

## General

- In the October 2022-23 Budget, the Australian Government announced the regional Precincts and Partnerships Program, which has been allocated \$400 million over three years from 2023-24.
- The regional Precincts and Partnerships Program (the rPPP) opened for applications on 24 August 2023, with the Grant Opportunity Guidelines available on the [Department's website](#), [GrantConnect](#) and [business.gov.au](#).
- The rPPP is an open, non-competitive (ie always open) grants process that will support both the development and delivery of precincts across regional, rural and remote Australia.
- The Australian Government also announced the urban Precincts and Partnerships Program (uPPP) as part of the 2023-24 Budget, which is currently in the design phase. Together, the rPPP and uPPP will work to deliver precincts across the nation.
- Queries on the rPPP's application process can be directed to the Business Grants Hub at [regionalprecincts@industry.gov.au](mailto:regionalprecincts@industry.gov.au) or 13 28 46.

## Types of grants available

- The rPPP has two grants streams to support both developing and delivering precincts.
  - **Stream One: Precinct development and planning**  
Grants between \$500,000 and \$5 million are available for master planning, consultation, design, business cases and partnership establishment.
  - **Stream Two: Precinct delivery**  
Grants between \$5 million and \$50 million are available to help deliver one or more elements of a precinct. For example enabling infrastructure (roads, pathways, underground infrastructure), public infrastructure, open spaces between elements, or a particular building that activates other investment.

## Eligibility

- Applications can be submitted at any time and are open to state, territory and local governments, regional universities (which may be for-profit), and incorporated not-for-profit organisations.
- The proposed precinct must be located in a regional, rural or remote location, delineated as entirely outside the Australian Bureau of Statistics' Greater Capital City Statistical Areas (GCCSA).
- Applicants are required to demonstrate in the assessment criteria how they will contribute to the successful delivery of the project, including through co-contribution.

## Precincts and partnerships

- Regional precincts or 'places of purpose' are user-defined geographic areas with a specific shared need or theme. The program does not limit the type of precinct that can be considered for funding.
- As part of the program, eligible applicants are encouraged to partner with key community groups to jointly deliver the project, including but not limited to First Nations groups, private enterprise, Regional Development Australia committees and community organisations.

## Grant assessment

- As an open grants program there are no closure dates for funding rounds, applications can be submitted at any time and will be batched for assessment twice during the financial year.
- An Independent Expert Panel will undertake the merit assessment, assessing applications against assessment criteria. The Panel's assessment, along with policy considerations, will inform the Department's recommendations to the Minister who will then decide which grants to approve.
- Subject to the pace of application submission, we expect that the first tranche of successful grants will be announced in early 2024.