets for low emissions commodities.
- Scaling geological and biological sequestration to provide globally significant permanent sequestration of CO₂.

Grant amount per activity

Between \$100,000 and \$50 million, with Applicants typically expected to at least match the funding being sought.

Website

www.arena.gov.au/funding/advancing-renewables-program/

Opening / closing dates

Always open

Eligibility

The Applicant project must:

- not include research or education/training of students.
- be prepared to share knowledge and information relating to the project.
- complete an eligibility assessment before submitting a proposal.
- prove that the activity in your proposal involves a renewable energy technology and contributes to program outcomes.
- have an ABN.

For detail see [Advancing Renewables Program Guideline](#).

Entrepreneurs' Programme - Innovation Connections Grant

Grant funder

Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources

Location

Australia

Supported activity

Innovation Connections assists businesses to understand their research needs, connect with the research sector and fund collaborative research projects.

Stage 1 – Innovation Connections Facilitation

The Innovation Connections Facilitation service is free and includes access to a highly-skilled facilitator, who will work with your business to understand your research needs.

Stage 2 – Innovation Connections Grant

If facilitator recommends it, you can apply for an Innovation Connections Grant to undertake a research project that addresses the recommendations made in the Service Report.

Grant amount per activity

Up to \$50,000.

Website

www.business.gov.au/Grants-and-Programs/Innovation-Connections

Eligibility

The business must:

- be a solvent, for-profit, non-tax-exempt company that is registered for GST and incorporated and operating in Australia.
- be a company with trading activities that are the majority of its overall activities.
- have filed Business Activity Statements showing ongoing trading in at least 3 successive years
- not have received an Innovation Connections Facilitation before.
- have an annual turnover or operating expenditure in 1 of the last 3 financial years must be between \$1.5 million and \$100 million.

It must also satisfy one of the following:

- operate in one or more growth sectors.
- provide enabling technologies or services to one or more of the growth sectors.
- show a commitment to, and have the skills, capability, intellectual property or expertise to operate in, one of the growth sectors in the future.

Opening / closing dates

Always open

Coles Nurture Fund

Grant funder

Coles Supermarkets Australia Pty Ltd

Location

Australia

Supported activity

To assist small to medium Australian producers, farmers and manufacturers to advance innovation in their businesses, supporting projects which are not only unique and drive innovation, but also drive sustainability and growth.

Grant amount per activity

Up to \$500,000.

Website

www.coles.com.au/nurturefund

Eligibility

The applicant must:

- have a turnover that is less than \$25,000,000 per annum;
- employ no more than 50 full time employees (excluding casual seasonal labour);
- have a registered Australian Business Number;
- have been trading for a minimum of two years;
- provide audited financial statements for a minimum of the previous two financial years;
- provide a funding declaration from an external accountant on the accountant's company letterhead confirming ability to fund applicant's;
- share of project costs and solvency.

For more details see [Coles Nurture Fund Application Guideline](#).

Opening / closing dates

Check www.coles.com.au/nurture-fund for more information.

Entrepreneurs Program – Growth Grants

Grant funder

Department of Industry, Sciences, Energy and Resources

Location

Australia

Supported activity

Growth Grants provide access to a national network of experienced facilitators to work with you to improve your business practices, become more competitive, and take advantage of growth opportunities.

Grant amount per activity

From \$2,500.00 to \$20,000.00.

You can get up to 50% of eligible project costs. The minimum grant amount is \$2500 (excluding GST). The maximum amount is \$20,000 (excluding GST).

Website

www.business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/growth-grants

Eligibility

The applicant must have received a completed plan from one of the following services:

- Growth Roadmap
- High Growth Accelerator
- SMART Projects and Supply Chains

The project must:

- only include eligible activities.
- have at least \$5000 in total, eligible project costs.
- not have started.

Eligible activities must:

- link to an area of the business as specified in your plan.
- give you new abilities to trade in Australia and other countries.
- engage services outside of your business.

Opening / closing dates

Always open

Entrepreneurs Program – Accelerating Commercialisation

Grant funder

Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources

Location

Australia

Supported activity

Commercialisation Guidance – guidance and assistance to develop the commercialisation potential of your novel product, process or service.

Accelerating Commercialisation Grants – financial assistance to help commercialise your novel product, process and service.

Grant amount per activity

Up to \$1,000,000.00.

Accelerating Commercialisation Grants provide up to 50 per cent of eligible expenditure to support your commercialisation project. If successful, you will receive on-going support from your Facilitator throughout the life of the commercialisation project.

Website

www.business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/accelerating-commercialisation

Eligibility

The applicant must:

- be non-tax exempt.
- be registered for GST.
- be a company incorporated in Australia and a trading corporation.
- be a Research Commercialisation Entity or Eligible Partner Entity as defined in the grant opportunity guidelines.
- be undertaking an eligible project.
- have the ownership, access or beneficial use of any intellectual property you need to undertake the commercialisation project.
- provide evidence of your ability to fund at least 50 per cent of eligible project expenditure, such as funding strategy and a bank statement or loan agreement.
- provide an Accountant Declaration that confirms your ability to fund the project.
- meet the turnover test.

Opening / closing dates

Always open

Hermon Slade Foundation – Grants Program

Grant funder

The Hermon Slade Foundation

Location

Australia

Supported activity

The Hermon Slade Foundation supports activities that aim to improve systems of managing land, water, plants and animals in ways which will enhance the productivity and quality of food, fisheries, plants and forests, while simultaneously conserving the natural environment, preserving biodiversity, avoiding pollution of soils and water, and enhancing human welfare. The project must be in the biological or biophysical sciences or have application in those areas.

Grant amount per activity

The Foundation typically provides project grants up to A\$30,000 (ex GST) per year for up to three years.

Website

www.hermonslade.org.au/apply/

Eligibility

Conformity with the Foundation's guidelines, including that the project will be undertaken within Australia or countries of the south west Pacific region, under the umbrella of an Australian university or other appropriate Australian institution.

The project forms an identifiable element of work that would not be undertaken without the support of the Foundation.

The components of the project budget for which funds are sought from the Foundation must be justified — both travel and equipment for which funding is sought must be essential for this project.

Opening / closing dates

Check website www.hermonslade.org.au/apply/ for the next funding round.

Farm Innovation Fund

Grant funder

NSW Government Rural Assistance Authority

Location

New South Wales

Supported activity

Permanent on-farm infrastructure:

- To improve farm productivity by lowering risks and improving efficiency.
- Ensure long term sustainability by increasing the viability of farm businesses.

Grant amount per activity

Borrow up to \$1 million per project with a total of \$1 million outstanding at any one time to build on-farm infrastructure.

Interest rate will be that applying at the date on which the loan is approved and is fixed for the term of the loan. The rate is currently 2.5%.

The maximum loan term is 20 years with Monthly, Half Yearly, Quarterly or Annual repayments of principal and interest.

Website

www.raa.nsw.gov.au/loans/farm-innovationfund/loan-application-online-form/fif-online-form

Eligibility

To be eligible for assistance you must demonstrate that:

- You are the owner or operator of a farm business where the work is to be carried out; and
- Your business operates as a sole trader, partnership, trust or private company and trades agricultural products.
- Your business is registered with the Australian Taxation Officer as a primary producer, and has an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- As the owner and operator, you earn more than 50% of your gross income from your primary production enterprise under normal seasonal circumstances.
- or You are classified as a “new entrant”, meaning that you have been operating your farm business for between 12 months to three years and more than 50% of your gross income will be derived from the farm business within three years of the date of the application.
- You do not have gross off farm assets exceeding \$5,000,000 (excluding funds in a registered superannuation fund).
- Loans must be fully drawn within 12 months of approval.

For complete guidelines see [Farm Innovation Fund Guideline](#).

Opening / closing dates

Ongoing

New Energy Technologies

Grant funder

Victorian Government Future Industries Business Victoria

Location

Victoria

Supported activity

The Program will support new energy technology projects in the following categories:

1. Community
2. Manufacturing
3. Technology
4. Energy Storage

Grant amount per activity

From \$50,000 to \$1 million. However, Projects under the Community category are able to apply for funding of up to \$100,000 for the development of a business case or up to \$1 million for project implementation and advisory services.

Eligibility

The Lead Organisation must:

- be either: incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001; or an 'owners corporation' within the meaning of the Owners Corporation Act 2006 (energy storage category only).
- have an Australian Business Number.
- be able to demonstrate that either the Lead Organisation or the Lead Organisation's parent company has at least three years' operating history by way of financial reports (which shall preferably be audited).

Under the Community category, only not-for-profit organisations will be entitled to apply as the Lead Organisation. Applicants must also be able to demonstrate they can meet the following criteria:

- the Project must take place in Victoria.
- the Project activities for which funding is sought have not previously been funded by the Commonwealth or Victorian Governments.
- the technology proposed for the Project is commercially-ready new energy technology.
- the Lead Organisation and any Participants must not have any unresolved issues with the Environment Protection Agency or WorkSafe Victoria.

Opening / closing dates

Ongoing

Clean Energy Future Fund

Grant funder

WA Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

Location

Western Australia

Supported activity

The Clean Energy Future Fund supports the implementation of innovative clean energy projects in Western Australia which offer high public value through contributing to one or more of the following outcomes:

- significant, cost-effective reduction in greenhouse gas emissions below projected (or baseline) emissions as a direct result of the clean energy project.
- design, deployment, testing or demonstration of innovative clean energy projects likely to deliver community benefits or lead to broad adoption and significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

Website

www.wa.gov.au/service/environment/environment-information-services/clean-energy-future-fund

Eligibility

The Minister for Environment and Minister for Energy determines priorities for the fund. The current Ministerial priorities are:

- Innovative clean energy projects in regional and remote Western Australia. Regional and remote Western Australia means projects that are at the fringe of, or are not connected to, the South West Interconnected System or the North West Interconnected System.
- Clean energy projects that improve the security and resilience of networked electricity supply in line with the Distributed Energy Resources Roadmap.
- Clean energy projects that support decarbonisation of existing industry and the development of new, low-emissions industries in Western Australia.
- ‘Shovel ready’ clean energy projects that will reduce emissions and create jobs in Western Australia.
- Projects that will enhance energy efficiency and materially reduce emissions from the built environment or manufacturing.
- Clean energy projects that support the replacement of diesel with renewable energy.

Opening / closing dates

Check www.wa.gov.au/service/environment/environment-information-services/clean-energy-future-fund for next round of funding.

WA Investment Attraction Fund

Grant funder

Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation

Location

Western Australia

Supported activity

The Investment Attraction Fund looks at opportunities to create local jobs and contribute to a more diversified economy.

Grant amount per activity

Up to \$5 million.

Website

www.investandtrade.wa.gov.au/InvestmentAttractionFund

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be registered, or be eligible to register for an Australian Business Number.
- Be a legal entity, or partnered with a legal entity, with a proven trading history for the past 3 financial years.
- Be able to provide a business plan and evidence that supports management, technical and financial capability to undertake the current proposal.

Opening / closing dates

Check [Investment Attraction Guideline](#) for next round of funding.

WA Agricultural Produce Commission

WA Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Grant funder

Pork Producers Committee

Location

Western Australia

Supported activity

The Agricultural Produce Commission provides Western Australian agricultural producers with the legal framework to collect funds to provide for the development and security of growers and producers and their industry.

Website

www.apcwa.org.au/about-apc

Opening / closing dates

Check [APC General Forms](#) for next round of funding.

Eligibility

Eligible projects are those that

- advertise and promote the agricultural produce.
- control or develop the means of controlling pests and diseases if there is a likelihood of those pests or diseases affecting the quality or volume of output of the agricultural produce.
- conduct research in relation to any matter, if in the opinion of the producers' committee that research is of advantage to producers of the agricultural produce.
- conduct educational or instructional programmes that, in the opinion of the producers' committee, may be of advantage to producers of the agricultural produce.
- develop and expand markets for the agricultural produce in Western Australia and elsewhere.
- establish a voluntary insurance scheme for the benefit of producers of the agricultural produce including insurance relating to crops.
- undertake and provide market forecasting for the agricultural produce.
- establish systems of inspection for the agricultural produce for the purpose of quality control or pest and disease control.
- formulate schemes for declaring producers of the agricultural produce to be accredited producers.
- establish systems to facilitate inspection of grading, packaging and storage of the agricultural produce including weight and uniformity (including uniformity of ripeness) within packages.
- support, with or without grant of financial aid, and whether or not initiated by the committee or the Commission, any scheme or activity which in the committee's opinion is capable of assisting in the production, promotion or sale of the agricultural produce.
- provide such other services for the agricultural produce as may be prescribed.
- establish a compensation scheme for the benefit of producers whose agricultural produce is destroyed as a result of a pest or disease of that produce or action taken to control a pest or disease of that produce.

Investor Readiness Capability Program

Grant funder

WA Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Location

Western Australia

Supported activity

The program provides funding, services and resources to support Western Australian small and medium agribusiness become more internationally competitive and investor ready.

Grant amount per activity

Up to \$20 000 (ex GST), matched dollar-for-dollar for delivering investor ready business events.

Website

www.agric.wa.gov.au/investorreadiness

Eligibility

Western Australian not for profit organisations, industry groups and business associations.

Opening / closing dates

Applications close 1 June 2022 or until all funds are allocated.

AgriGrowth Loan Scheme

Grant funder

Tasmanian Government Department of State Growth

Location

Tasmania

Supported activity

The AgriGrowth Loan Scheme provides low interest loans to Tasmanian farm businesses and agri-food businesses to support projects that increase the value of the agriculture and agri-food sectors in Tasmania.

Grant amount per activity

From \$100,000 to \$3 million.

Website

www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au/grants_and_funding_opportunities/loans/agrigrowth

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply applicants must:

- Be a Tasmanian Farm Business or an Agri-food Business.
- Operate as a sole trader, trust, partnership or private company.
- Demonstrate a clear need for the loan, to the satisfaction of the Department of State Growth, and projects must advance the Government's agri-growth agenda/policy.
- Include a minimum three year business plan to the satisfaction of the department (in some cases the department may request that the applicant use a recognised consultant to assist with the plan).
- Demonstrate ongoing financial viability with the loan application and business plan showing that the venture will be profitable within the agreed loan period.
- Be registered for tax purposes in Australia with an Australian Business Number (ABN) and be registered for GST.

To find out more, go to [AgriGrowth Loan Scheme Guidelines](#).

AgriGrowth Young Farmer Support Package

Grant funder

Tasmanian Government Department of State Growth

Location

Tasmania

Supported activity

The AgriGrowth Loan Scheme provides low interest loans to young Tasmanian farmers to support projects that increase the value of the agriculture and agri-food sectors in Tasmania.

Grant amount per activity

Up to \$250,000.

Opening / closing dates

Always open

Website

www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0018/171270/AgriGrowth_Loan_Scheme_-_Young_Farmer_Support_Package_Guidelines.pdf

Eligibility

In addition to the eligibility criteria for the AgriGrowth Loan Scheme a young farmer should also meet the following criteria:

- A person who is intending to purchase or operate, as Principal, a Farm Business on land in Tasmania and who is classified as undertaking an agricultural pursuit in accordance with the Australian Tax Office definitions; and
- who is projected to contribute at least 50 per cent of his or her labour and will generally derive at least 50 per cent of his or her income from the Farm Business within the loan term.
- Generally be no more than 45 years of age.
- Preferably not previously been principal of a Farm Business and/or owned land for that purpose.
- Have (or have close association with) suitable farming experience in, and/or knowledge of, the type of farming operation to be undertaken.
- Be personally involved in the day to day operation of the Farm Business.
- Be able to demonstrate an ability to manage financial affairs.
- Be able to demonstrate, via a suitably prepared business plan, sound prospects and commercial viability.
- Be able to demonstrate that, having assessed other commercially available financial assistance options and having regard to their available resources, they are in genuine need of concessional financial assistance.

MORE INFORMATION

For a copy of the Sustainability Framework have a look on [APL's website](#) or contact Rowena Davis at rowena.davis@australianpork.com.au

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