



# Grant Applications Fact Sheet 2020

*The Centre for Defence Industry Capability can help you grow your business capacity to meet Defence capability needs. If you are a small or medium sized business looking to invest in the defence industry, you can apply for grants to fund between 70 % to 100 % of your costs.*

## About the CDIC

The CDIC is here to help you to navigate the defence industry and to identify opportunities that exist for your business.

Defence has an ambitious investment program that can only be delivered with significant engagement from Australian industry.

As our primary purpose is to work with you in strengthening and building your capacity to meet Defence capability requirements, we:

- ✓ help you to navigate the defence market through our national network of Defence Industry Facilitators and Defence Business Advisers
- ✓ enable you to connect with other businesses, as well as Defence
- ✓ advise you how to improve your competitiveness and access global markets
- ✓ provide grants to help you invest in your defence-related capabilities

## How we can help

The following grant programs are most relevant to you in growing your business in the defence industry:

**Capability Improvement Grants** – enable you to engage external expertise to help you work on improving the operations of your business, as recommended by your CDIC Defence Business Adviser.

- ✓ Grants of between \$4,000 and \$240,000

**Sovereign Industrial Capability Priority Grants** – support projects that build capabilities in areas that have been identified as critical to Defence and must be developed or supported by Australian industry.

- ✓ Grants of between \$70,000 and \$1.4 million

**Defence Global Competitiveness Grants** – help your business overcome barriers to accessing export opportunities

- ✓ Grants of between \$24,000 and \$240,000

**Skilling Australia's Defence Industry Grants** – support your business to access skilling and training to build skills capacity and enhance your capability to meet current or future Defence needs.

- ✓ Grants of between \$5,000 and \$500,000



*Australian Army protected mobility vehicles*

*Credit: SGT Mark Doran*

## Key eligibility requirements

To be eligible for a CDIC grant, your business must:

- ✓ be an SME (with less than 200 employees)
- ✓ have an Australian Business Number (ABN)
- ✓ be a company incorporated in Australia
- ✓ be an incorporated trustee on behalf of a trust

Expenditure must be:

- ✓ a direct cost of the project
- ✓ incurred by your business

You must incur the project expenditure between the project's start and end date for it to be eligible – so you can only start your project from the date we notify you that your application has been successful.

## Top tips

When applying for a CDIC grant, you must answer each question as comprehensively as possible. If there are dot points, and sub-dot points, please respond against all of them. If you have any questions, please get in touch with the CDIC.

When starting the application process, there is no need to assume your application is more attractive if you claim less than the full grant funding you are entitled to. We do not take this into account when assessing applications and recommend you claim the full amount on offer.

If you've been unsuccessful with a grant application, you are always welcome to reapply. Before you do, we recommend you talk to the CDIC so you can get feedback and insights into what you need to address in your subsequent application.

To gain more insights into our grants processes and opportunities:

- ✓ read the grant guidelines carefully
- ✓ respond against each merit criteria
- ✓ refer to the [2018 Defence Industrial Capability Plan](#) which sets out Australia's plan for our defence industry over the next decade



*HMAS COLLINS. Credit: LSIS Yuri Ramsey*

## Where to get help

### Visit us at [business.gov.au/cdic](https://business.gov.au/cdic)

The CDIC website is loaded with information about defence industry grants, as well as links to relevant services and programs.

### Talk to the CDIC

When you're ready to seriously look into entering the defence industry, get in touch with our Defence Industry Facilitators and Defence Business Advisers.

They can advise you on our grant opportunities to help best position your business. Call us on 13 28 46.

### Get the Defence Industry and Innovation newsletter

Sign up for the [CDIC monthly newsletter](#) to stay updated on defence industry developments, events and upcoming grant opportunities.

### Attend industry events

Find out about [upcoming defence industry events](#) on our website, including the CDIC's highly popular and interactive Defence Industry Insights webinar series.



*F-35A Lightning II aircraft. Credit: CPL Craig Barrett*