

Business support payments – Northern Territory

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – AFFORDABLE
HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND OTHER

Parties	Commonwealth Northern Territory
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2022.
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support the delivery of business support packages (the packages) to eligible businesses in the Northern Territory impacted by COVID-19 restrictions. Details of each package can be found in the relevant appendices to this Schedule.</p> <p>Implementation and compliance will be managed by the Northern Territory.</p>
Reporting arrangements	<p>At the conclusion of each support package, the Northern Territory must provide a report to the Commonwealth that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> total number of unique applications received, total number of unique applications paid, total value of applications paid total value of payments made to businesses that were, as at the report due date, found to have been ineligible for support under this scheme; and a statement of assurance confirming that the money has been disbursed to applicants in accordance with the criteria set out in the appendices to the Schedule. <p>The data should be broken down by each element of each support package as set out in the appendices to the Schedule.</p> <p>The final reports should be provided to the Commonwealth no later than 10 days after the conclusion of each package.</p> <p>The Commonwealth may request reasonable additional data on the support packages in writing.</p>

<p>Estimated financial contributions</p>	<p>The Commonwealth's financial contributions under each package will be set out in the appendices to this Schedule.</p> <p>Payments to the Northern Territory will be made following the conclusion of each package based on the final reports provided by the Northern Territory.</p>
<p>Additional terms</p>	<p>The Northern Territory agrees to implement each package in accordance with the parameters outlined in the Appendices.</p> <p>Where businesses that received a payment are later found to have been ineligible, the Northern Territory will repay the Commonwealth's financial contributions towards those businesses where the funding has been recovered.</p> <p>Repayments to the Commonwealth may be managed by either the Commonwealth reducing a future payment to the Northern Territory under this Schedule by the relevant amount, or by the Commonwealth invoicing the Northern Territory for the relevant amount.</p> <p>Sole traders who receive business support through the programs listed in the appendices will not be eligible to receive Commonwealth COVID-19 Disaster Payments for the same relevant period.</p>

The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this Schedule as follows:

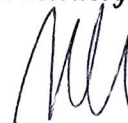
Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



The Honourable Josh Frydenberg MP
Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Australia

29 October 2021

Signed for and on behalf of the Northern Territory by



The Honourable Michael Gunner MLA
Chief Minister of the Northern Territory

October 2021

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Appendix A: Northern Territory business support announced

19 August 2021

1. This appendix to the *Business support payments – Northern Territory Schedule* (the Schedule) supports the delivery of the Northern Territory COVID-19 Business Support Package, announced on 19 August 2021 (this package). This package will support small and medium sized businesses in the Northern Territory that have been impacted by COVID-19 restrictions.
2. The Commonwealth will reimburse the Northern Territory Government 50 per cent of all payments made to eligible businesses under this package.
3. Payment to the Northern Territory Government will be made following the provision of a report in relation to this package that satisfies the requirements outlined in the Schedule.
4. In agreeing to this appendix, the Northern Territory Government agrees to implement this package, for the listed programs, in accordance with the parameters and eligibility criteria detailed below.

Grants

5. There are two types of grants in this package:
 - 5.1. *Business Support Grant – Business Support Supplement for Visitation Reliant Businesses* (known as the *Visitation Reliant Small Business Support Program* in the NT):
 - 5.1.1. \$3,000 for eligible employing businesses
 - 5.1.2. \$1,000 for eligible sole traders.
 - 5.2. *Tourism Support Scheme – Hardship Support for Touring, Professional Conference Organisers, Exhibition Build Companies and Eligible Attractions* (known as the *Tourism Survival Fund* in the NT):
 - 5.2.1. Eligible businesses will be able to access payments depending on their turnover which must be less than \$10 million:

Turnover	Payment
Up to \$250,000	\$5,000
\$250,001 to \$1 million	\$10,000
\$1 million to \$5 million	\$20,000
More than \$5 million	\$30,000

Eligibility

6. To be eligible for the *Business Support Grant – Business Support Supplement for Visitation Reliant Businesses*, a business must be all of the following:
 - 6.1 is a Territory enterprise;
 - 6.2 holds a valid Australian Business Number (ABN) and is registered for Goods and Services Tax (GST) as at 1 July 2019;
 - 6.3 is actively trading with an annual turnover of at least \$75,000 and less than \$10 million;
 - 6.4 has had to temporarily cease or significantly reduce trading (i.e. suffered a drop of 30% or more in turnover) as a result of lockdowns in the Territory or interstate; and
 - 6.5 does not have an outstanding debt due and payable to Tourism NT or the Northern Territory Government.
7. To be eligible for the *Tourism Support Scheme - Hardship Support for Touring, Professional Conference Organisers, Exhibition Build Companies and Eligible Attractions*, a business must be all of the following:
 - 7.1. is a Territory enterprise;
 - 7.2. holds a valid ABN and is registered for Goods and Services Tax (GST) as at 1 July 2019;
 - 7.3. is a Touring Company, a Professional Conference Organiser, exhibition booth build

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company or an Eligible Attraction;

- 7.3.1. Eligible Attraction is defined as a private business that is supported by the Australian Government's Zoos and Aquariums support package, being Alice Springs Reptile Centre, Crocodylus Park and Crocosaurus Cove, as at the commencement date of the Fund
- 7.4. is actively trading with an annual turnover of at least \$75,000 and less than \$10 million;
- 7.5. has had to temporarily cease or significantly reduce trading (i.e. suffered a drop of 30% or more in turnover from 1 April 2021 to 31 July 2021 as compared to the relevant reference period for the scheme in 2019) as a result of lockdowns in the Territory or interstate;
- 7.6. is listed on the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse (ATDW) or has applied for a listing; and
- 7.7. does not have an outstanding debt due and payable to Tourism NT or the Northern Territory Government.

This Appendix was agreed by the Commonwealth and the Northern Territory when the overarching Schedule was signed.