

Business support payments – Queensland

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – AFFORDABLE HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND OTHER

Table 1: Formalities and operation of Schedule	
Parties	Commonwealth Queensland
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 Queensland businesses that have been and continue to be financially impacted by the ongoing health restrictions and lockdowns due to COVID-19 in Queensland, and by lockdowns and travel restrictions in place in other states and territories. Details of each package can be found in the relevant appendix to this Schedule.</p> <p>Implementation and compliance will be managed by Queensland.</p>
Reporting arrangements	<p>At the conclusion of the support package, Queensland 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 already made to businesses that were subsequently 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 reports should be provided to the Commonwealth no later than 10 business days after the conclusion of each package.</p> <p>The Commonwealth may request 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 in accordance with the amounts specified in the appendices to this Schedule.</p> <p>Payments to Queensland will be made following conclusion of each package based on the final package reports provided by Queensland.</p>
<p>Additional terms</p>	<p>Queensland agrees to implement the packages in accordance with the parameters outlined in the appendices.</p> <p>Where businesses that received a payment are later found to have been ineligible and where the grant funding has been recouped from the recipient, Queensland will repay the Commonwealth's financial contributions towards those businesses.</p> <p>Repayments to the Commonwealth may be managed by either the Commonwealth reducing a future payment to Queensland under this Schedule by the relevant amount, or by the Commonwealth invoicing Queensland 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 the COVID-19 Disaster Payment for the same relevant period.</p>

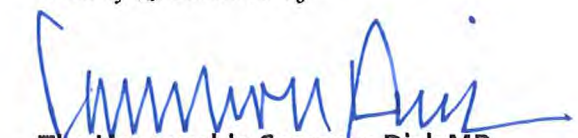
The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this Schedule as follows:

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



The Honourable Josh Frydenberg MP
Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Australia
31/4/22
April 2022

Signed for and on behalf of the State of Queensland by



The Honourable Cameron Dick MP
Treasurer of the State of Queensland
14th
April 2022

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Appendix A: Queensland Business Support announced 13 August 2021

1. This appendix to the *Business support payments – Queensland Schedule* (the Schedule) supports the delivery of the Queensland COVID-19 Business Support package announced on 13 August 2021 (this package). This package will support businesses that have been and continue to be financially impacted by the ongoing health restrictions and lockdowns due to COVID-19 in Queensland, and continue to be impacted because of lockdowns in other jurisdictions.
2. The Commonwealth will provide Queensland 50 per cent of the total grant funding. The total grant funding is expected to be around \$600 million.
3. Payment to Queensland 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, Queensland agrees to implement this package in accordance with the parameters and eligibility criteria detailed below.

Business eligibility criteria

5. Businesses may be eligible for a one-off grant if they have suffered a 30 per cent or more reduction in turnover.

Payment arrangements to eligible businesses

6. For eligible businesses across Queensland, the one-off grant is set at:
 - 6.1. \$1,000 for non-employing sole traders;
 - 6.2. \$10,000 for small business with payroll of less than \$1.3 million;
 - 6.3. \$15,000 for medium sized business with payroll between \$1.3 million and \$10 million;
 - and
 - 6.4. \$30,000 for large sized tourism and hospitality focused businesses only with payroll of greater than \$10 million.

This appendix was agreed by the Commonwealth and Queensland when the overarching Schedule was signed.

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Appendix B: Queensland Business Support announced 14 September 2021

1. This appendix to the *Business support payments – Queensland* Schedule (the Schedule) supports the delivery of the Queensland COVID-19 Business Support package announced on 14 September 2021 (this package). This package will support businesses impacted by the border restrictions with New South Wales and to provide targeted support to tourism and hospitality businesses facing hardship.
2. The Commonwealth will provide Queensland 50 per cent of the total grant funding. The total grant funding is estimated to be around \$52.8 million, out of the initial \$600 million package in Appendix A.
3. Payment to Queensland 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, Queensland agrees to implement this package in accordance with the parameters and eligibility criteria detailed below.

Business eligibility criteria

COVID-19 Business Support Grants Program – Extended to include Border Zone Businesses

5. Businesses may be eligible for a one-off grant if they have suffered a 30 per cent or more reduction in turnover and are located within the border zone.

COVID-19 Border Business Zone Hardship Grants

6. Businesses may be eligible if they are a recipient of the COVID-19 Business Support Grants in the border zone.

Tourism and Hospitality Sector Hardship Program

7. Businesses may be eligible for a one-off grant if they have suffered a decline in turnover of at least 70 per cent for at least seven consecutive days between 1 July 2021 and 30 September 2021.

Payment arrangements to eligible businesses

COVID-19 Business Support Grants Program – Extended to include Border Zone Businesses

8. The COVID-19 Business Support Grant announced on 13 August 2021, has been extended to border zone businesses to include the period of the border closure between Queensland and New South Wales from 14 August 2021.
9. For eligible businesses, one-off grants of:
 - 9.1. \$1,000 for non-employing sole traders;
 - 9.2. \$10,000 for small business with payroll of less than \$1.3 million;
 - 9.3. \$15,000 for medium sized business with payroll between \$1.3 million and \$10 million; and
 - 9.4. \$30,000 for large sized tourism and hospitality focused businesses only with payroll of greater than \$10 million.

COVID-19 Border Business Zone Hardship Grants

10. For eligible businesses in the border business zone who had a received a COVID-19 Business Support Grant, one-off grants of:
 - 10.1. \$1,000 for non-employing sole traders;
 - 10.2. \$5,000 for employing businesses.

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Tourism and Hospitality Sector Hardship Program

11. For eligible businesses, one-off grants of:
 - 11.1. \$15,000 for small businesses with payroll between \$75,000 to \$1.3 million;
 - 11.2. \$25,000 for medium sized business with payroll between \$1.3 million and \$10 million;
 - and
 - 11.3. \$50,000 for large sized businesses with payroll of greater than \$10 million.

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Appendix C: Queensland Business Support announced 25 September 2021

1. This appendix to the *Business support payments – Queensland* Schedule (the Schedule) supports the delivery of the Queensland COVID-19 Business Support package announced on 25 September 2021 (this package). This package will boost support for Queensland's tourism and hospitality businesses facing hardship and provide support for Queensland tourism businesses.
2. The Commonwealth will provide Queensland 50 per cent of the total grant funding. The total grant funding is estimated to be around \$70 million, out of the initial \$600 million package in Appendix A.
3. Payment to Queensland 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, Queensland agrees to implement this package in accordance with the parameters and eligibility criteria detailed below.

Business eligibility criteria

5. There are two grants under the Tourism and Hospitality Sector Hardship Program.

Tourism and Hospitality Hardship Grant – Round 2

6. Businesses may be eligible for a second one-off grant (in addition to that outlined in Appendix B) if they have suffered a decline in turnover of at least 70 per cent for at least seven consecutive days between 1 July 2021 and 30 September 2021.

Major Tourism Experiences Hardship Grant

7. Major Queensland tourism businesses may be eligible for the grants if they can:
 - 7.1. Demonstrate a significant (at least a 50 per cent) reduction in turnover;
 - 7.2. Agree to sign a Grant Deed which sets out how the grant was used; and
 - 7.3. Commit to keeping current staff (permanent and permanent part-time) on their payroll.
8. Major iconic zoos and aquariums may be eligible for this grant.
9. Support for theme parks will be assessed through their overarching company, rather than assessing them as separate entities, consistent with the approach adopted in the previous Queensland Government Tourism Icons Program.

Payment arrangements to eligible businesses

Tourism and Hospitality Hardship Program – Round 2

10. For eligible businesses across Queensland, a second round of one-off grants of:
 - 10.1. \$15,000 for small businesses with payroll up to \$1.3 million;
 - 10.2. \$25,000 for medium sized business with payroll between \$1.3 million and \$10 million;
 - and
 - 10.3. \$50,000 for large sized businesses with payroll of greater than \$10 million.

Major Tourism Experiences Hardship Grant

11. For eligible businesses in Queensland, two payments to be made in October and November 2021 of:
 1. \$1 million if turnover is greater than \$25 million per annum and has at least 50 employees (total \$2 million);
 2. \$1.5 million if turnover is greater than \$100 million per annum and has at least

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- 200 employees (total \$3 million); and
3. \$2 million if turnover is greater than \$200 million per annum and has at least 500 employees (total \$4 million).

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