

## GRANT INFORMATION – EFS – RICHMOND AND TWEED HEADS

### 1. [Entrepreneurs' Programme](#)

Are you an entrepreneur with a pioneering idea in the early stages of the development? Then the Entrepreneurs' Programme, offering a suite of facilitation services and grants, could help get your venture off the ground. Aimed to enrich Australian economic growth and innovation, the programme provides expert advice, support, and financial aid.

If you're a start-up on the cusp of launching an innovative product or service, you could apply for matched funding of up to \$1 million under the Accelerating Commercialisation grant. A Business Growth Grant will reimburse you up to 50% of the cost, to a maximum of \$20,000, of hiring an expert to implement strategies recommended through evaluation, growth, supply chain facilitation, or tourism partnership programmes. Entrepreneurs can also apply for the Innovation Connections grant, which offers free expert advice on ventures where research is required. It even provides pathways to collaborate with the research and development (R&D) sector, and offers up to \$50,000 in funding for collaborative projects.

### 2. [Export Market Development Grant \(EMDG\)](#)

Administered by Austrade, the EMDG scheme reimburses expenses incurred for export promotional activities to existing and aspiring Australian exporters. Businesses that have spent \$15,000 or more on export promotional activities can apply for reimbursement for 50% of the costs, to a maximum of \$150,000. Promotional expenditure can include overseas marketing representatives, consultants, or buyers, marketing travel, related registration or insurances, free samples, trade events, or paid advertising, and can be for the export of goods or services, intellectual property, or to promote an Australian event or conference.

### 3. [R&D Tax Incentive](#)

The R&D Tax Incentive encourages business innovation benefiting Australia by offering a tax offset for eligible R&D activities. Companies with an annual turnover of less than \$20 million can claim a 43.5% refundable tax offset against R&D expenditure, up to \$100 million. A non-refundable tax offset of 38.5% is available to all other eligible companies, which can be carried forward if not used in that income year. Eligible R&D activities are grouped into core activities – those conducted for the purpose of creating new knowledge or improved materials, products, devices, processes, or services – and supporting activities, which are directly related to core activities.

If you are eligible to claim the incentive, register your R&D activities with the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science prior to lodging your company income tax return.

#### 4. [Certain Inputs to Manufacture \(CIM\) programme](#)

Designed to support Australian manufacturers, the CIM programme offers import duty concessions to businesses that buy raw materials from offshore vendors. To be eligible for the concession, the imported product must be of superior quality to products found in Australia, or demonstrate a performance advantage in the end product's overall design. Eligible goods include chemicals, plastics and paper goods, or metal materials and goods used in food packaging.

#### 5. [Australian Apprenticeships Incentive Programme](#)

If you're considering hiring an apprentice, you'll be glad to hear that the federal government provides financial incentives to assist Australian employers. Under the Australian Apprenticeships Incentive Programme, businesses that employ an apprentice are eligible for a one-off payment between \$750 and \$4,000, depending on the certificate level completed. Financial support is also offered to businesses that take on mature-aged apprentices and those with disabilities.

#### 6. [Business Development and Assistance Program](#)

The Business Development and Assistance Program provides support and funding – including concessional loans and asset leasing – to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people looking to start a small business or grow their existing business. Financial aid is offered for start-up or working capital, or to purchase existing businesses, plant and equipment, or other commercial assets.

#### 7. [Eileen Fisher Grant for Women](#)

The EILEEN FISHER Women-Owned Business Grant supports innovative, women-owned companies that are beyond the start-up phase and ready to expand their business and their potential for positive social and environmental impact.

#### 8. [Aboriginal Business Development Program \(ABDP\)](#)

The Aboriginal Business Development Program (ABDP) assists Aboriginal people to start or expand their business with grants between \$1,000 and \$30,000.

Grant recipients also get one-on-one support from a small business champion.

#### 9. [The SafeWork NSW Mentor Program](#)

**This program connects businesses to share knowledge and identify new ways to make impactful change to safety in the workplace.**

The program generally runs for three to six months with mentors and mentees investing time for a mentee workplace visit, creating an Action Plan and check-ins to track progress.

## **10. Cartier Women's Initiative Award**

**What it is:** A grant awarded to 18 female entrepreneurs around the globe each year.

**How to apply:** Follow the application instructions [here](#).

**Potential benefits:** All 18 finalists will receive either a first prize of \$100,000 and one-on-one mentoring or a second prize of \$30,000 in prize money.

The Cartier Women's Initiative Award is awarded once a year to 21 female entrepreneurs around the world. The Cartier award grant is intended for women business owners in the early stages of development of their business (between one to three years old). The business should be generating revenues, but need not be profitable. The top seven finalists will win \$100,000 and one-to-one business mentoring from an expert that Cartier finds for you. The remaining 14 applicants will win a \$30,000 prize.

Each of the 21 small business grant award finalists will receive a spot in the INSEAD Social Entrepreneurship 6-Day Executive Program (ISEP), as well as the opportunity to participate in entrepreneurship workshops, business coaching seminars, and networking opportunities.