

BUSINESS FUNDING – AS AT 2 APRIL 2012

Funding Portals

GrantsLink

GrantsLink is managed by the Federal government and provides a way for businesses and individuals to stay up to date with grants and assistance from the Australian government and other reputable organisations.

<http://grantslink.gov.au/>

Grant Wizard

This site allows you to search for relevant Queensland government grants. It is also possible to have grants listings sent to your email to ensure you can remain on top of any announcements.

<https://www.smartservice.qld.gov.au/services/grants/discoverbywizard.action;jsessionid=jxbavq1k6amg>

Energy Efficiency Funding

Energy Efficiency Program

Low Carbon Australia is offering a range of finance options to businesses looking to invest in energy efficient retrofits in non-residential buildings. This includes direct finance, co-finance and also operating leases.

<http://www.lowcarbonaustralia.com.au/page/energy-efficiency-program>

On-Bill Financing

Origin and Low Carbon Australia have joined forces to finance businesses investing in energy efficiency. This arrangement removes the need for up-front capital, with repayments made through monthly bills.

<http://www.lowcarbonaustralia.com.au/sites/default/files/docs/Origin%20LCAL%20FAQs.pdf>

E3 Lease

Alleasing and Low Carbon Australia are partnering up to help businesses lease innovative energy efficient equipment and products. <http://www.alleasing.com.au/E3Lease/E3LeaseHome/Thee3Lease.aspx>

Small business instant asset write off

The Australian Tax Office will allow businesses to write off up to \$5,000 in assets associated energy efficient products.

<http://www.ato.gov.au/content/00286865.htm>

Solar Funding

Small-Scale Technology Certificates (STCs)

The Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator administers the STCs, which provides financial returns to owners that have purchased solar water heaters, heat pumps and hydro systems.

<http://ret.cleanenergyregulator.gov.au/About-the-Schemes/Small-scale-Renewable-Energy-Scheme--SRES-/about-sres>

Solar Bonus Scheme

The Solar Bonus Scheme is a program that pays domestic and other small energy customers for the surplus electricity generated from roof-top solar photovoltaic (PV) systems that is fed into the Queensland energy grid.

<http://brightthing.energy.qld.gov.au/rebate-and-incentives/solar-bonus-scheme/>

Manufacturing Funding

Clean Technology Investment Program

This program is an \$800 million program to support manufacturers to invest in energy efficient equipment, technologies, processes and products.

<http://ausindustry.gov.au/CleanTech/InvestmentProgram/Pages/InvestmentProgram.aspx>

Food Innovation and Productivity Incentive (FIPI)

The Food Innovation and Productivity Incentive scheme matches funding of up to \$100,000 for projects that improve productivity and efficiency, before 2 April 2012.

<http://www.business.qld.gov.au/food/food-innovation-productivity-incentives/applying-fipi-funding.html>

Clean Technology Food and Foundries Investment Program

\$200 million for food and foundry manufacturers to fund investment in energy efficient equipment, technologies, processes and products.

<http://ausindustry.gov.au/CleanTech/FoodAndFoundries/Pages/FoodAndFoundries.aspx>

Clean 21: the future of manufacturing

Clean 21 is the federal government's approach to improving the environmental performance, competitiveness and innovation of Australia's manufacturing industry.

<http://www.enterpriseconnect.gov.au/services/pages/clean21thefutureofmanufacturing.aspx>

Research and Development / Innovation Funding

Queensland Sustainable Energy Innovation Fund (QSEIF)

QSEIF assists organizations to develop innovative technologies that reduce energy and water consumption. Grants of up to 80 per cent of project costs (up to \$200,000) are available.

<http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/qseif/>

Smart Futures Fund

The Smart Futures Fund supports skills development and innovative research. This includes – The Proof of Concept fund which provides between \$30,000 - \$75,000 to demonstrate the potential viability of innovations, including technologies, products or processes. The Commercialisation Champions Program offers \$150,000 to transfer commercialisation and research skills between organisations.

<http://www.business.qld.gov.au/science/smart-futures-fund.html>

R&D Tax Incentive

AusIndustry is offering companies a 40-45% tax offset for investment in research and development

<http://www.ausindustry.gov.au/InnovationandRandD/RandDTaxIncentive/Pages/RandDTaxIncentive-CustomerInformationGuide.aspx>

Other Funding

Corporate Express Go Green Grants Program

Corporate Express and Landcare Australia are offering \$5,000 to 15 schools and/or community groups to run projects that educate on environmental issues or help improve the natural environment.

<http://www.landcareonline.com.au/news/archive/corporate-express-junior-landcare-go-green-grants-program-now-open/>

Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF)

The GCBF receives money from taxes on Golden Casket lotteries, wagering, keno and gaming machines. One off grants of up to \$35,000 are allocated to approved not-for-profit organisations to help them provide community services or activities that benefit the community.

<http://www.olgr.qld.gov.au/grants/gcbf/index.shtml>

BUSINESS SUPPORT – AS AT 2 APRIL 2012

ecoBiz Program

ecoBiz is a free eco-efficiency program providing self-assessment tools, training and information developed to guide Queensland businesses to improve efficiencies and resource use for financial and environmental benefits.

<http://derm.qld.gov.au/ecobiz/>

ecoBiz Network Forums

ecoBiz Network (previously QWESTNet) forums aim to bring together businesses, sustainable technology users and retailers in an informal environment where technologies, independent overviews and business case studies are presented.

<http://derm.qld.gov.au/ecobiznetwork>

AusIndustry

AusIndustry is a specialist program delivery division within the Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education. AusIndustry delivers many business programs worth about \$2billion each year.

<http://www.ausindustry.gov.au/Pages/AusIndustry.aspx>

Enterprise Connect

Enterprise Connect also delivers a number of targeted support programs to address specific business needs.

<http://www.enterpriseconnect.gov.au/Pages/Home.aspx>

Low Carbon Australia Carbon Neutral Program

Low Carbon Australia provides formal certification of carbon neutral business operations and products against the National Carbon Offset Standard (NCOS). Once certified, companies are able to use the NCOS Carbon Neutral Certified logo for promotional and marketing purposes.

<http://www.lowcarbonaustralia.com.au/cnprogram>

CSIRO's SME Engagement Centre

CSIRO's SME Engagement Centre helps SMEs find and access the right science and technology to grow their business.

<http://www.csiro.au/Portals/Partner/SMEEngagement.aspx>

Western Corridor Manufacturers Sustainability Development Group

The Western Corridor Group aids and support manufacturers in the region who aspire to be sustainable.

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