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# Additional Support Programs

## National and State-level

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# 1. Overview

This document outlines additional State and Commonwealth programs that provide funding and tailored support for manufacturers and businesses engaged across different parts of the battery value chain.

Support is available across different streams, including battery cell manufacturing, battery pack assembly, installation, connection and operation of community batteries. Each program targets specific areas of opportunity, helping to build a resilient, future-ready battery ecosystem aligned with the energy transition and economic development goals.

Please note that some programs listed may have closed or reached full allocation. However, new funding rounds and initiatives are released periodically. Applicants are encouraged to review the relevant program websites regularly for updated information and upcoming opportunities.

## 2. Programs and Initiatives

### 2.1. Battery Breakthrough Initiative (Australian Government)

This Commonwealth program provides grants of \$2 million to \$200 million to support battery cell manufacturing and pack assembly, as part of a broader \$523.2 million initiative offering production-linked incentives for high-value battery products. It aligns with the Commonwealth's Future Made in Australia agenda by targeting areas where Australia holds a competitive advantage. Eligible applicants must demonstrate a clear contribution to domestic battery value chains and advanced manufacturing capability. For further details visit ARENA's [Battery Breakthrough Initiative page](#).

### 2.2. Community Batteries Funding (Australian Government)

Round 2 of the Commonwealth Community Batteries Funding Initiative provides \$46.3 million in grant funding, with grants ranging from \$5 million to \$20 million and covering up to 50% of battery capital costs. Funded projects must deploy a minimum of 10 community batteries and deliver measurable outcomes such as reduced energy bills, lower emissions, improved grid stability, and increased access to distributed solar. In Round 1, \$124.7 million was awarded to support the installation of 318 batteries nationwide. Applicants must demonstrate clear community and energy system benefits to be eligible. For further details, visit [Community Batteries Funding Round 2](#).

## **2.3. Community Batteries for Household Solar Program (Australian Government)**

Streams 1 and 2 of the Commonwealth Community Batteries for Household Solar Program provide funding to support the installation, connection, and operation of community batteries in specified locations across Australia. These batteries are designed to lower electricity bills and emissions, store excess solar energy, and alleviate pressure on the electricity grid. Each site is limited to one battery installation, with Stream 1 requiring separate applications per location and Stream 2 delivered by pre-identified organisations. Full details are outlined in the grant opportunity guidelines of [Stream 1](#) and [Stream 2](#).

## **2.4. Graphite Research and Development Grant (Australian Government)**

The Graphite Research and Development (R&D) Grant Program, funded by the Commonwealth, supports Australian small and medium enterprises (SMEs) developing innovative technologies and processes for natural graphite production, especially for battery applications. Delivered in collaboration with CSIRO, the program offers funding and expert support to advance sustainable graphite processing, including alternative feedstocks, recycling, and purification. It aims to build a globally competitive graphite industry to support domestic manufacturing and exports. Eligible applicants are Australian SMEs undertaking graphite-related R&D. For further details, visit [Graphite Research and Development Grant](#).

## **2.5. Clean Energy Finance Fund (Australian Government)**

This Commonwealth initiative invests in emerging climate tech businesses and technologies with strong growth potential. It supports small asset finance projects valued between \$10,000 and \$5 million, covering up to 100% of equipment costs. For further details, visit [Clean energy Innovation Fund](#).

## **2.6. Investment Attraction Fund (WA Government)**

A new \$60 million round under the Investment Attraction Fund, funded by the Western Australian Government, will support projects that drive innovation, commercial scale-up, and local manufacturing growth across emerging energy sectors—including critical minerals, renewable hydrogen, green iron and steel, and carbon capture, utilisation and storage. Applicants must align with the Fund's guidelines to be considered for this targeted investment opportunity. For more information, visit the [Investment Attraction Fund](#).

## 2.7. Clean Energy Future Fund (WA Government)

The Clean Energy Future Fund supports innovative clean energy projects in Western Australia that deliver high public value through substantial, cost-effective emissions reductions and the deployment or demonstration of novel technologies with potential for broad community benefit. As part of the State’s Sectoral Emissions Reduction Strategy, the Government has committed an additional \$18 million through to 2030–31 (including \$11.2 million by 2026–27), expanding the fund to a total of \$37 million to accelerate the transition to a low-emissions future. For more information, visit the [Clean Energy Future Fund](#).

## 2.8. New Industries and Innovation Fund (WA Government)

The New Industries Fund is targeted to support startups and small businesses on innovative projects within WA. The State has invested \$40 million into the [New Industries and Innovation Fund](#) (NIIF) over four years (2025-29) to boost the development and acceleration of innovation-based technologies and their take up in global value chains. The NIIF is administered by the Department of Energy and Economic Diversification.

### Version Control

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