



Business and Infrastructure Funding Opportunities - November 2021

Welcome to our Business and Infrastructure Funding Opportunities Newsletter

Welcome to our Business and Infrastructure Funding Opportunities Newsletter where you will find details of grant and funding programs that are available for the Northern Inland Region for businesses and infrastructure projects.

Due to the number of grants that are available, we send two funding opportunities newsletters a month; one for Business and Infrastructure and another for Community Projects and Award Programs. These newsletters are a free service that we provide, and can you can add the Community Funding Opportunities and Awards Programs newsletter to your subscriptions by filling your details into on the left hand side of our website: www.rdani.org.au

We wish you all the best with the Funding Opportunities below and if you are looking for a grant between newsletters, have a look at the grants search tool on our website which is updated with new grants weekly: www.rdani.org.au/grants-funding/search.php

If you need some facts and figures for your applications, a range of data for our region is also available on our website here: www.rdani.org.au/our-region/regional-data.php

Please note the below information is intended as a guide only. Closing dates and other details should be verified using the links provided as they are subject to change by the providers without notice.

Featured Grants

Tourism Product Development Fund – Refresh and Renew

Closes: 9th of December 2021

Value: Up to \$30,000

Run By: Destination NSW

This fund is available to businesses based in regional NSW that operate a medium size accommodation property i.e. more than 10 rooms and less than 100 rooms. Grants are intended to assist the accommodation provider improve their facilities and accommodation to better meet consumer expectations with particular emphasis on addressing issues that have been identified by consumers through their feedback.

Work could include, but is not limited by:

- Fresh paint
- New linens
- Upgrades to the reception area
- New beds
- Soft furnishings
- Awnings or shade structures to expand all-weather outdoor dining/seating
- Improved Wi-Fi
- Contactless customer service technologies, such as, keyless entry and automated check-in.

Recycling Modernisation Fund

Closes: 31st of January 2022

Value: \$10,000 to \$1 Million

Run By: Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

Managing waste in regional and remote locations presents a range of additional challenges including isolation through seasonal weather changes and a lack of connection to major roads or towns. These challenges mean that regional and remote areas often lack kerbside waste collection and access to recycling and remanufacturing centres.

A key target of the 2019 National Waste Policy Action Plan is to achieve an 80 per cent average resource recovery rate from all waste streams following the waste hierarchy by 2030. The National Action Plan recognises that to achieve this target, regional and remote areas require better access to waste management and processing capabilities.

To help reach this target, the Australian Government will co-fund additional projects under RMF that increase the sorting, processing, and manufacturing or remanufacturing capacity of regional and remote locations. Co-investment for these projects will be delivered through the National Partnership on Recycling Infrastructure (NPRI) and existing terms and conditions for funding under the NPRI will continue to apply for these projects.

Connecting Women to Trades

Closes: 7th of December 2021 - 5:00 pm

Value: Up to \$30,000

Run By: Training Services NSW

The grant round will enable eligible organisations to engage with Smart and Skilled providers to deliver fee-free part qualifications. Funded projects will offer an introductory experience and targeted support for women considering a career in trades.

The Connecting Women to Trades Grant Round will provide an opportunity for eligible organisations to deliver projects targeted at the attraction, retention and recruitment of women in trades. This will be achieved through skills development training, short pre-apprenticeship courses and advice on career pathways to trades.

Each project requires three components:

1. Career information session/s - Engage with industry representatives and/or qualified tradespeople to deliver career information session/s.
2. Delivery of accredited training - Engage with an approved Smart and Skilled Registered Training Organisation (RTO) to facilitate the delivery of 2-4 units of accredited training.
3. Delivery of non-accredited training - Deliver non-accredited training that aligns with the grant round objectives.

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Closing in November

Export Market Development Grants (To June 2021)

Closes: 30th of November 2021

Value: Up to \$150,000

Run By: Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade)

An Australian Government financial assistance program for aspiring and current exporters in a wide range of industries.

Export Market Development Grants (Post July 2021)

Closes: 30th of November 2021 - 5:00 pm

Value: \$40,000 to \$450,000

Run By: Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade)

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Closing in December

National Careers Institute Partnership Grants Program - Career Opportunities and Pathways for Women

Closes: 2nd of December 2021 - 5:00 pm

Value: \$20,000 to \$350,000

Run By: Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment

Funding to enhance partnerships with industry, employers, schools and tertiary institutions to deliver innovative career advisory products and services for women.

Cyber Security Skills Partnership Innovation Fund - Round 2

Closes: 6th of December 2021 - 5:00 pm

Value: \$250,000 to \$3 Million

Run By: Australian Government Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources

Support projects which can help to grow a skilled workforce of cyber professionals.

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Assistance for accommodation providers to improve their facilities and accommodation to better meet consumer expectations.

National Soil Carbon Innovation Challenge – Feasibility Study Grants

Closes: 10th of December 2021 - 5:00 pm

Value: \$50,000 to \$100,000

Run By: Australian Government Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources

Support for feasibility studies of lower-cost, accurate technical solutions to measurement of soil organic carbon.

Small Business Month Event Grants

Closes: 10th of December 2021

Value: Up to \$3,500

Run By: NSW Government

Supports events to generate new ideas and connect with fellow entrepreneurs during NSW Business Month in March 2022.

Domestic Airports Security Costs Support

Closes: 31st of December 2021 - 5:00 pm (extended)

Value: Varies by applicant

Run By: Australian Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

Assists eligible domestic airports to maintain regulated security screening obligations that must be met regardless of the reduced volume of aviation activity.

Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program

Closes: 31st of December 2021

Value: \$14,596 to \$40.7699 Million

Run By: Australian Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

Provides funding to Local Councils for local road and community infrastructure projects that they need, and in turn support businesses and create employment opportunities across their communities.

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Closing in January

Tourism Product Development Fund - Experience Development

Closes: 16th of January 2022

Value: \$80,000 to \$150,000

Run By: Destination NSW

Funding assistance to develop a new attraction or experience in NSW.

Business Event Grants - 2022

Closes: 31st of January 2022 or until funding is exhausted

Value: Up to \$30,000

Run By: Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade)

Funding to create, attract and support exciting business events for regional NSW and to support new business event initiatives.

Recycling Modernisation Fund

Closes: 31st of January 2022

Value: \$10,000 to \$1 Million

Run By: Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

Funding to provide regional and remote areas require better access to waste management and processing capabilities.

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Closing Later and Ongoing

Wine Export Grant

Closes: 2nd of May 2022

Value: Up to \$25,000

Run By: Wine Australia

Grants for specific wine export promotion activities aimed at supporting small and medium wine businesses to secure new distribution channels in export markets.

Defence Global Competitiveness Grants

Ongoing Until Closes: 30th of June 2022

Value: \$15,000 to \$150,000

Run By: Australian Government Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources

Helps Australian SMEs to invest in projects that build export capability to build a stronger, more sustainable and globally competitive Australian defence industry.

Jobs Plus Program

Closes: 30th of June 2022

Value: Payroll Tax relief for up to four years and support

Run By: NSW Government

Supports companies who want to relocate their head offices to NSW, or expand their jobs footprint in NSW that will create 30 new net jobs.

Small Business Fees and Charges Rebate

Closes: 30th of June 2022

Value: Up to \$1,500

Run By: NSW Government

A small business fees and charges rebate for sole traders, small business and not-for-profit organisations in NSW.

On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme

Closes: 30th of June 2022 or until expended

Value: Up to \$25,000

Run By: Rural Assistance Authority

Rebates to buy and instal on-farm water infrastructure to water livestock and permanent plantings.

1,000 Jobs Package Grant Funding

Closes: 30th of June 2023 , or when exhausted

Value: Up to \$56,000 (GST exclusive) over two years

Run By: National Indigenous Australians Agency

Tranche Two provides a subsidy for new jobs for Community Development Program participants in remote Australia to support economic development.

Moon to Mars Supply Chain Capability Improvement

Closes: 30th of April 2023

Value: \$250,000 to \$1 Million

Run By: Australian Government Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources

Supports Australian businesses with domestic or international supply chain opportunities by providing grant funds for building their capacity, skills and capabilities.

COVID-19 Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program - Phase 3

Closes: 30th of June 2023 - 11:30 pm

Value: \$20,000 to \$23.42 Million Estimated

Run By: Australian Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

Supports Local Councils to create jobs by delivering priority local road and community infrastructure projects.

Regional and Remote Airports Security Awareness Program

Closes: 30th of May 2024 - 5:00 pm

Value: \$1,000 to \$5,000

Run By: Australian Government Department of Home Affairs

Re-imbursement based funding to support regional and remote airports to meet requirements of the Screener Accreditation Scheme.

Regional Australia Microgrid Pilots Program

Closes: 31st of December 2026 or until expended

Value: \$1 Million to \$5 Million

Run By: Australian Government: Australian Renewable Energy Agency

Support pilot projects for microgrids in Regional Australia.

Advancing Renewables Program

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Unspecified

Run By: Australian Government: Australian Renewable Energy Agency

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.

AgBiz Drought Loans

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Up to \$500,000

Run By: Australian Government Regional Investment Corporation

A concessional loan if your small business is currently or has been supplying goods or services relating to primary production to farm businesses in an affected area.

Australian Government's Youth Jobs PaTH

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Up to \$11,000

Run By: Australian Government Job Active

Helps employers find and recruit the right young person for their business by facilitating trials and providing a wage subsidy of up to \$10,000 if you hire them.

Black Spot Program

Closes: Ongoing

Run By: Australian Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

By funding measures such as traffic signals and roundabouts at dangerous locations, the programme reduces the risk of road crashes.

CSIRO Kick-Start

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Up to \$50,000 matched funding

Run By: CSIRO

Funding support and access to CSIRO's research expertise and capabilities to help grow and develop their business.

Dreamstarter - Grants for Growth

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Unspecified

Run By: ING

Provides ING Dreamstarter Alumni with access to funding to accelerate the growth of their businesses and increase their positive social impact.

Drought Loans

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Up to \$2 Million

Run By: Australian Government Regional Investment Corporation

Concessional loan to help farm businesses in the agriculture, horticulture, pastoral, apiculture, or aquaculture industry to prepare for, manage through, and recover from drought.

English Family Foundation - Ingnitor Fund

Closes: Applications are ongoing

Value: Up to \$100,000

Run By: English Family Foundation

Supports Australian social enterprise change makers who are finding new and innovative solutions to tackle the most pressing issues within their local communities.

Entrepreneurs' Programme- SMART Projects and Supply Chains

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Tailored advice

Run By: Australian Government Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources

Provides access to a skilled advisor who will work with you to develop an improvement plan for an identified supply chain opportunity and support you as you implement the plan.

Farm Investment Loans

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Up to \$2 Million

Run By: Australian Government Regional Investment Corporation

You can apply for this loan if you solely or mainly sell products into supply chains that are interstate or outside Australia, or plan to in the future.

Get Connected Listing for Tourism Businesses

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Website Listing

Run By: Destination NSW

Provides tourism operators with the opportunity to showcase your tourism products on Destination NSW's consumer websites for free.

Impact Investment Ready Growth Grant

Closes: Ongoing rounds through the year

Value: Up to \$140,000

Run By: Impact Investing Australia

Provides impact businesses and mission-driven organisations with grants for business, financial, legal and other capacity building support from providers to secure investment.

Indigenous Business Australia

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Financial support and advice

Run By: Indigenous Business Australia

Assists Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to access the skills, knowledge and resources required to start and grow viable and sustainable businesses.

Innovation Connections

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Up to \$50,000

Run By: AusIndustry

Provides small and medium sized businesses with access to expert technology advice to address technology and knowledge gaps, and collaborate with the research sector in developing new ideas with commercial potential.

Landing Pads for Start Ups

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Support

Run By: Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade)

Assists market-ready scaleups take their business globally by providing an operational base and customised support for their overseas expansion goals.

New Enterprise Incentive Scheme

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Income Assistance and Advice

Run By: Australian Government Department of Employment

NEIS is a program delivered by a network of 21 providers who provide individualised help for job seekers to become self-employed business owners.

Newsagents Assistance Fund

Closes: Unspecified

Value: Up to \$10,000

Run By: NSW Fair Trading

The Newsagents Assistance Fund assists eligible agents to update their NSW Lotteries retail image and fit-out to align with the NSW Lotteries brand.

Regional Investment Attraction - Investment Concierge

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Support

Run By: NSW Government

Grants and interest-free loans targeted at offsetting government levies and duties, such as payroll tax, to eligible businesses that want to invest and grow in regional NSW, which will lead to new jobs.

Regional Skills Relocation Grant

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Up to \$10,000 per worker

Run By: NSW Government Department of Regional NSW

Support for the costs of relocating skilled staff from metropolitan centres around Australia to Regional NSW.

Restart

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Up to \$10,000

Run By: Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment

Restart is a financial incentive of up to \$10,000 (GST inclusive) to encourage businesses to hire and retain mature age employees who are 50 years of age and over.

Safe and Secure Water Program

Closes: Ongoing until expended

Value: No minimum or maximum, \$1 Billion total pool

Run By: NSW Government

Co-funds eligible water and sewerage projects that deliver economic growth in regional NSW through improvements to public health, water security, environmental outcomes and/or social benefits.

Tradex Scheme

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Varies based on the the goods imported

Run By: Australian Government Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources

Provides an upfront exemption from Customs duty and GST for eligible goods imported to Australia that are then exported within one year or other approved period.

Wine Tourism and Cellar Door Grant

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Up to \$100,000

Run By: Wine Australia

Support for producers who add value by encouraging visitors to wine regions by providing access an annual grant reflective of their eligible physical cellar door sales.

Bushfire Cleanup Program

Closes: Unknown

Value: Physical Works

Run By: Service NSW

Covers the full cost of cleaning up eligible NSW properties that have been destroyed by bushfires since 1 July 2019.

Business Connect

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Advice and Support

Run By: NSW Government

A dedicated and personalised NSW Government program that provides trusted advice to help you start or grow your small business.

Disaster Relief Loans - Primary producers

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Up to \$130,000

Run By: Rural Assistance Authority

Low interest loans for primary producers who have been directly affected by a declared natural disaster including floods, fires or storm damage,

Small business rebate

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Up to \$500

Run By: SafeWork NSW

Provides up to \$500 to small business owners and sole traders in NSW who buy and install equipment to make their workplace safer.

Ladies in Livestock Program

Closes: Ongoing

Run By: Northern Tablelands Local Land Services

Delivers hands-on, practical skills to women as independent land stewards with a keen interest in agriculture, to work and make decisions on properties.

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Closes: Ongoing

Value: Up to \$130,000

Run By: Rural Assistance Authority

Low interest loans for small businesses who have been directly affected by a declared natural disaster including floods, fires or storm damage,

Natural Disaster Transport Subsidy

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Up to \$15,000

Run By: Rural Assistance Authority

A transport subsidy is available to eligible farmers who are affected by a declared natural disaster event.

Entrepreneurs' Programme - Growth Grants

Closes: Ongoing

Value: \$2,500 to \$20,000

Run By: Australian Government Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources

Funding to help improve specific business areas that have been recommended in a roadmap or plan by a facilitator through a Growth Service in the Entrepreneurs' Programme.

Entrepreneurs' Programme - Growth Roadmap

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Expert Advice

Run By: Australian Government Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources

provides an analysis of your business carried out on-site by an independent and skilled growth facilitator to develop a Growth Roadmap.

Major Project Status

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Government Support

Run By: Major Projects Facilitation Agency

Formally recognises the significance of a project to the Australian economy and provides extra support and coordinated approvals.

Accelerating Commercialisation

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Up to \$1 Million

Run By: Australian Government Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources

Provides expert guidance and support to help you commercialise novel products, processes and services and find a commercialisation solution.

Business Energy Advice Program

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Expert Advice

Run By: Australian Government Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources

A free personalised energy consultation and access to a Small Business Energy Check tool.

Entrepreneurs' Programme - High Growth Accelerator

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Expert Advice

Run By: Australian Government Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources

Provides access to skilled and experienced facilitators for up to two years to help your business develop the skills, knowledge, strategies and connections to accelerate growth.

Bin Trim Rebates Program

Closes: Ongoing

Value: \$1,000 to \$50,000

Run By: Environment Protection Authority

Provides small to medium sized businesses with free waste assessments and rebates to help cover the costs of installing recycling equipment.

Employment Assistance Fund

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Unspecified

Run By: Job Access

Assists people with disabilities and mental health conditions to buy work related modifications and services.

Workplace Legal Advice Program

Closes: Ongoing

Run By: Fair Work Ombudsman

Provides eligible employers and employees with free independent legal help to deal with workplace issues arising from the coronavirus outbreak.

Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Up to \$4,500

Run By: Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment

Bridges Renewal Program

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Up to \$5 Million

Run By: Australian Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

Funding to upgrade and replace bridges to enhance access for local communities and facilitate higher productivity vehicle access.

Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Up to \$5 Million

Run By: Australian Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

Funds infrastructure projects that improve the productivity and safety outcomes of heavy vehicle operations across Australia.

NSW Quad Bike Safety Rebate

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Up to \$2,000

Run By: SafeWork NSW

Support for farmers and businesses to improve quad bike safety by investing in key safety items.

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