

Defence Industry Development Grants Program

Funds small to medium enterprises to build Australia's sovereign capability, global competitiveness, technical superiority and national security.

The Defence Industry Development Grants Program (the program) will award grants over four years from 2024-25 to 2027-28. The program was announced as part of the Defence Industry Development Strategy.

The objective of the program is to build the industrial base Australia needs to achieve Defence outcomes in areas of strategic priority.

The Defence Industry Development Grants Program funds four distinct grant opportunity streams tailored to address the program outcomes:

- Sovereign Industrial Priorities stream (grants up to \$1,000,000)
- Skilling stream (grants up to \$250,000)
- Exports stream (grants up to \$250,000)
- Security stream (grants up to \$100,000).

Grants will cover up to 50% of eligible expenditure.

The Sovereign Industrial Priorities stream will assist eligible small to medium enterprises (SMEs) to purchase manufacturing plant and equipment which is used directly to develop and/or deliver programs that are in line with the Sovereign Defence Industrial Priorities (SDIPs) described in the Defence Industry Development Strategy.

The Skilling stream helps Australian defence industry to upskill and train in priority trade, technical and professional skillsets to develop a workforce with the right mix of qualified and experienced personnel to meet Defence requirements. The program will enhance the capacity and capability of Australian defence industry workforce to deliver SDIPs described in the Defence Industry Development Strategy.

The Exports stream provides support for small to medium enterprises (SMEs) to overcome export barriers and help defence industry build scale and competitiveness in defence capability priority areas as identified by the SDIPs described in the Defence Industry Development Strategy.

The Security stream helps Australian defence industry improve and maintain security in priority areas as identified by the SDIPs and in line with the Defence Industry Security Program.

You can apply if you:

Link

<https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/defence-industry-development-grants-program>

Status

Open

Provider

Australian Government Department of Defence

Amount

Up to \$1,000,000

Rounds

None - Always Open

Location

- National

Who Can Apply

- Businesses

Co-contribution Required?

Yes

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- Have an Australian business number (ABN)
- Are a SME with less than 200 employees
- Are registered for GST
- Have an account with an Australian financial institution
- Are non-income tax exempt.

And are one of the following entities:

- An entity incorporated in Australia
- A company limited by guarantee
- An incorporated trustee on behalf of a trust.

Applications will be assessed in batches. The closing dates for each batch will be regularly updated on the link below. You can apply at any time.

All projects are due to be completed by 31 Mar 2028.