Northern Australia Development Program
Grant opportunities

The Northern Australia Development Program (NADP) provides grants and a business advisory service to enable northern Australia based businesses, including Indigenous businesses, to grow and diversify. The aim of the NADP is to create new jobs in northern Australia and strengthen business capability and resilience.

The NADP has two different grant opportunities:

**STREAM ONE**

**Business Development Grants**

- **WHO?** small to medium sized businesses up to 199 employees
- **HOW MUCH?** minimum $50,000, maximum $2 million
- **WHAT FOR?** Business development
  - To scale up or diversify your business through:
    - new activities including infrastructure and assets;
    - feasibility studies;
    - business planning;
    - marketing activities.

**STREAM TWO**

**Industry Transformation Grants**

- **WHO?** medium to large sized businesses with 20 or more employees
- **HOW MUCH?** minimum $3 million, maximum $10 million
- **WHAT FOR?** Industry transformation
  - To establish a new industry or significantly grow the value of an existing industry.
  - To contribute to transformational change in a region.

**BUSINESS ADVISORY SERVICE**

The business advisory service will provide some eligible businesses with access to face-to-face advice or workshops to build their business capabilities, long-term resilience, and develop a business roadmap. If you are eligible for a grant but unsuccessful, you may wish to engage with the service to discuss next steps to improve your business capability at no cost.

**ROUND 1 KEY DATES**

- Program guidelines released 30 September 2021
- Applications open 4 November 2021
- Round 1 assessment 10 December 2021
- Grants announced February 2022

*Program runs for five years from 2021/22

**Am I eligible?**

To be eligible you must:
- have an Australian Business Number (ABN);
- be a business whose project is located in northern Australia or will significantly benefit the region; and
- be one of the following entities:
  - an entity incorporated in Australia and a trading corporation;
  - or an incorporated trustee on behalf of a trust.

**How do I apply?**

To apply, you must:
- set up a portal account and complete the online application form at www.business.gov.au;
- address the eligibility criteria;
- address the assessment criteria; and
- provide all necessary documents to support your application.


**What can I use the grant for?**

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.

Eligible activities may include:
- buying, constructing, installing or commissioning of plants and equipment;
- construction and/or fit out of new infrastructure;
- relevant training and skills development directly related to your project;
- feasibility studies/business case to bring your project to investment ready;
- business planning;
- marketing activities;
- process design and engineering; or
- scaling up activities related to the business opportunity.

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

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