



Local Capability Fund Frequently Asked Questions 2022/23

Aboriginal Business Round

Who can apply?

To be eligible for funding, applicants must:

- » Be registered for GST;
- » Have an Australian Business Number (ABN);
- » Be an Aboriginal business (at least 50% owned by an Aboriginal interest);
- » Be registered with either the Aboriginal Business Directory Western Australia or the Supply Nation's Indigenous Business Direct;
- » Be a for-profit organisation or business (i.e. not-for-profits and charities are ineligible);
- » Have been operating for at least 12 months at the time of submitting an application for funding;
- » Have its principal place of business (operating facility) in Western Australia and continue to be based in Western Australia for at least the next 12 months following application submission date; and
- » Employ less than 200 people.

How much funding is available?

The level of funding support available under this round is 75% of eligible costs (excluding GST) of up to a maximum of \$50,000 per successful applicant.

When is the closing date for applications?

3pm (AWST) on 21 September 2022. Applications will be assessed following the closure of the round. It is expected that applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application within 14 weeks of the round closing.

How will the applications be assessed?

Applications are assessed by a panel comprising officers from within the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation (JTSI). External officers may form part of the evaluation panel if their expertise is required.

Can a not-for-profit organisation apply?

No, not-for-profit organisations and charities are ineligible. The business must be a for-profit organisation.

Can new businesses or start-ups apply?

The business must be operating for at least 12 months prior to the date of submitting the application.



I have recently purchased new equipment. Can I apply for funding for this?

Retrospective activities or past purchases made prior to submitting your application will not be funded.

I have submitted an application, can the business fund the requested activity now, prior to being notified as to the outcome of my application?

Yes, however the business will wear the risk of funding the entire activity if the application is ultimately deemed unsuccessful. It would be prudent to wait until you are notified of the outcome of your application prior to incurring activity expenditure.

The business is headquartered in another Australian state or territory, but it has contractors that work in Western Australia, is the business eligible for funding?

The business must have a permanent operating facility based in Western Australia and these facilities must continue to operate out of Western Australia for the next 12 months following application submission.

This year the business acquired another business and has since restructured. Does the business meet the minimum trading time requirements for eligibility?

The business would need to demonstrate that the acquired business operated for at least 12 months prior to application submission and provide evidence of this e.g. ASIC registrations.

The business was successful in obtaining funding for an LCF round this year, can I apply for other LCF rounds?

Yes, you can apply for other LCF rounds. A business is limited to receiving no more than \$300,000 in funding under the LCF and its predecessor (the IFSP program) in the last 5 years. Any funding received as part of the \$10 million COVID-19 LCF rounds run in 2020/21 does not count towards this limit.

Can I apply more than once?

No. Only one application per business per round will be accepted.

Can I apply for funding to purchase a motor vehicle?

Motor vehicles are ineligible, unless it can be demonstrated that it is a specialised vehicle.

How can I show that a motor vehicle is specialised?

Specialised motor vehicles are vehicles which perform specific and specialised functions and are used exclusively for business purposes (e.g. bobcats, forklifts, cherry pickers, back hoe, bucket trucks etc.)



Can I apply to purchase second-hand equipment?

Yes, however the second-hand equipment or machinery must be acquired through a dealer. Private sales of second-hand equipment are not eligible for funding.

How do I receive payment for the approved activity?

The LCF is a reimbursement scheme. The business must pay for the activity first, then request payment for that activity via the SmartyGrants portal before 3pm (AWST) on 30 June 2023. A lump sum payment will be made as a single reimbursement of approved activity expenditure.

Can I receive payment of the grant in advance?

No. As this is a reimbursement scheme, payment of the grant will only occur once the business has paid for the activity.

How long does the business have to complete the activity?

The activity must be completed and all claims submitted to JTSI by 3pm (AWST) on 30 June 2023.

Can I submit a funding request for any in-house research or training done in the business?

In-house training or research is ineligible. All activities must be carried out by third parties that are perceived by JTSI to be at arm's length from the business.

Who can I contact if I have any other questions?

If you have questions about the LCF, please contact:

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