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Manufacturing Collaboration Stream Funding available

Manufacturing Collaboration Stream Funding is available under the Modern Manufacturing Initiative (MMI).

The Manufacturing Collaboration Stream is the largest component of the Modern Manufacturing Initiative which is the centrepiece of the Australian Government's \$1.5 billion Modern Manufacturing Strategy.

\$800 million is available to provide co-funding of up to one third of eligible project costs. This will be through grants between \$20 million and \$200 million to support large-scale projects that will transform the manufacturing sector by increasing collaboration, and building scale to enhance growth and competitiveness in the [National Manufacturing Priority \(NMP\) areas](#), which include medical products and food and beverage.

The Manufacturing Collaboration Stream supports large-scale manufacturing projects with:

- business-to-business collaboration at their core and/or
- business-to-research collaboration at their core.

This stream will catalyse long-term transformation in the National Manufacturing Priority areas and will focus private and public investment to help create the environment and incentives for Australian manufacturers to:

- collaborate
- scale up
- move towards higher value-added activities
- become more competitive.

The objectives of the Manufacturing Collaboration Stream are to:

- Foster collaboration between businesses, research organisations, investors and other parties to realise transformation in Australia's manufacturers towards higher value-added segments of the manufacturing 'smile curve'
- Support manufacturers to work together to build manufacturing networks and ecosystems, unlock complementary capabilities, overcome barriers to scale and grow, and access global markets
- Support long-term job creation and a more highly skilled workforce in the Australian manufacturing sector
- Increase investment in Australian manufacturing, particularly in high-value added activities
- Increase manufacturing capability, business acumen, knowledge diffusion and expertise.

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible you must have an Australian business number (ABN). Applicants should show how the project aligns with the grant objectives.

Applications can only be accepted:

- where your project aligns with one or more of the six National Manufacturing Priorities
- with a minimum of \$60.6 million in eligible project expenditure
- where no more than 50% of your project is funded from Commonwealth funding sources
- where no more than 65% of your project is funded from all government sources (including Commonwealth, State and Territory and local)
- where your project shows the potential to expand or promote interstate or international trade
- where you provide letters of support from your project partners.

In your application you must also:

- provide evidence from your board (or chief executive officer or equivalent if there is no board) that the project is supported, and that you can complete the project and meet the costs of the project not covered by grant funding. The evidence of support template must be used.
- be able provide a detailed governance plan. The plan must outline the intended arrangements for managing your project and relationships with partners. You must also show why the proposed arrangements are most suitable for your project.

How to apply

Applicants can begin preparing their applications by reading the guidelines and using the sample application form available at www.business.gov.au/mmic. The sample application form can then be used to begin work on your application before lodging your application through the online portal **from 11 August 2021 and close on 9 September 2021**.

Applicants will need to set up an account when first logging into the portal. The portal allows you to apply for and manage a grant or service in a secure online environment.

A number of online information sessions will be held over the coming weeks. Further information will be available online shortly at www.business.gov.au/mmic.

Resources

- [Modern Manufacturing Initiative – Manufacturing Collaboration Stream](#)
- [Grant opportunity guidelines](#)
- [Sample application form](#)
- For more information about the Modern Manufacturing Strategy, visit www.industry.gov.au/manufacturing