



Defence Industry Development Grant

Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group



The Defence Industry Development Grant program provides up to \$39 million per year until mid-2028 to support small or medium sized Australian businesses operating in the defence sector to enhance their capabilities, capacity and security posture.

About the program

- » The Defence Industry Development Grant (DIDG) program was announced as an initiative within the Defence Industry Development Strategy released by the Australian Government on 29 February 2024.
- » Four dedicated streams support the development of sovereign industrial priorities, export opportunities, technical skills and security controls which are relevant in the defence sector.
- » Applicants must demonstrate in their response how a proposed grant project will contribute to the development or enhancement of one or more of the seven Defence Sovereign Industrial Priorities¹.
- » Applications to each stream will be competitively assessed against other applications on a 2-monthly or 3-monthly batch cycle, with grant awards providing up to 50 per cent of eligible costs for approved projects.
- » The inclusion of a customer Letter of Support has been introduced for some streams to allow applicants to demonstrate relevant commercial relationships and likely demand for their products or services within the defence sector.

Sovereign Industrial Priorities Stream – will assist eligible businesses to purchase manufacturing plant and equipment which is used directly to develop and/or deliver programs in priority areas.

- » Approximately \$100 million available over four years
- » Grants of between \$50,000 and \$1 million
- » Maximum grant project length of 24 months

Skilling Stream – will assist eligible businesses to upskill and train in priority trade, technical and professional skillsets to develop a workforce with the right mix of qualified and experienced personnel to meet Defence requirements in priority areas.

- » Approximately \$20 million available over four years
- » Grants of between \$5,000 and \$250,000
- » Maximum grant project length of 24 months

Exports Stream – will assist eligible businesses to purchase manufacturing plant and equipment, or to achieve international certifications or accreditations, which are needed to develop and/or deliver defence export opportunities in priority areas.

- » Approximately \$16 million available over four years
- » Grants of between \$15,000 and \$250,000
- » Maximum grant project length of 18 months

Security Stream – will assist eligible businesses to uplift and maintain security controls and accreditations which are aligned to the Defence Security Protection Framework in priority areas.

- » Approximately \$12 million available over four years
- » Grants of between \$10,000 and \$100,000
- » Maximum grant project length of 18 months

¹ www.defence.gov.au/business-industry/industry-capability-programs/sovereign-defence-industrial-priorities

More Information

Grant program details are available at www.business.gov.au/DIDgrants

Questions can be directed to industry.grants@defence.gov.au

