



FACTSHEET

Next Generation Manufacturing Investment Programme

Programme status: Closed to new applications

This programme provides grants to encourage investment in high value manufacturing, in South Australia and Victoria.

What does it offer?

Grants to support businesses invest in high value manufacturing.
Grants will support capital projects of up to three years in duration. Projects must take place at a manufacturing site in South Australia or Victoria.
From Round 2, grants range from \$500,000 to \$2.5 million, and support up to one third of project costs.

What activities are eligible?

- Purchasing (or constructing), installing and commissioning new machinery and equipment.
- Adapting or extending premises to accommodate new machinery and equipment acquired through the project.
- Training to use and maintain new machinery and equipment acquired through the project.

Other activities may get approval if they support programme outcomes.

What expenditure is eligible?

Eligible expenditure must be directly related to approved eligible activities.

This may include plant and equipment, labour and contract expenditure incurred on the project.

It may not include expenditure such as cost of finance, purchase of land, opportunity costs, routine operational costs, maintenance costs, or costs relating to advertising or recruiting.

All eligible expenditure must be incurred between the approved project commencement and project completion dates.

The project commencement date must be on or after the date AusIndustry confirms in writing that the application is eligible.

Who can apply?

An applicant business must be incorporated in Australia under the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

It must be trading, and the trading activities must be substantial and a significant proportion of its overall activities – enough for AusIndustry to consider it a trading corporation.

It must have an Australian Business Number and be registered for the Goods and Services Tax (GST).

It must *not* be exempt from paying income tax.

It must *not* be named by the Affirmative Action Agency as an organisation that has failed to comply with the *Workplace Gender Equality Act 2012* (Cth).

Who is not eligible to apply?

You are not eligible if you are:

- An individual or partnership.
- A Commonwealth, State or Local Government agency or body. This includes government business enterprises.
- Registered under the Automotive Transformation Scheme.

How will you assess my application?

AusIndustry will determine if your application is eligible.

If eligible, it is assessed against the merit criteria. From Round 2, these are:

1. The level of net economic benefit that will be achieved by the project (40 points).
2. The extent to which the project represents a new or expanded high value activity by the Applicant (40 points).
3. The value for money offered by grant support for the project (20 points).

The Minister makes the final decision on eligible applications.

If my application is successful, what will I need to do?

You will need to sign a contract with the Australian Government.

How do I apply?

You can only apply during a funding round. Round 2 opened on 29 January 2016.

Please apply via the [Application Form](#) available on business.gov.au.

Where can I find more information?

Visit business.gov.au/NextGen or call **13 28 46**.

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