



**GRANTS OVERVIEW –
GOVERNMENT STIMULUS**

State	Grant Name	Amount	Eligibility	Additional Information
NATIONAL	<u>Manufacturing Modernisation Fund</u>	\$100,000- \$1 million	<p>Funding is provided on a 3:1 basis, businesses must be able to demonstrate a minimum contribution of \$400,000 per project i.e. grant covers 25% of project costs</p> <p>The fund co-funds projects that will update manufacturing processes and grow highly skilled workforces</p> <p>Must be a manufacturing SME, with up to 199 employees (headcount)</p> <p>Must clearly identify the level of job creation</p>	<p>The next round of applications will open December 7th, 2020.</p> <p>More information can be found <u>here</u>.</p>
NATIONAL	<u>JobMaker Plan</u>	\$74 billion in measures	<p>Key proposed measures include:</p> <p>Lower taxes including an instant asset write-off threshold and full expensing of depreciable assets</p> <p>An additional \$14 billion in new and accelerated infrastructure projects</p> <p>\$4 billion JobMaker Hiring Credit to incentivise businesses to take on additional employees aged between 16 and 35 years old, additional \$1.2 billion through the Boosting Apprenticeships Wage Subsidy to support up to 100,000 new apprentices and trainees</p>	<p>Fact sheet is available <u>here</u>.</p> <p>The proposed start dates for each measure can be found <u>here</u>.</p>
NATIONAL	<u>COVID-19 Response Package</u>	\$25 billion in additional temporary and targeted support	<p>Key proposed measures include:</p> <p>JobKeeper Payment extension</p> <p>Further economic support payments making Victoria's business support grants non-assessable, non-exempt income for tax purposes</p>	<p>Proposed start dates for listed measures can be found <u>here</u>.</p>
NATIONAL	<u>Boosting Cash Flow for Employers</u>	\$10,000 - \$50,000	<p>Businesses with an annual turnover of up to \$50m will receive a payment equal to 100% of your salary and wages taxes withheld with a minimum payment of \$10,000 even if you are not required to withhold tax on salary and wages. A maximum payment of \$50,000 will be available.</p> <p>A second payment will be made in the July to October 2020 period. This payment will be another tax-free, cash payment which is equal to the first payment.</p>	<p>Further information can be found <u>here</u>.</p>

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NATIONAL	<u>Supporting apprentices and trainees</u>	Maximum of \$21,000 p.a.	<p>Eligible employers can apply for a wage subsidy of 50 per cent of the apprentice or trainee's wages paid until 31 March 2021.</p> <p>Small businesses (less than 20 employees) who retain an apprentice or trainee.</p> <p>Medium-sized businesses (199 employees or less) are now be eligible for the subsidy, for wages paid from 1 July 2020 – 31 March 2021.</p> <p>Employers of any size and group training organisations that re-engage an eligible out-of-trade apprentice or trainee will be eligible for the subsidy.</p>	Eligibility assessment is undertaken by an Australian apprenticeship support network (AASN) provider. Claims from small businesses are now open, while claims from medium-sized businesses will open on 1 October 2020. Final claims for payment must be lodged by 30 June 2021.
NATIONAL	<u>Assistance for affected regions, communities and industries</u>	\$1b is set aside for distribution to a range of programs.	<p>Includes:</p> <p>\$110m initiative to help agricultural and fisheries sector to export produce into key overseas markets, with return flights bringing back medical supplies.</p> <p>On 3 July, the Australian Government committed \$241.9 million to continue the support until the end 2020.</p> <p>\$12.7m for small regional businesses (19 employees or less) to access free and confidential financial counselling</p>	<p>For air freight support you can register an expression of interest <u>here</u>.</p> <p>To talk to a small business financial counsellor find your local RFCS office <u>here</u>.</p>
NATIONAL	<u>EMDG additional funding</u>	\$50m boost	<p>Increased funding so that eligible applicants will receive their full entitlement for the 2019-20 financial year.</p> <p>The Commonwealth Government has announced that the EMDG scheme will be simplified and reoriented in 2021-22 from a scheme providing assistance through reimbursement after expenditure to an upfront grant agreement.</p>	More information <u>here</u> .
NATIONAL	<u>Instant Asset Write- Off (IAOW)</u>	\$150,000 asset write-off	The instant asset write-off threshold has been increased from \$30,000 to \$150,000 and expanded access to include businesses with aggregated annual turnover of less than \$500 million (up from \$50 million). This applies from 12 March 2020 until 31 December 2020, for new or second-hand assets first used or installed ready for use in this timeframe.	More information <u>here</u> :

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NATIONAL	<u>SME Guarantee Scheme Phase 2</u>	Loans up to \$250,000 for 3 years or \$1,000,000 for 5 years	<p>Federal Government will guarantee half the value of new bank loans to SMEs (Businesses with a turnover of up to \$50 million) to unlock up to \$40B in finance.</p> <p>Eligible lenders are currently offering guaranteed loans up to 30 September 2020 on the following terms:</p> <p>A turnover of up to \$50 million.</p> <p>Maximum total size of loans of \$250,000 per borrower.</p> <p>Loans will be for up to three years, with an initial six-month repayment holiday.</p> <p>Unsecured finance, meaning that borrowers will not have to provide an asset as security for the loan.</p>	<p>The initial phase of the Scheme remains available for new loans made by participating lenders until 30 September 2020.</p> <p>The second phase of the scheme will start on 1 October 2020 and run until 20 June 2021.</p> <p>The government will work to finalise the details of the second phase in coming weeks.</p>
NATIONAL	<u>2nd Stimulus package – relaxation of insolvency measures</u>		<p>There will be more flexibility in respect of creditor-initiated insolvency and voluntary administration actions. Moving the outstanding amounts limits from \$2,000 to \$20,000 and timing to respond to 6 months instead of 21 days.</p>	<p>Relief for directors while trading insolvent will also be provided over the next 6 months.</p>
NATIONAL	<u>Business Wage Subsidies</u>	\$130B	<p>The payment rate of \$1,500 per fortnight for eligible employees and business participants will be reduced to \$1,200 per fortnight from 28 September 2020 and to \$1,000 per fortnight from 4 January 2021.</p> <p>To be eligible for JobKeeper Payments under the extension, businesses and not-for-profits will still need to demonstrate that they have experienced a decline in turnover of:</p> <p>50 per cent for those with an aggregated turnover of more than \$1 billion;</p> <p>30 per cent for those with an aggregated turnover of \$1 billion or less; or</p> <p>15 per cent for Australian Charities and Not for profits Commission-registered charities (excluding schools and universities).</p>	<p>Key changes to <u>JobKeeper</u> include:</p> <p>From 3 August 2020 the relevant date of employment will move from 1 March to 1 July 2020, increasing employee eligibility for the existing scheme and the extension</p> <p>Extension of payment until 28 March 2021</p> <p>From 20 July 2020 childcare providers are no longer eligible and are instead covered by the Federal Childcare Support Package</p> <p>From 28 September 2020, eligibility for the JobKeeper Payment will be based on actual turnover in the relevant periods, the payment will be stepped down and paid at two rates. Check <u>here</u> for more information.</p> <p>You can enrol for the JobKeeper Payment at any time until the program closes if your circumstances have changed. Check if you are eligible at <u>Enrol for JobKeeper</u>.</p>

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NATIONAL	<u>\$1.6b Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package</u>	The Transition Payment is 25 per cent of fee revenue or the existing hourly rate cap, whichever is lower, in the relevant reference period that has been used during the Relief Package.	<p>From 13 July 2020, Child Care Subsidy and Additional Child Care Subsidy return, along with new transition measures to support the sector and parents as they move back to the subsidy. JobKeeper will cease from 20 July 2020 for employees of a Child Care Subsidy approved service and for sole traders operating a childcare service.</p> <p>All approved early childhood education and care services will receive a Transition Payment, instead of JobKeeper Payment, for the period 13 July 2020 to 27 September 2020.</p>	More information can be found in <u>this link</u> :
NATIONAL	<u>\$500m Loans for exporters</u>	\$250k – \$50m	The new COVID-19 Export Capital Facility will target loans to established and previously profitable exporters who, due to COVID-19, are unable to gain finance from commercial sources.	Further information available <u>here</u>
NATIONAL	<u>\$50M NBN Relief</u>	\$50m pool of funds	Relief measures will include waiving wholesale monthly costs paid by internet providers for small and medium businesses facing COVID-19 related financial hardship, and providing internet providers with discounted access to new business-grade services until 31 January next year.	Further information on how to access this government support is outlined <u>here</u> .
NATIONAL	<u>Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand (RISE) Fund</u>	Funding pool of \$75m	Grants between \$75,000 and \$2m are available to assist companies in the arts and entertainment sector to restart, re-imagine or create new activities, including festivals, concerts and tours, that have been impacted by COVID-19.	<p>The grant opportunity commences 31 August 2020 and will close to applications on 31 May 2021, subject to allocation of funds. Applications will be accepted at any time between the opening and closing dates for the program.</p> <p>Application outcomes will be communicated approximately 10 weeks after submission.</p> <p>For further information on how to apply <u>click here</u>:</p>

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NATIONAL	<u>Rental relief package</u>	Mandatory legislation to protect commercial tenants	Businesses with turnover under \$50 million that are eligible for JobKeeper payments will be protected by new laws to be passed in each State Landlords must not cease the lease, tenants must honour lease, landlords must look to reduce rent in proportion to reduction in business turnover i.e. 50% reduction turnover then 50% rent reduction supported by land tax reduction.	The binding code to be implemented can be accessed <u>here</u> . State specific rental relief can be found below: <u>Victoria</u> <u>Tasmania</u> <u>NSW</u> <u>ACT</u> <u>Queensland</u> <u>Western Australia</u> <u>Northern Territory</u> <u>South Australia</u>

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All States	<u>Electricity and Gas Network Relief Package</u>	Tariff relief, rebates and payment plans	Energy networks across New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia have announced a suite of measures to provide support to customers enduring hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.	More information can be found in <u>this link</u> :
Westpac	<u>Tailored help for small businesses</u>	Up to \$250,000 per small business entity as well as various other measures.	Businesses with less than \$50m turnover. Assistance will include: Unsecured 3-year term loan up to \$250,000 Interest rate reduction on existing loans, overdrafts and cash loans Deferment of repayments for up to 6 months.	More information can be found at <u>this link</u> :
ANZ	<u>COVID-19 support package</u>	Reduction in interest rates and loan deferrals.	Small and Medium business customers with ANZ. Assistance will include: Decrease variable interest small business loan rates Six-month payment deferral with interest capitalised Temporary 12 month increase in overdraft Rate reduction for new small business loans for 2-3 years	More information can be found at <u>this link</u> .
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	<u>COVID19 Support</u>	Up to \$250,000 per small business entity as well as various other measures.	Small and Medium business customers with CBA. Assistance includes: Unsecured loans with no establishment or account fees, and no repayments required for 6 months Automatic deferring of loan repayments Reduced rates on business loans and overdrafts	More information can be found <u>here</u> :

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NAB	<u>COVID19 Assistance</u>	Reduction in interest rates and loan deferrals.	<p>Small and Medium business customers with ANZ.</p> <p>Assistance includes the following:</p> <p>Defer principal and interest for up to 6 months on a range of business loans</p> <p>Interest rate reduction on existing and new loans and overdrafts</p> <p>Deferred business credit card payments</p> <p>Request merchant terminal (including HICAPS) fees are waived for up to 6 months.</p>	More information can be found <u>here</u> :
Facebook	<u>USD 100M Small business grants programme</u>		<p>Up to 30,000 eligible small businesses in more than 30 countries will be able to receive a grant from Facebook. To be eligible to apply, your business must:</p> <p>have between 2 and 50 employees</p> <p>have been in business for over a year</p> <p>have experienced challenges due to COVID-19</p> <p>be in or near a location where Facebook operates</p>	<p>Eligibility details are still being determined for Australia.</p> <p>To register your interest, sign up <u>here</u>.</p>

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VIC	<u>Export Recovery Package</u>	\$15.7 million	Businesses will be connected to international markets through virtual trade missions as well as assistance to adapt their export strategies to respond to the rapidly changing global market.	More detail about the program is coming soon. You can register your interest and be notified when the opens <u>here</u> .
VIC	<u>Business Recovery and Resilience Mentoring</u>	Free mentoring	The program is open to the owners of small businesses with less than 20 full- time employees. For the purposes of the program, a small business owner can be a sole trader, partnership, private company or trust that operates a small business. Eligible business owners can receive up to four 2-hour mentoring sessions with an experienced professional who will help them make informed decisions about the future of their business.	Applications can be made <u>here</u> . Thereisnoadvertisedclosing date.
VIC	<u>Wellbeing and Mental Health Support for Small Businesses</u>	Free mental health support	Mental health support for Victorian small business owners dealing with challenges of COVID-19 including: St John Ambulance Mental Health and Crisis Support Training Partners in Wellbeing telephone hotline 1300 375 330 (9am to 10pm weekdays)	Register your interest for St John Ambulance’s program <u>here</u> . Additional programs will be released soon with details available on <u>here</u> .
VIC	<u>Victorian Business Growth Fund (VBGF)</u>	\$250 million	This program will run for 10 years and is designed to support long-term growth opportunities for businesses and boost employment and economic development across the state. It will help to address barriers faced by successful small and medium enterprises (SMEs).	Roc Partners has been engaged to manage the VBGF. Express your interest through Roc Partners’ <u>website</u> .
VIC	<u>Economic Survival Package To Support Businesses And Jobs</u>	\$1.7 billion	Payroll tax relief: Victorian businesses with less than \$3m payroll. Tenancy relief: Commercial tenants in government buildings. Business Support Fund: All businesses in all sectors with a focus on hospitality, tourism, accommodation, arts and entertainment, and retail. Updated to include \$40m available to licenced venues who are not covered by the tenancy relief scheme. 2020 land tax payments will be deferred for eligible small businesses Liquor licensing fees for 2021 will be waived for affected venues and small businesses	Further information can be found <u>here</u> . The Victorian Government has announced an updated package that will see businesses receive payroll tax deferrals for the full FY21 year.

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VIC	<u>Land tax relief program</u>	\$420m	<p>Relief is available to landlords: whose tenants can prove financial distress due to COVID-19, and who have reduced their tenants' rent for any period between: 1 April 2020 and 30 September 2020, and/or 1 October 2020 and 31 December 2020.</p> <p>If eligible, the relief available may: reduce up to 50% of your 2020 land tax liability provide a refund on the amount of rent reduction you've given a tenant, or reduce the amount of 2020 land tax payable if you have not yet completed payment.</p>	<p>Applications close on 31 December 2020. Applications can be made <u>here</u>.</p>
VIC	<u>Sport, Tourism and Creative Industries Grants</u>	\$150m	<p>Funding programs will be announced including: \$40m for community sport and recreation bodies \$16m for national sporting organisations \$44m for the Victorian racing industry \$32m for creative agencies and initiatives \$11m for the tourism industry</p>	<p>Further details will be announced soon. Funding announcement can be found <u>here</u>.</p>
VIC	<u>Business Adaptation Program – Food Businesses</u>	\$50m (1:1, \$10-300k per grant)	<p>Part of Working for Victoria Agriculture Workforce Plan to support food supply chain businesses in rural, regional and outer metro areas. Support eligible businesses to meet the costs of adapting their workplaces to meet health and safety requirements due to COVID-19.</p> <p>Grants awarded on non-competitive, 'first in, best dressed' basis. Grant amount can be used to fund transport to take employees to and from work, extra washrooms/facilities, machinery or appliances.</p>	<p>More information <u>here</u>.</p>
VIC	<u>Alpine business grants</u>	Part of the \$1.08 billion business survival funding pool	<p>Alpine business grants will provide up to \$20,000 to help alpine businesses pay a service charge to Alpine Resort Management Boards.</p>	<p>Further details on eligibility and how to apply will be made available <u>here</u>.</p>

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VIC	<u>Business Adaptation Package – digital presence</u>	\$20 million	<p>This package is designed specifically to help businesses adapt and acclimate to a new ‘COVID Normal’ environment once restrictions are eased for each sector.</p> <p>The package includes a \$20 million voucher program designed to help businesses thrive as having a digital presence becomes all the more important.</p>	Further details on eligibility and how to apply will be made available <u>here</u> .
VIC	<u>Waivers and Deferrals</u>	\$1.83 billion	<p>Several waivers and deferrals have been announced:</p> <p>50% stamp duty discount available for new purchases of regional commercial and industrial properties</p> <p>The Vacant Residential Land tax has been waived for all vacancies in 2020. The planned increase to the landfill levy has been deferred. 25% of the congestion levy has been waived for FY21.</p>	More information can be found <u>here</u> .
VIC	<u>Outdoor Eating and Entertainment Package Business Grants</u>	\$87.5 million	<p>A pool of \$58 million is available to provide grants of up to \$5,000 to help hospitality businesses fund practical items for outdoor dining such as; umbrellas, outdoor furniture and training.</p> <p>\$29.5 million for grants of up to \$500,000 per metro and regional city council, and \$250,000 per rural council, to deliver reduced or waived permit fees, or invest in new infrastructure and equipment to support outdoor dining.</p>	<p>Applications will remain open until funds are exhausted or until 11.59pm on 11 December 2020, whichever is earlier.</p> <p>Further details on eligibility and how to apply are available <u>here</u>.</p>
VIC	<u>Small Business Digital Adaptation Program</u>		<p>Businesses will be able to register, and trial selected digital products from suppliers who have partnered with the Victorian Government, then choose one of these products to purchase.</p> <p>Once businesses have purchased a product, they can apply for a rebate of \$1,200 to access the product for 12 months.</p> <p>The program also offers free digital adaptation training and workshops to help registered businesses adopt and implement online tools in their business. Spaces for the Small Business Digital Adaptation Program are limited.</p>	<p>You must <u>register</u> to be eligible for the program and access digital product suppliers.</p> <p>Read the information on this page, the program guidelines and <u>frequently asked questions</u> (FAQs) before you register.</p>
City of Melbourne	<u>\$10m economic stimulus package</u>	Subsidies and training opportunity.	<p>The City of Melbourne is suspending fees for registration under the food act and street trading permits for three months.</p> <p>Tenants of council-owned buildings will have their rent halved for three months.</p>	<p>The council will soon be announcing a direct investment package that will include training support to retrain and deploy casual staff to enhance city cleanliness.</p> <p>For immediate support, contact the Business Concierge Service on 9658 9658 (press 1 for Business Concierge), or visit <u>City of Melbourne Business</u> for more information.</p>

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NSW	<u>Free kinder and childcare for council childcares for 6 months</u>	Subsidies	<p>The NSW Government has committed up to \$82 million to support 260 council childcare centres who are not eligible for the JobKeeper payments.</p> <p>The funding will also include \$51 million for 700 state-funded community preschools and 38 mobile services that provide care to 45,000 three to five-year olds. The recently announced Working for NSW Fund would contribute towards the state's community preschools.</p>	Further details can be found in the following <u>here</u> :
NSW	<u>Land Tax Break for Commercial Landlords and Tenants</u>	\$440m	<p>Savings offered if commercial landlords pass the savings onto tenants through rent reduction.</p> <p>Landlords may apply for a 25% land tax concession for their CY20 land tax liability. A further land tax deferral on outstanding amounts for a 3-month period will be offered to landlords to claim the land tax concession.</p> <p>Policy available to business tenants with a turnover less than \$50m who experience a 30% or more revenue reduction.</p> <p>Can overlap with Commonwealth's JobKeeper program.</p>	Further details <u>here</u> .
NSW	<u>Licence and fee waivers</u>	\$50m	<p>\$50m worth of licence fees will be waived across the trades and construction sectors for until April 2021.</p>	More information is available <u>here</u> .
NSW	<u>NSW Government's small business advisory program</u>	\$14m	<p>Business Connect has been allocated \$4.6 million to engage an additional 30 advisors to support businesses, on top of \$9.8 million to ensure the program continues for another 12 months.</p>	Further information can be found <u>here</u> .

NSW	<u>Economic package to Safeguard local council jobs, service and Infrastructure</u>	\$395m	<p>The NSW Government's local government economic stimulus package includes a \$250 million increase in low-cost loans to eligible councils through the state's borrowing facility provided by TCorp to kick-start community infrastructure projects. TCorp will also be offering principal and interest payments deferrals on existing council loans upon request for the next 6 months.</p> <p>Other measures will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up to \$112.5 million to support a Council Job Retention Allowance of \$1,500 per fortnight per employee to limit job losses in the NSW local government sector. <p>\$32.8 million to assist councils meet the cost of the FY2020/21 increase in the Emergency Services Levy.</p>	Further information can be found <u>here</u> .
NSW	<u>NSW Export Assistance Package</u>	\$10,000	<p>Provides grants to eligible businesses with eligible export activities to help them recover from the impacts of COVID-19, bushfires or drought.</p> <p>This grant will be provided as reimbursement of 50% of eligible expenses up to \$10,000.</p>	Program guidelines <u>here</u> and apply online <u>here</u> .
NSW	<u>Export Assistance Grant Program</u>	\$10,000	<p>Grants of up to \$10,000 per eligible business will support up to 1,000 NSW eligible businesses</p> <p>Matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis, funding will centre on export marketing and development activities, such as market research, participation in international tradeshows and trade missions, inbound business support, e-commerce development and marketing materials.</p>	For more information, please register your interest with the NSW government at <u>export.enquiries@treasury.nsw.gov.au</u>
NSW	<u>\$1 billion fund for jobs, and help for the vulnerable</u>		<p>Deferral of payroll tax for business with payrolls over \$10 million for 6 months (up to \$4 billion deferred).</p> <p>Deferral of deferral of gaming tax, parking levies and rent for commercial tenants in government properties for six months</p>	Further details on how to access this funding can be found <u>here</u> .
NSW	<u>\$2.3 billion coronavirus stimulus package</u>	\$530m	<p>\$450m has been allocated to waive payroll tax for businesses with payrolls of up to \$10m for up to 6 months. Businesses with payrolls of \$10 million or less received a three-month waiver on payroll tax in the first package. These businesses will now get an additional three-month deferral as well.</p> <p>\$80m for fees and charges to be waived for small businesses such as cafes, restaurants and those in trades.</p>	<p>Payroll tax customers whose total grouped Australian wages for the 2019/20 financial year are \$10 million or less, will have their annual tax liability reduced by 25 per cent when they lodge their annual reconciliation.</p> <p>More details can be found <u>here</u>.</p>

NSW

[Emergency cleaning stimulus package](#) Work contracts

The NSW Government is hiring small and medium-sized cleaning businesses to help existing contractors minimise the spread of COVID-19.

Supplementary government cleaning contracts are available for:

- general cleaning low-risk areas
- enhanced cleaning for COVID-19 risk reduction

environment cleaning of facilities after a suspected COVID-19 diagnosis cleaning auditing services.

If you'd like to register your business, go to [eTendering](#).

This is open until 31 December 2020.

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WA	<u>WA Rent Relief Plan</u>	\$25m in rent waived for 6 months	<p>Rent waived for six months for eligible tenants of buildings owned by government agencies and trading enterprises, effective immediately. Plan benefits businesses such as convenience stores in train stations, cafes in government buildings, and restaurants in tourism precincts, such as Elizabeth Quay and Yagan Square. Will also benefit eligible small businesses leasing land from the State, such as caravan parks and eco-tourism operators.</p> <p>Legislation will be introduced to mandate a moratorium on residential and commercial evictions for 6 months.</p>	<p>Further details <u>here</u>.</p> <p>This plan has now been extended for a further 6 months until 28th March 2021</p>
WA	<u>Lotterywest Grants</u>	\$159m COVID-19 relief fund	<p>This is now in its second phase and includes a mixture of open applications, an Expression of Interest process, and applications by invitation.</p> <p>Includes a range of programs including:</p> <p><u>Supporting the Most Vulnerable</u> designed to help your organisation assist people currently in crisis related to COVID-19 and avoid entrenched disadvantage</p> <p><u>Building Community</u>: designed to assist community programs</p> <p><u>Strengthening and Adapting Organisations</u>: helping to implement organisational change</p>	<p>Key dates for the specific programs are:</p> <p>Supporting the Most Vulnerable: Applications for both streams are now open and are expected to remain open for 2020-21.</p> <p>Building Community: Expressions of Interest (EOIs) are now open on an ongoing basis</p> <p>Strengthening and Adapting Organisations: The first round of applications opens at midday Monday 24 August and closes at 5:00pm Monday 21 September. A second round of applications is planned for February 2021.</p> <p>More information on these programs available <u>here</u>.</p>
WA	<u>Third economic package</u>	\$1b economic and health relief fund	<p>Includes:</p> <p>\$502m for small businesses including reduction in electricity bills and licences fees waived</p> <p>\$500m for health and other frontline service delivery, towards increasing supply of PPE and medical equipment</p>	<p>More information <u>here</u>.</p>
WA	<u>New Industries Fund</u>	\$300,000	<p>An additional \$300,000 to support 16 more Innovation Vouchers, worth up to \$20,000 each, to start-ups and SMEs. The total 36 Innovation Voucher grants will support SMEs to access professional skills, services or knowledge to advance their ideas and commercial activities.</p>	<p>More information <u>here</u>.</p>

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WA	<u>Kimberley and Pilbara Tourism Recovery Funding</u>	Grants between \$15,000 and \$100,000	The program is providing grants of \$15,000-\$100,000 to help tourism operators sustain and grow their businesses in the current environment - to cover fixed costs and overheads, purchase business materials and services, and shift focus to the domestic market.	Further information can be found <u>here</u> .
WA	<u>Free training for impacted trainees</u>	Unknown	<p>Training costs will be covered for apprentices and trainees who have had their contracts cancelled or suspended to continue their training 'off the job' for up to 6 months. Fees will be paid by the Department of Training and Workforce Development directly to training providers. Providers will be able to access these payments from July 1, 2020.</p> <p>Eligible apprentices and trainees displaced between 1 March 2020 and 31 December 2020 will be entitled to fee relief. There will be no course and resource fees for any units commenced by these apprentices and trainees for up to six months.</p>	Further information can be found <u>here</u> .
WA	<u>New Industries Fund</u>	\$800k	Up to \$800k from the \$16.7m New Industries Fund allocated to support start-ups and SMEs affected by COVID-19.	Further information <u>here</u> .
WA	<u>Grants for commercial landlords</u>	Grants equal to 25 percent of 2019-20 land tax bill	<p>Eligibility:</p> <p>commercial landlords must provide rent relief that equates to a minimum of 3 months' rent and freeze outgoings to small businesses that have suffered at least a 30 percent reduction in turnover due to COVID-19.</p>	<p>Grants will be administered through the Small Business Development Corporation (SBDC).</p> <p>Further information is available <u>here</u>.</p>

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WA	<u>Building Bonus Program</u>	\$147m	Grants of \$20,000 are available to any homebuyer who wishes to build a new house or purchase a new property in a single-tier development (such as a townhouse) prior to completion of construction	Announcement of an additional \$30 million funding for the program, more information <u>here</u> .

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QLD	<u>Marine Tourism Rebate</u>	Pool of \$2m. Rebates up to \$20k	Offsets the cost of privately-owned marina berthing fees in eligible local government areas. Focused on North Queensland-based marine tourism businesses operating vessels in the Livingstone, Townsville, Douglas and Whitsunday local government areas.	Further information can be found <u>here</u> .
QLD	<u>International Tourism Adaption Grant</u>	Pool of \$5m. Grants from \$2 to \$10k	For tourism businesses in regional Queensland who can demonstrate they have suffered losses of income because of the international travel restrictions.	Further information can be found <u>here</u> .
QLD	<u>Rescue package for education providers</u>	Funding pool of \$1.5m	<p>The package will provide grants up to \$40,000 to Vocational Education and Training (VET) and English Language Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS) providers (previously reliant on international students) to redesign their businesses and target the domestic market.</p> <p>Eligible entities will be able to bid for funds to offer digital classrooms, upskill their employees, diversify to new markets and more to adapt their operations for post-COVID-19.</p>	Further details on how to apply will be released in due course, current information <u>here</u> .
QLD	<u>Small business grants and training</u>	\$100m (up to \$10k per project)	<p>Small Business Adaptation Grants will assist businesses impacted by COVID- 19 to be more resilient and recover.</p> <p>Businesses can apply to help pay for financial, legal or other professional advice, marketing and communication activities. Grants can be used to buy specialised digital equipment or software to help businesses move online.</p>	Information can be found <u>here</u> .
QLD	<u>Exploration sector package</u>	\$2.8m	Collaborative Exploration Initiative grants funds brought forward. Explorers can apply for grants of up to \$200,000 for new and innovative exploration activities. 6-month rent free extension until March 31 st 2021.	Information can be found <u>here</u> .
QLD	<u>Commercial and Residential Rent Relief</u>	Mediation scheme, ban on evictions, land-tax rebate	Freeze on evictions. 3-month rebate on land tax for 2019-2020, and a 3-month deferral of land tax for 2020-2021.	Eligibility criteria can be found <u>here</u> . Updated information can be found <u>here</u> .

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QLD	<u>Interest free loan</u>	up to \$250,000 for carry on finance and 12-month interest free	Expressions of interest are now open.	Further information can be found <u>here</u> .
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SA	<u>Economic and Business Growth Fund</u>	An additional \$70m	For initiatives and projects that have broad economic benefits, supporting industry or sector productivity and competitiveness. No minimum or maximum grant amount.	Further information can be found <u>here</u> .
SA	<u>\$20 million tourism industry boost</u>	\$20m	Grants from \$20,000 to \$500,000 are available for businesses in the tourism sector for new and improved regional accommodation and quality tourism product and experiences that attract more visitors and a higher return. Grants provided will fund up to 30% of the total project cost.	Applications opened 14 th September 2020 and will close 31 st March 2022, or until all funds are exhausted. Detailed program guidelines and instructions on how to apply can be found <u>here</u> .
SA	<u>VET Package</u>	\$16m	This will support non-government training providers in their critical role of meeting the skills needs of the state, to adapt and remain viable as the impacts of COVID-19 continue to evolve.	Further information <u>here</u> .
SA	<u>Payroll Tax relief</u>	Payroll tax assistance	Businesses with annual payroll (grouped) of up to \$4 million will be granted an extra 3-month payroll tax waiver Businesses with grouped annual wages of more than \$4 million will be able to continue to defer their payroll tax liability on demonstration of impacts on cash flow of COVID-19 for a further 3 months	Further information <u>here</u> .
SA	<u>JobKeeper payments exempt from payroll tax</u>	Payroll tax assistance	SA Government will exempt all JobKeeper payments from payroll tax.	The SA Government will be introducing urgent legislation into State Parliament on Tuesday to amend the Payroll Tax Act 2009 to ensure JobKeeper payments are exempt from payroll tax.

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NT	<u>Tourism Grant</u>	Grants of up to \$5,000 in matched funding	Help tourism businesses evaluate their online presence and implement and to deliver business improvements that will make it easier for consumers to book online	Further Information can be found <u>here</u> .
NT	<u>Remote Aboriginal Governance & Capacity Building Grant Program</u>	Two types of grants are available: Grants up to \$20,000 for small projects with a total value of less than \$20,000. Grant funding will be up to 100 per cent of your eligible project costs. Grants up to \$50,000 for projects with a total value of more than \$20,000. Grant funding will be up to 75 per cent of your eligible project costs to a maximum of \$50,000.	Funding is available for projects that will benefit remote Aboriginal people including: Improve governance structures (including legal status and management of governance arrangements); Build leadership, negotiation and governance / board member skills and expertise; Improve operational rigour (including financial accountability, project management, HR and procurement expertise); Support community organisations in transitioning to local providers.	Designed to help Aboriginal organisations improve their skills in effective governance and to build their capacity to deliver community- led initiatives and programs. Further information can be found <u>here</u> .
NT	<u>Taxation Relief</u>	Taxation Relief depending on taxes paid	Community clubs, pubs, hotels and casinos	Further information can be found <u>here</u> .
NT	<u>\$65 million Jobs Rescue and Recovery</u>	Payroll tax assistance	Eligible businesses who employ a Territorian before 30 June 2021 won't be liable for payroll tax on those wages for a 2-year period.	For more information on eligibility for employers, go to the Department of Treasury and Finance <u>website</u> .
NT	<u>Jobs, Rescue and Recovery Plan</u>	Various	Provide a new \$40 million Small Business Grants Program with \$20 million set aside for an emergency grants program of \$2,500 cash payments.	
NT	<u>\$800,000 Battery Scheme</u>	Grants up to \$6,000	Grants up to \$6,000 will be available to households and businesses for the purchase and installation of solar PV systems with eligible batteries and inverters, or for those who already have solar, for batteries and inverters.	Applications opened Tuesday 14 April, the program has initial funding for around 130 batteries. <u>More information here</u> .
NT	<u>\$20m Business Improvement Grant</u>	\$10,000 unmatched funding, grants above this will be matched 1:1 up to a maximum grant of \$20,000	Northern Territory businesses that operate locally can obtain grants to support business improvements. Eligible works include: Buying new equipment, New shop fit outs, Physical changes to attract customers.	More information can be found <u>here</u> .
NT	<u>Immediate Works Program</u>	Grants up to \$100,000 (first \$50,000 does not need co-contribution, grants above \$50,000 will be matched 1:1)	Not-for-profit and community organisations in the NT. Schools and local government bodies are not eligible to apply.	More information can be found <u>here</u> .

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ACT	<u>Economic survival package</u>	\$137m Stimulus Package	<p>A range of support packages for households and businesses including:</p> <p>A rebate on the fixed charge for 2019-20 on commercial rates for properties with an AUV below \$2 million</p> <p>A 6-month waiver on payroll tax for hospitality, creative arts and entertainment industries</p> <p>Waiving of fees for food business registration and liquor licencing fees (including off-license) and outdoor dining fees</p> <p>A \$750 rebate for small business owners to help with power bills.</p> <p>Interest free deferrals of payroll tax commencing 1 July 2020 for all businesses up to a payroll threshold of \$10 million</p> <p>One-off payment of up to \$5,000 to taxi drivers who lease their taxi plates from private owners.</p> <p>Businesses in the construction sector can access interest free payroll tax deferrals for 6 months.</p>	<p>A business liaison team will assist local businesses with these measures.</p> <p>Further information can be found <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>.</p>
ACT	<u>Rent and Tenancy assistance - Residential</u>	Changes to tenancy laws to protect tenants from eviction during the Coronavirus crisis.	<p>For ACT renters, the ACT Government will encourage landlords to reduce rents by at least 25 percent for tenants under rental stress by sharing the cost reduction of the rental on a 50/50 basis, capped at \$1,300 per quarter (around \$100 a week).</p> <p>A rebate of \$150 will also be provided on residential rates and a freeze on a number of fees and charges, including the fire and emergency services levy, public transport, vehicle registration and parking fees.</p>	More information can be found in the following <u>here</u> .

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TAS	<u>Targeted industry assistance: Tourism, hospitality & Fisheries</u>	Discounts and fee waivers.	<p>A number of lease, licence and parks entry fees will be waived over 3 months for tourism operators.</p> <p>A 50% discount on liquor licensing fees and all application fees will apply for the calendar year, back dated to 1 Jan 2020.</p> <p>Annual fees and levies for the rock lobster, giant crab and fin fishers and abalone divers will be waived for 12 months.</p>	<p>The Tasmanian Government has also created a tourism and hospitality training fund, to help train workers in the sector over the winter months to boost skills.</p> <p>More information <u>here</u>.</p>
TAS	<u>Tasmanian Support & Stimulus Package</u>	\$420m stimulus package.	<p>A range of support packages for households, health sector, small business and local government. Including;</p> <p>payroll tax waivers for the next four months for hospitality, tourism and seafood industry businesses with payrolls up to \$5m.</p> <p>\$5,000 grants for businesses that hire and apprentice in the tourism, hospitality, building and construction, and manufacturing industries.</p>	Further details <u>here</u> .
TAS	<u>Payroll tax</u>	Payroll tax waivers for entire 2019-2020 year	Other small and medium businesses of an annual payroll of up to \$5m in Australian wages can apply based on the immediate impact of COVID-19 on their business.	Further information at the following link: <u>Tasmanian fact sheet link</u> .
TAS	<u>Interest Free Business Loans for Small Business</u>	\$50m in interest free loans for three years.	Small businesses in the hospitality, tourism, seafood production, and exports sectors with a turnover of less than \$10m.	<p>Loan must be used to purchase equipment or restructuring business operations.</p> <p>Information on how to apply will be forthcoming. For updated information click <u>here</u>.</p>
TAS	<u>Second Economic Package</u>	Approx. \$5m	<p>Includes:</p> <p>\$1.8m for fishery fees and licence relief for 12 months</p> <p>\$1.5m to support the Creative and Cultural Industries</p> <p>\$2.6m towards air freight services for time-sensitive freight, including seafood</p> <p>Digital Ready for Business Program boosted to \$400,000, designed to assist business take their business online</p>	More information <u>here</u> .

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TAS	<u>\$150M local government loan scheme</u>	Loans for infrastructure projects	The Tasmanian Government has expanded their local government loans program from \$50 million to \$150 million and has broadened the criteria so that more local government projects will be eligible for funding.	More information <u>here</u> .
TAS	<u>Business growth loan scheme</u>	\$60m	<p>The Tasmanian Government is offering low interest loans between \$20,000 and \$3 million to help businesses adapt, recover and grow.</p> <p>This new program is targeted towards retention of jobs and new projects and investments that generate new jobs and apprenticeships</p>	<p>Applications opened 14th September and will remain open for one year, or until funds are exhausted.</p> <p>Full programs guidelines and instructions on how to apply are available <u>here</u>.</p>
TAS	<u>Technology grants for mental health and drug and alcohol service providers</u>	\$450,000	Organisations from the Community Managed Mental Health (CMMH) and Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) sector.	Further information can be found <u>here</u> .
TAS	<u>Tasmanian Renewable Hydrogen Action Plan</u>	\$50m	<p>Kickstart renewable hydrogen industry in Tasmania</p> <p>\$20m Tasmanian Renewable Hydrogen Fund (EOI due August – matched contributions expected) to support significant capital investment in new renewable hydrogen related projects or feasibility studies for large-scale projects.</p> <p>\$20m concessional loans</p> <p>\$10m support services (electricity supply, payroll tax relief)</p>	Further information can be found at <u>here</u> and <u>here</u> .
TAS	<u>Rapid Response Skills Matching Service</u>		Skills matching service established by Searson Buck to help move workers into new jobs as quickly as possible. Businesses that have immediate job needs and opportunities available and jobseekers that would like to be considered for employment opportunities can register interest on the portal.	More details <u>here</u>

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TAS	<u>Free business advice</u>		Free business advice offered by Enterprise Centres Tasmania to help small business owners reach their potential.	More details <u>here</u>
TAS	<u>Free digital coaching</u>		Free 2-hour coaching session with expert digital coaches.	More details <u>here</u>



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