# Spaceport Establishment Support (SES) Grant
# FAQ

## Is there a time limit to complete my Grant funded project?

The Department's preference is for the project to be completed within 12 months of the execution of the Financial Assistance Agreement (FAA); however project details will be negotiated within the FAA.

## Can I change the scope of my Grant funded project after applying?

Once applications have closed, you cannot change the scope of your project.

If you are awarded grant funding and wish to make changes to your project's scope, you must contact the Department to discuss and seek approval for any proposed changes.

## What is the Evaluation Panel looking for when assessing my Grant application?

The Evaluation Panel is looking for clear and concise applications, that only address the evaluation criteria and use concrete evidence.

## My business has multiple locations. Can I choose which location is used for my application?

For the purpose of your grant application, the business location used in your application should be the location of your business headquarters.

## What is the minimum and maximum amount of Grant funding?

There is a total of $1.75 million funding available to support the SES Grant. The maximum funding request is $1.75 million; however, the Department reserves the right to offer less

funding than requested if there are multiple high-quality applications. In which case the $1.75 million will be split to support multiple applicants.

Recipients are required to provide a net cash co-contribution of at least 1:1 against the Western Australian Government funding request.

For example, a project with a total cost of $2,000,000 would require the funding recipient to provide a $1,000,000 cash contribution to match the SES Grant of $1,000,000.

Funding will be prioritised for applicants that demonstrate ongoing demand for their launch services and have identified a specific Western Australian spaceport site(s) which has a high probability of viability.

The minimum grant request is for $200,000 (excluding GST). It is important to note that funding will only be provided for costs determined to be eligible.

## What can Western Australian Government funds be expended on?

SES Grant funds can be expended on:

1)      Site assessments of the proposed Western Australia spaceport site(s)

Grant funding may be spent on expenses related to the undertaking of site assessments and related studies.

Examples of site assessments and related studies include:

- Environmental impact assessment
- Native title assessment
- Heritage assessment
- Bushfire risk assessment
- Hydrology assessment
- Emissions assessment
- Launch and re-entry trajectory analysis
- Stakeholder consultation.

2)      Business case development for your Western Australian spaceport

Grant funding may be spent on expenses related to:

- employing supplier(s) to undertake business case development including:
  - market analysis
  - technical and financial feasibility
  - infrastructure requirements
  - risk assessment.
- employing additional team members to support business case development.

Other expenditure (not listed above) that supports site assessment of the proposed Western Australia spaceport site(s) or business case development for your Western Australian spaceport are also eligible.

Please note all expenditure must be incurred post the project commencement date and consistent with the SES Grant guidelines.

## When will the grant payment be made?

The Department will negotiate milestone payment/s with the Recipient, which will be outlined in the FAA. Grant instalments will be made at the agreed milestones in line with the FAA.

## What happens if my application is successful?

Successful applicants will receive an approval letter via email. The Department and the Recipient will then enter into a written FAA.

Recipients will also be required to complete a Project Plan (a template will be provided by the Department), which will be used for reporting during the project.

## Will I be notified if my application is unsuccessful?

Yes, all applicants will be notified via email with the outcome of their application.

## Can I request feedback if my application is unsuccessful?

Feedback can be sought from the Department following the confirmation of outcome.

The Department will provide feedback within four weeks of your request.