

Our North, Our Future: 2021-2026 Northern Australia Business and Community Growth Program



The **Northern Australia Business and Community Growth Program (BCGP)** provides grants to sole traders and partnerships, community organisations, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations, and other entities.

The BCGP supports business growth to improve social and economic infrastructure, increase community amenity and liveability, and deliver employment outcomes.



What is the aim of the BCGP?

The BCGP aims to create jobs that provide ongoing employment and training opportunities essential to growing Northern Australia.

The BCGP will support the provision of social and economic infrastructure in regional and remote areas in the north. It will also increase community amenity and liveability, which will encourage private investment and ultimately support regional businesses to grow and prosper.

What are the grant amounts?



minimum \$50,000 maximum \$2 million

The grant amount will be for up to 50 per cent of your project. You will need to provide evidence of how you will fund the remaining 50 per cent of the project.



What projects are eligible?

Eligible activities may include:

- ♦ buying, constructing, installing, or commissioning plant and equipment;
- ♦ construction and/or fit out of new infrastructure;
- ♦ the upgrade, renovation, or extension to existing infrastructure such as buildings;
- ♦ the replacement of infrastructure where there is a significant increase in benefit;
- ♦ capital expenditure which is directly related to your project (not 'business as usual') for the purchase of assets such as office furniture and equipment, motor vehicles, computers, printers, or photocopiers;
- ♦ relevant training and skills development directly related to your project;
- ♦ feasibility study/business case to bring your project to investment ready;
- ♦ process design and engineering;
- ♦ costs associated with preparing of environmental approval applications and other statutory and required approvals; or
- ♦ scaling up activities related to the business opportunity.



Who is the BCGP targeted at?

- ♦ incorporated not-for-profit organisations
- ♦ sole traders (individuals)
- ♦ partnerships
- ♦ non-distributive co-operatives
- ♦ Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Corporations registered under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006*

Is the BCGP linked to the Northern Australia Development Program (NADP)?

The BCGP will run in parallel to the NADP. Grant opportunities will be available to a broader range of applicants and activities. Entities eligible for the NADP are ineligible for the BCGP (trading corporations).

Program open
6 December 2021

Round 1 assessment
13 January 2022

Grants announced
March 2022

For more information, visit business.gov.au or call 13 28 46.

