






# Native Forest Transition

## Industry and Community Development Programs Overview

The WA Government has committed to an \$80 million Native Forest Transition Plan, including a third pillar of \$30 million to support industry and communities.

<b>\$19.3 million</b>	<b>\$26.9 million</b>	<b>\$30 million</b>
		
<b>Workforce Transition Programs (WTP)</b>	<b>Business Transition Programs (BTP)</b>	<b>Industry and Community Development Programs (ICDP)</b>
<b>WTPs</b> are aimed at providing financial support to native forestry workers and help them secure new employment in the region.	<b>BTPs</b> are aimed at providing financial support to businesses to pivot, diversify, or close once protections for South West native forests increase.	<b>ICDPs</b> are aimed at assisting small business in the native forest region to grow, diversify or attract new industries to the affected areas and stimulate regional economies.

The four Industry and Community Development Programs are outlined below:

### Small Business Development and Diversification (SBDD)

- \$15 million over two funding rounds
- Round 1 closed 31 January 2023
- Round 2 opens 20 October 2023
- Round 2 closes 13 December 2023
- Grants of up to \$400,000

*Targeted funding to help businesses with a demonstrated reliance on native forestry to remain open and diversify, expand or start a new business.*

### Community Small Grants Fund (CSGF)

- \$4 million over two funding rounds
- Round 1 closed 21 April 2023
- Round 2 opens 2024
- Grants of up to \$100,000

*Funding to support sustainable projects that aim to stimulate the local economy, support tourism and events, and build liveable communities in the native forestry regions.*

### New Industry Development Grants (NIDG)

- \$10 million in one funding round
- Closed 4 September 2023
- Grants of up to \$2 million

*Matched funding to support new/expanded industry in the native forestry regions, to future-proof regional economies.*

### Closure of Impacted Businesses (CIB)

- \$1 million in one funding round
- Opens 2024
- Grants of up to \$50,000

*Funding for existing small businesses with a sole reliance on the native forestry industry that close.*



## Eligibility Matrix

Can I apply for funding?				
Applicant	SBDD	CSGF	NIDG	CIB <sup>3</sup>
Recipients of a Business Transition Program (BTP) payment	Yes <sup>1</sup>	Yes	No	No <sup>4</sup>
Existing business with a demonstrated reliance on native timber but no contract with the Forest Products Commission (closing)	No	No	No	Yes
Existing business with a demonstrated reliance on native timber but no contract with the Forest Products Commission (pivoting)	Yes	Yes	Yes <sup>2</sup>	No
Existing business with no demonstrated reliance (pivoting)	No	Yes	Yes	No
Community organisation	No	Yes	Yes	No
Local Government Authority	No	Yes	No	No
New business	No	Yes	Yes	No

*1 – Applicants that receive funding from BTP Program 1 can also apply for SBDD, but the maximum amount they would receive from SBDD would be the SBDD grant amount less the amount received from BTP Program 1.*

*2 – Applicants cannot receive grants from both SBDD and NIDG*

*3 – If an applicant has received a grant under the BTP, SBDD, CSGF or NIDG, they cannot also receive a grant for closing.*

*4 – Businesses with a Forest Products Commission contract who are forced, or choose, to close may be eligible for payment under the BTP.*

The Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation and the South West Development Commission are working together to deliver the Native Forest Transition Industry and Community Development programs. For further information about these programs, please contact [NFTEnquiries@swdc.wa.gov.au](mailto:NFTEnquiries@swdc.wa.gov.au) or phone (08) 9777 1555.

For program information and to apply, visit [www.wa.gov.au/nft](http://www.wa.gov.au/nft)