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GRANTS & ACCELERATORS RADAR

Funding the Climate-Tech Ecosystem

A curated radar of Australian climate-tech grants, accelerators and investment pathways, tagged by funding type and current status. September 2026 verified update.

30
funding pathways tracked

19
national pathways

11
state/territory pathways

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last verified

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OVERVIEW

How to use this radar

This radar is a **selective, curated view of 30 priority pathways** for Australian climate-tech founders and investors; it is not an exhaustive register. It prioritises founder-relevant grants, accelerators, tax incentives and investment routes. Procurement, university/CRC, direct CEFC and specialist project-finance pathways are outside the core scope unless specifically listed.

Information last verified: 11 September 2026.

Program status, deadlines and eligibility can change without notice. Always verify directly with the administering body before applying.

30 funding pathways tracked	**19** national programs	**11** state and territory programs	**6** status categories, open to archived

Status

- Open now: accepting applications
- Rolling: no fixed close, apply direct
- **Opening soon:** announced future start or application dates
- Closed, monitor next round
- Paused: not accepting applicants
- Archived: no future rounds

Funding type

- Grant
- Accelerator
- Equity investment
- Debt + equity
- Tax incentive

Reading the funding types
Grants are generally non-dilutive but competitive and milestone-based. Accelerators may be non-dilutive or equity-linked. Equity investment requires investor fit and negotiation. Debt + equity facilities suit larger, bankable projects. **Tax incentives** are statutory offsets or credits claimed after eligible activity or production, not upfront project-development grants. Read the Deadline and Overview fields for the route: direct application, EOI then invitation, investor pitch, tax claim or partner/supplier opportunity.

Reading the amounts

Funding figures may refer to a total program pool, a per-project grant, an accelerator investment, or a fund size. Co-contribution means the applicant must contribute eligible cash or matched funding. TRL refers to technology readiness level, from proof-of-concept through demonstration and deployment.

Evidence and interpretation
Status and terms are based on official government, agency or administering-body sources checked on 11 September 2026 where available. "Why it matters" and "Signals to watch" are GG Advisory analysis. Forecast timing is labelled as such and should be re-checked before acting.

SECTION 1

National programs

Australia's Economic Accelerator (AEA)

Grant National Archived

FUNDING
Ignite: up to $500,000; Innovate: up to $5,000,000 (historical rounds)

DEADLINE
No new project funding beyond 2025-26; existing grants continue unchanged

STAGE
University research teams with an industry co-applicant

ADMINISTERED BY
Department of Education / Australian Government

Overview. AEA funded university research commercialisation through Ignite (proof-of-concept) and Innovate (proof-of-scale) streams. Since 2023 it committed more than $240 million to over 400 projects. As part of Budget repair, the Government has confirmed AEA will not fund new projects beyond 2025-26, though existing grants continue.

Why it matters. Useful background for research-backed founders, but no longer a live application pathway. Spin-outs should look instead to Main Sequence, CEFC and Virescent, and the CSIRO ON program.

Best fit: University spin-outs (historical pathway, no new rounds)

Signals to watch: Budget materials confirm no new AEA projects beyond 2025-26; existing projects continue. Monitor the broader research-commercialisation system for successor or replacement measures.

https://www.aea.gov.au/australias-economic-accelerator-program-update

ARENA Advancing Renewables Program

Grant National Rolling

FUNDING
Flexible, no fixed cap per project; milestone-based disbursement

DEADLINE
Continuously open; engage with ARENA first, then submit an EOI through ARENANet.

STAGE
Development, demonstration and pre-commercial deployment; project maturity varies by focus area

ADMINISTERED BY
Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA)

Overview. ARENA's flagship ongoing program supports projects aligned with its investment focus areas. Applicants must engage with ARENA before submitting an EOI; successful EOIs are invited to a full application.

Why it matters. A broad, continuously open ARENA route for renewable-energy technologies that do not fit a dedicated funding round, particularly where a project is ready for development, demonstration or pre-commercial deployment.

Best fit: Prototype-stage renewables and grid technologies ready to demonstrate

https://arena.gov.au/funding/advancing-renewables-program/

Future Made in Australia (FMIA) Innovation Fund

Grant National Rolling

FUNDING
$1.5 billion program pool; no published per-project maximum. Co-funding assessed on merit; higher co-contributions generally score better.

DEADLINE
Ongoing, no fixed close (launched December 2025); open until funds are exhausted

STAGE
Demonstration to commercialisation (TRL 3 and above)

ADMINISTERED BY
Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA)

Overview. ARENA's $1.5 billion fund has three priorities: Green Metals ($750 million), Renewable Energy Technology Manufacturing (initial tranche up to $200 million) and Low Carbon Liquid Fuels ($250 million). Grants above $50 million require ministerial approval. Apply by EOI through ARENANet.

Why it matters. One of Australia's largest current federal grant pools for clean-energy manufacturing. Applicants must contact ARENA before submitting an EOI and obtain ARENA endorsement to submit; successful EOIs are invited to a full application.

Best fit: Commercial-scale green metals, renewable manufacturing and low-carbon fuels

Signals to watch: A separate A$1.1B Cleaner Fuels Program is in development. ARENA is taking registrations of interest, but the program is not yet open and registration is not a funding application.

https://arena.gov.au/funding/future-made-in-australia-innovation-fund/

Solar Sunshot

Grant National Open now

FUNDING
$1 billion program. Round 1B: $1M to $5M grants ($50M pool). Round 2: $2M to $20M per project ($150M pool)

DEADLINE
Round 1B full applications are open until 12 November 2026. Round 2 is closed to new EOIs; invited full applications are due 30 October 2026.

STAGE
Solar PV manufacturing, supply chain and deployment

ADMINISTERED BY
Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA)

Overview. Solar Sunshot is ARENA's $1 billion effort to build a domestic solar PV manufacturing base under Future Made in Australia. Round 1B funds feasibility and front-end engineering studies and remains open, while Round 2 targets inputs to modules, balance-of-plant and deployment systems and is now in its full-application phase.

Why it matters. Australia deploys solar at world-leading rates but makes almost none of the hardware. For a manufacturer or supply-chain venture, Round 1B is the door that is still open, and a funded feasibility study is often the credible first step toward a later capital round.

Best fit: Solar PV manufacturing, components and deployment-technology ventures

Signals to watch: Round 1B is the live route for new applicants. Contact ARENA before lodging; do not assume further rounds until formally announced.

https://arena.gov.au/funding/solar-sunshot-round-1b/

Battery Breakthrough Initiative

Grant | National | Closed, monitor

FUNDING
Reduced to approximately $142.32 million in the 2026 Budget (down from $500 million)

DEADLINE
Not accepting new applications, subject to further notice

STAGE
Battery manufacturing capability across the value chain

ADMINISTERED BY
Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA)

Overview. Announced under Future Made in Australia and the National Battery Strategy, BBI was reduced to about A$142.32M in the 2026 Budget. ARENA is no longer accepting new applications, subject to further notice.

Why it matters. Treat BBI as context, not available capital. The funding reduction and closure mean battery manufacturers should not build a financing plan around this program unless ARENA formally reopens it.

Best fit: Battery manufacturers (closed to new applications)

Signals to watch: Monitor for any reopening or replacement mechanism. The Critical Minerals Production Tax Incentive may support qualifying downstream critical-mineral processing from 2027.

https://arena.gov.au/funding/battery-breakthrough-initiative/

Brinc / Artesian Clean Energy Accelerator

Accelerator | National | Rolling

FUNDING
Terms vary by program and cohort; verify the current offer before applying

DEADLINE
Rolling enquiry; confirm cohort availability, program fee and investment/equity terms directly with Brinc and Artesian.

STAGE
Commercialisation-ready, validated product; minimum two co-founders; Australian incorporated

ADMINISTERED BY
Brinc and Artesian Venture Partners

Overview. An online cleantech accelerator linked to Artesian's Clean Energy Seed Fund. Public Brinc pages show different economics across programs and cohorts, so current investment, fee and equity mechanics should be confirmed directly before applying.

Why it matters. Potentially useful because it combines accelerator support with a follow-on capital pathway and removes geography as a barrier. The economics, however, should be treated as unverified until confirmed for the current cohort.

Best fit: Commercialisation-ready cleantech startups seeking a rolling intake

https://www.brinc.io/programs/accelerators/australia-cleantech-accelerator-program/

Virescent Ventures Fund II

Equity Investment National Rolling

FUNDING
Virescent manages more than A$500 million across mandates; invests pre-seed to late stage

DEADLINE
Ongoing; apply directly to Virescent Ventures

STAGE
Pre-seed to late stage

INVESTMENT MANAGER
Virescent Ventures

Overview. Virescent is a major Australian dedicated climate-tech VC manager with more than A$500M under management. Fund II invests from pre-seed to late stage across climate hardware, software and services; investors include CEFC, Westpac, QIC and Breakthrough Victoria.

Why it matters. This is a direct investor pathway rather than a grant round. Climate-tech founders can approach Virescent across multiple stages, but should expect normal venture-capital fit, diligence and negotiation.

Best fit: Climate-tech ventures seeking institutional equity, pre-seed to late stage

https://www.virescent.vc/

CSIRO ON Accelerate

Accelerator National Closed, monitor

FUNDING
Program participation valued at more than $150K; $20K per team plus up to $80K for high-performing teams (non-dilutive).

DEADLINE
ON Accelerate 11 closed 6 September 2026 (extended from 31 August). Next round not yet announced.

STAGE
Pre-seed, research-driven ventures

ADMINISTERED BY
CSIRO

Overview. CSIRO's free three-month commercialisation accelerator supports research teams translating publicly funded science into ventures. ON Accelerate 11 applications ran from 27 July to 6 September 2026 and are now closed. Climate, energy and materials ventures feature regularly.

Why it matters. One of the most credible non-dilutive routes for early research-backed founders in Australia. The practical move now is to subscribe to the ON mailing list and prepare before the next round is announced.

Best fit: Research teams commercialising publicly funded science

Signals to watch: CSIRO says the ON Program is funded through FY2027. Subscribe at on@csiro.au for the next application window.

https://www.csiro.au/en/work-with-us/funding-programs/innovation-programs/on-accelerate

EnergyLab Climate Solutions Accelerator

Equity Investment · National · Closed, monitor

FUNDING
A$80,000 to A$100,000 invested per startup; ARENA-supported (A$1.64 million)

DEADLINE
2026 program runs 3 August to 11 December 2026; 2027 applications open 11 January 2027.

STAGE
Climate-tech startups at all stages

ADMINISTERED BY
EnergyLab

Overview. EnergyLab's flagship investment-linked program, first run in 2017 and ARENA-backed, invests A$80,000-A$100,000 and connects founders with climate-tech investors. The 2026 cohort, announced in August, is entirely hardware-focused across EV charging, energy management, industrial decarbonisation, critical minerals and materials.

Why it matters. Distinct from EnergyLab's non-dilutive Scaleup Program, this is the investment-linked route. Its all-hardware 2026 cohort is a deliberate bet on physical decarbonisation, a useful read on where the accelerator sees the gap between working prototypes and commercial capital.

Signals to watch: 2027 applications open 11 January 2027; founders can express interest in advance.

https://energylab.org.au/programs/acceleration/

EnergyLab Scaleup Program

Accelerator · National · Closed, monitor

FUNDING
Non-dilutive; structured three-module program

DEADLINE
2026 program runs 22 June to 30 October 2026; expressions of interest are open for 2027.

STAGE
Scale-up; startups ready to deploy commercially

ADMINISTERED BY
EnergyLab

Overview. EnergyLab's non-dilutive Scaleup Program runs across three structured modules and culminates in a showcase around All Energy. The 2026 program is currently underway through 30 October; new applicants can express interest for 2027.

Why it matters. A strong non-dilutive option for founders past prototype, with direct access to energy-sector buyers through the AllEnergy showcase rather than only to investors.

Best fit: Scale-ups with market-ready energy technology

https://energylab.org.au/programs/scaleup/

Hydrogen Headstart - Round 2

Grant · National · Closed, monitor

FUNDING
Up to $1 billion for Round 2 (revised in the 2026 Budget); a production credit per kilogram over a 10-year operating period

DEADLINE
Seven projects were shortlisted on 13 May 2026. The full-application deadline was early September 2026; assessment is now underway. Not open to new applicants.

STAGE
Commercial scale; renewable hydrogen and derivatives (ammonia, methanol, green metals)

ADMINISTERED BY
Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA)

Overview. Round 2 provides revenue support per kilogram of renewable hydrogen over ten years. Funding was revised to up to $1 billion in the 2026 Budget, down from the $2 billion flagged in 2024. Seven projects were shortlisted in May and submitted full applications in early September, so the round is closed to new expressions of interest.

Why it matters. A major federal revenue-support mechanism for first-mover commercial-scale renewable hydrogen. It is now relevant as pipeline/context and as a reference for production-linked support structures.

Best fit: Commercial-scale hydrogen and derivative projects (existing shortlist)

Signals to watch: The Hydrogen Production Tax Incentive ($2/kg refundable offset from 1 July 2027) is designed to complement Headstart.

https://arena.gov.au/funding/hydrogen-headstart-round2/

Hydrogen Production Tax Incentive

Tax incentive · National · From 1 Jul 2027

FUNDING
$2 per kilogram of renewable hydrogen; uncapped refundable tax offset; up to 10 years per project

DEADLINE
Eligible production: 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2040, for facilities reaching final investment decision by 30 June 2030.

STAGE
Australian renewable-hydrogen facility; minimum 10 MW electrolyser-equivalent

ADMINISTERED BY
ATO (tax offset) and Clean Energy Regulator (GO certification)

Overview. The A$2/kg refundable offset applies to eligible renewable hydrogen produced by qualifying Australian facilities. Facilities must be at least 10 MW electrolyser-equivalent, meet the emissions-intensity test, and use a certified production profile under the Guarantee of Origin framework. Eligible production runs from 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2040.

Why it matters. The production-linked tax offset can materially improve project economics and revenue certainty. It can be modelled now in bankability and financing analysis, but is claimed only after eligible production and certification conditions are met.

Best fit: Bankable Australian renewable-hydrogen projects meeting the 10 MW and GO requirements

https://www.ato.gov.au/about-ato/new-legislation/in-detail/businesses/hydrogen-production-and-critical-minerals-tax-incentives

Critical Minerals Production Tax Incentive

Tax incentive | National | From 1 Jul 2027

FUNDING
10% refundable offset on eligible processing and refining costs for the 31 listed critical minerals; uncapped; up to 10 years per project

DEADLINE
Available for critical minerals processed and refined between 1 July 2027 and 30 June 2040

STAGE
Australian processing/refining that substantially transforms eligible critical-mineral feedstock

ADMINISTERED BY
DISR registers eligible processing activities; ATO processes tax claims and refunds

Overview. The 10% refundable offset applies to eligible Australian processing activity that substantially transforms critical-mineral feedstock into a purer or more refined form that is chemically distinct from the feedstock. It is not a general mining, exploration or raw-export subsidy.

Why it matters. It deliberately rewards downstream processing onshore rather than raw export, and is uncapped. For ventures building processing or refining capability, it changes the long-run economics enough to be worth factoring into strategy today.

Best fit: Critical minerals processors and refiners building onshore capability

https://www.industry.gov.au/news/incentive-critical-minerals-production-and-processing-australia

Industry Growth Program (IGP)

Grant | National | Paused

FUNDING
$50,000 to $5 million matched grants across two tiers, when open

DEADLINE
Currently paused to new applications. Existing Advisory Service activity and grant agreements continue; monitor the official page for any refocused reopening.

STAGE
Early-stage commercialisation to growth

ADMINISTERED BY
Department of Industry, Science and Resources / business.gov.au

Overview. The federal government's main SME commercialisation program offered matched grants (Tier 1 $50K-$250K; Tier 2 $100K-$5M) aligned with National Reconstruction Fund priorities. It is currently paused to new applications, while existing advisory services and agreements continue.

Why it matters. It was one of the few national programs directly supporting cleantech SMEs at early stage. While it is paused, the R&D Tax Incentive and state programs are the practical substitutes, with the NRF Net Zero Fund covering the growth end.

Best fit: Innovative SMEs at early commercialisation (currently paused)

Signals to watch: Monitor the official IGP page for any refocused rounds. The NRF Net Zero Fund is a separate growth-stage investment pathway, not a grant substitute for early-stage SMEs.

https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/industry-growth-program

Main Sequence Ventures - Fund III

Equity Investment | National | Rolling

FUNDING
A$450M Fund III; more than A$1B under management; invests seed to Series B in deep tech

DEADLINE
Ongoing; apply directly to Main Sequence via mseq.vc

STAGE
Seed to Series B; research-driven deep tech

ADMINISTERED BY
Main Sequence Ventures (MSEQ)

Overview. The CSIRO-founded deep-tech venture firm closed its A$450 million Fund III in 2023, passing A$1 billion under management, with LPs including CSIRO, Hostplus, Australian Ethical, Temasek and the Grantham Foundation. Fund III focuses on decarbonisation, food and fibre, and advanced manufacturing.

Why it matters. A credible route to institutional equity for research-backed climate and materials startups, with CSIRO connections that can bring both IP access and third-party validation to a raise.

Best fit: Research-backed deep tech, seed to Series B

https://www.mseq.vc/

National Reconstruction Fund - Net Zero Fund

Debt + Equity | National | Open now

FUNDING
A$5B investment allocation; debt, equity and guarantees. Portfolio benchmark return: 5-year Australian Government Security rate minus 1%.

DEADLINE
Investment proposals accepted on an ongoing basis.

STAGE
Growth to industrial scale; large-scale industrial decarbonisation and manufacturing

ADMINISTERED BY
NRF Corporation (NRFC) / Department of Industry, Science and Resources

Overview. The $5 billion Net Zero Fund is an NRFC investment mandate for industrial decarbonisation and the scale-up of domestic low-emissions manufacturing. It can use debt, equity and guarantees and is assessed as an investment proposition, not a grant application.

Why it matters. A major concessional-finance route for capital-intensive decarbonisation. Because the NRFC invests rather than grants, on commercial-style terms, relationship-building and a bankable proposition matter more than a fixed application window.

Best fit: Capital-intensive industrial decarbonisation and manufacturing projects

Signals to watch: The NRFC also invests through its General Portfolio and other sub-funds. Return benchmarks and investment fit differ by mandate.

https://www.nrf.gov.au/what-we-do/investment-sub-funds/net-zero-fund

Powering the Regions Fund - Safeguard Transformation Stream (Round 2)

Grant | National | Open now

FUNDING
Approx. $321 million available in Round 2; grants $500,000-$50 million, covering up to 50% of eligible project expenditure.

DEADLINE
Open and assessed in batches; final close 6 May 2027 (Batch 2 closes 5 November 2026)

STAGE
Eligible trade-exposed Safeguard Mechanism facility; direct applicant must be the owner/operator

ADMINISTERED BY
DCCEEW / business.gov.au

Overview. Round 2 supports eligible trade-exposed Safeguard facilities to reduce emissions. The $600 million program has approximately $321 million available for Round 2 through 2032-33; grants can cover up to 50% of eligible expenditure.

Why it matters. Technology vendors are usually not the direct applicant, but can partner with or sell to funded facility owners/operators. That makes the applicant pipeline a practical buyer-development route.

Best fit: Direct applicants: eligible facility owners/operators. Technology providers: partner or supplier route.

https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/powering-the-regions-fund-safeguard-transformation-stream-round-2

R&D Tax Incentive (R&DTI)

Tax incentive National
Rolling

FUNDING
Under A$20M aggregated turnover: refundable offset = the company's applicable corporate tax rate + 18.5 percentage points (43.5% for a 25% base-rate entity). Larger companies receive a non-refundable intensity-based offset. Eligible expenditure cap: A$150M.

DEADLINE
Register within 10 months of financial year end (30 April 2027 for FY26)

STAGE
R&D entity conducting eligible experimental activities; generally at least A$20K eligible R&D expenditure, with RSP/CRC exceptions

ADMINISTERED BY
ATO and Department of Industry, Science and Resources

Overview. Core R&D must aim to generate new knowledge through experiments where the outcome cannot be known in advance. Routine engineering, deployment, market research or ordinary product/software development does not automatically qualify.

Why it matters. For climate-tech startups doing genuine experimental R&D, the incentive can be a recurring cash-flow support - provided eligibility, contemporaneous records and expenditure treatment are robust.

Best fit: Companies with eligible experimental R&D and contemporaneous records

Signals to watch: The 2026-27 Budget proposed reforms (higher core offset rate, turnover threshold lifted to $50M, expenditure cap to $200M, intensity threshold cut to 1.5%, refundability limited to a company's first 10 years, supporting activities removed). These are announced but not yet legislated and would apply from 1 July 2028; FY26 and FY27 are unaffected. Use a specialist, as the ATO audits claims closely.

https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/research-and-development-tax-incentive

Startmate Accelerator

Equity Investment National
Open now

FUNDING
A$120,000. No prior raise: A$1.5M post-money valuation cap. Prior raisers: matched terms where at least A$250K has already been raised from VC or angel investors.

DEADLINE
Applications close 8 November 2026; program runs 25 January to 29 April 2027

STAGE
Pre-seed/seed; at least one co-founder full-time; at least one founder based in Australia or New Zealand

ADMINISTERED BY
Startmate

Overview. Startmate is a prominent Australia/New Zealand early-stage accelerator, investing A$120,000 through a mentor-driven program. Climate-tech is a recognised priority and past cohorts have received CEFC Innovation Fund backing. The next cohort is open now.

Why it matters. A generalist accelerator with a strong climate track record and an active founder and mentor community. The A$120,000 investment makes the published terms important to assess alongside dilution and prior-raise conditions.

Best fit: Pre-seed to seed founders meeting the full-time founder requirement

https://www.startmate.com/accelerator/program

SECTION 2

State & territory programs

ACT

ACT: Energy Innovation Fund

Grant · ACT · Rolling

FUNDING
Technology Demonstration: $50K-$1M per grant, with a 1:1 matched co-contribution (up to $10M pool). Policy Challenge: $20K-$500K. Innovation Ecosystem: $30K-$300K.

STAGE
Technology Demonstration requires a business lead; research institutes may partner. ACT energy-transition scope.

DEADLINE
Technology Demonstration open year-round; two assessment rounds a year; a Policy Challenge round is currently open. Verify the next cycle on the ACT page

ADMINISTERED BY
ACT Government (EPSDD)

Overview. The ACT's Energy Innovation Fund (formerly the Renewable Energy Innovation Fund) provides up to $17 million over five years across three streams: Technology Demonstration, Policy Challenge and Innovation Ecosystem. Applications go through SmartyGrants, with the demonstration stream open year-round and assessed in periodic rounds.

Why it matters. A smaller but genuinely open channel, useful for a founder who wants a pilot-scale test market and a supportive jurisdiction before a national rollout.

Best fit: Early-stage energy innovators piloting in the ACT

https://www.climatechoices.act.gov.au/policy-programs/energy-innovation-fund

NSW

NSW: I2N Cleantech Accelerator (University of Newcastle)

Accelerator · NSW · Closed, monitor

FUNDING
Non-dilutive program support and IP support via Davies Collison Cave. Eligible participants may separately apply to the TRaCE Early-Stage Seed Fund.

STAGE
Pre-Series A; venture must be headquartered in the Hunter or Central Coast

DEADLINE
2026 applications closed; monitor for the 2027 cohort

ADMINISTERED BY
Integrated Innovation Network (I2N) / University of Newcastle

Overview. A 13-week cleantech-specific accelerator run by the University of Newcastle's I2N, backed by the federal Trailblazer for Recycling and Clean Energy (TRaCE) program, across clean energy, recycling, water, transport and supply chains. All founders receive IP support from Davies Collison Cave. 2026 applications are closed.

Why it matters. One of the few sector-specific cleantech accelerators outside Sydney and Melbourne, with real depth in clean energy and recycling. Worth watching for the 2027 cohort.

Best fit: Pre-Series A cleantech founders in the Hunter and Central Coast

Signals to watch: I2N says accelerator participants have the option to apply for separate TRaCE seed funding before end-2026, subject to the fund's eligibility and availability.

https://www.newcastle.edu.au/engage/business-and-industry/integrated-innovation-network-i2n/programs/accelerators/i2n-cleantech-accelerator

NSW: Net Zero Manufacturing Initiative (NZMI) - Round 2

Grant NSW

Closed, monitor

FUNDING
Up to $225M across three streams. Clean Technology Innovation: $500K to $5M. Low Carbon Product Manufacturing and Renewable Manufacturing: $5M to $30M

DEADLINE
Low Carbon Product Manufacturing and Renewable Manufacturing closed 25 August 2026; Clean Technology Innovation closed 8 September 2026; successful applicants notified after February 2027

STAGE
Innovation to manufacturing scale; cleantech, low-carbon products, renewable manufacturing

ADMINISTERED BY
NSW Climate and Energy Action

Overview. Round 2 of the NSW Net Zero Manufacturing Initiative offered up to $225 million across Clean Technology Innovation (piloting and demonstrating lab-proven technologies), Low Carbon Product Manufacturing and Renewable Manufacturing, each covering up to 50% of eligible costs. All three streams have now closed for 2026.

Why it matters. The most substantial manufacturing-focused cleantech grant in NSW. With this round closed, the value now is in preparing early for the next one, since Clean Technology Innovation in particular fits validated technologies seeking pilot funding.

Best fit: Clean-tech innovators (CTI) and low-carbon or renewable manufacturers

Signals to watch: Successful Round 2 applicants are notified after February 2027; watch for a further round to follow.

https://www.energy.nsw.gov.au/business-and-industry/programs-grants-and-schemes/net-zero-manufacturing

NSW: UNSW Climate 10x Accelerator (TRaCE)

Accelerator NSW

Closed, monitor

FUNDING
A$100,000 investment via uncapped SAFE note

DEADLINE
2026 applications closed; expressions of interest invited for 2027

STAGE
Australian startup; TRL 3+; Pty Ltd; at least one full-time founder

ADMINISTERED BY
UNSW Founders (federally funded via TRaCE)

Overview. Climate 10x is a 10-week accelerator under the federally funded TRaCE program, open to Australian climate-tech startups. It combines investment, mentoring, R&D infrastructure, Demo Night and post-program support. 2026 applications are closed and expressions of interest are open for 2027.

Why it matters. A national climate-specific, equity-linked route with published investment terms and access to the TRaCE ecosystem - materially more useful than treating the funding component as unspecified.

Best fit: Early-stage Australian climate-tech startups with TRL 3+ and market validation

https://unswfounders.com/climate-10x-accelerator

QLD

QLD: Advance Queensland - Ignite Ideas Fund

Grant | QLD | Closed, monitor

FUNDING
Tier 1: up to $100,000 (cash contribution at least 20%). Tier 2: $100,001 to $200,000 (1:1 matched)

DEADLINE
Round 13 closed; monitor advance.qld.gov.au for the next round

STAGE
MVP to early commercialisation

ADMINISTERED BY
Advance Queensland (Queensland Government)

Overview. Provides up to $200,000 to Queensland-based startups at MVP to early-commercialisation stage, with cleantech an eligible priority. Round 13 is closed.

Why it matters. The primary non-dilutive commercialisation grant for Queensland startups. Pre-MVP ventures should look to the companion Ignite Spark program (up to $75,000) in the meantime.

Best fit: Queensland startups at MVP to early commercialisation

Signals to watch: Ignite Spark supports pre-MVP prototypes; new Ignite Ideas rounds are announced periodically.

https://advance.qld.gov.au/grants-and-programs/ignite-ideas-fund

QLD: EnergyLab Investment Ready Program

Accelerator | QLD | Opening soon

FUNDING
Non-dilutive; 12-week fundraising-readiness program (no cash investment)

DEADLINE
Cohort 6 applications open 2 November 2026; program runs 1 February to 22 April 2027

STAGE
Pre-seed, seed or Series A; Queensland-headquartered climate-tech founders

ADMINISTERED BY
EnergyLab

Overview. A Queensland-focused, non-dilutive program that prepares climate-tech founders to raise capital, covering what investors look for, how to run a process, and direct introductions to active climate-tech investors. Cohort 6 opens for applications in November.

Why it matters. A rare state-specific, non-dilutive route squarely aimed at the fundraising step. For a Queensland founder who has a product but has not raised institutionally, it is a low-cost way to de-risk the first serious round.

Best fit: Queensland climate-tech founders preparing a capital raise

https://energylab.org.au/programs/investment-ready-program-queensland/

SA

SA: Green Industries SA - Circular Economy Grants

Grant SA
Closed, monitor

FUNDING
Business & Market Development: up to A$100K (private-sector grants cover max. 50% of eligible costs). Circular Infrastructure: A$25K-A$300K; up to A$500K for state-significant projects.

DEADLINE
2025-26 rounds closed: Circular Infrastructure 25 July 2025; Business & Market Development 28 November 2025. Awards were made in 2026.

STAGE
SME to established business; circular economy and recycling focus

ADMINISTERED BY
Green Industries SA (GISA)

Overview. Two recurring GISA routes support South Australian circular-economy activity: Business & Market Development for circular business models and markets, and Circular Infrastructure for recycling, resource recovery and processing equipment. The latest published rounds are closed.

Why it matters. A useful SA route for circular-economy and resource-recovery projects. Circular Infrastructure requires matched funding and excludes energy-from-waste projects.

Best fit: Circular-economy, recycling and materials businesses in SA

Signals to watch: GISA's AIM business-sustainability grants are currently under review; register for updates rather than assuming they are open.

https://www.greenindustries.sa.gov.au/funding

SA: Seed-Start (Research and Innovation Fund)

Grant SA
Rolling

FUNDING
Matched funding $50,000 to $500,000. Seed grants $50K to $100K (2:1); Start grants $100,001 to $500K (1:1)

DEADLINE
Open year-round; competitive assessment

STAGE
SA-based company; average annual net sales revenue below A$2M over the previous 3 financial years; proof-of-concept to near-commercial

ADMINISTERED BY
Government of South Australia (Research and Innovation Fund, Stream 2)

Overview. South Australia's main early-stage commercialisation grant, delivered through the Research and Innovation Fund. It provides matched funding to help SA companies commercialise a distinctive product or service with national or international growth potential.

Why it matters. Sector-agnostic but climate-eligible in practice (recent recipients include a geothermal drilling venture), and one of the few state pathways on this radar that is genuinely open year-round rather than round-based.

Best fit: SA early-stage, high-growth companies commercialising a product

https://statedevelopment.sa.gov.au/science-and-research-excellence/rif/stream-2/seed-start

TAS

TAS: ReCFIT Climate Change Business Innovation Grants

Grant | TAS | Closed, monitor

FUNDING
$25,000 to $100,000; total pool around $550,000 per round; 30% cash co-contribution

DEADLINE
2025 round closed 30 November 2025 and recipients have been announced. No next round has been announced; monitor ReCFIT for updates.

STAGE
SME ($500K to $55M turnover); climate action and low-emissions technology

ADMINISTERED BY
Renewables, Climate and Future Industries Tasmania (ReCFIT)

Overview. Tasmanian SMEs could access $25,000 to $100,000 for climate-action and low-emissions projects, with a 30% cash co-contribution, under Tasmania's Emissions Reduction and Resilience Roadmap. The most recent round opened in September 2025, closed in November and has been awarded.

Why it matters. A useful precedent for Tasmanian SMEs seeking climate-action funding, but the next intake should be treated as unannounced rather than assumed to be annual.

Best fit: Tasmanian SMEs with climate or low-emissions projects

https://www.recfit.tas.gov.au/grants_programs/climate-change/climate-change-business-innovation-grants

VIC

VIC: Innovation Victoria - Clean Economy Investment

Equity investment | VIC | Rolling

FUNDING
Direct and fund-mediated investment from pre-seed through growth; amounts are case-specific. Innovation Victoria also supports founder and ecosystem programs.

DEADLINE / ROUTE
Ongoing: submit an investment pitch through Innovation Victoria. Current founder and ecosystem programs continue through Innovation Victoria / legacy LaunchVic channels during transition.

STAGE
Research translation / pre-seed to growth; Victorian impact or a credible plan to establish and grow in Victoria

ADMINISTERED BY
Innovation Victoria (Victorian Government)

Overview. Innovation Victoria is the state's single front door formed by bringing together LaunchVic and Breakthrough Victoria. It carries forward founder-support and patient-capital capabilities, including direct investment and investment through external funds.

Why it matters. Victorian climate-tech founders can pitch directly for equity as well as access fund-backed and ecosystem routes; the right entry point depends on stage, sector fit and Victorian impact.

Best fit: Victorian clean-economy ventures seeking pre-seed to growth capital

https://www.innovationvictoria.com/submit-a-pitch

WA

WA: Founders Factory Nature Tech Accelerator

Accelerator | WA | Open now

FUNDING
$50,000 per startup plus four months of operational support

STAGE
Pre-seed to seed

DEADLINE
Applications invited on the Founders Factory page; confirm the current cohort window

ADMINISTERED BY
Founders Factory / WA Government

Overview. The WA Government has committed $7.2 million over three years to Founders Factory's Nature Tech Accelerator. Each startup receives $50,000 plus four months of product, commercialisation and fundraising support across environmental technologies, nature-based solutions, cleantech and biofuels. The program is active and inviting applications.

Why it matters. A direct early-stage environmental-tech route in WA, with government-backed cash support plus product, commercialisation, partnership and fundraising assistance.

Best fit: Pre-seed to seed nature-tech and environmental founders

https://foundersfactory.com/western-australia-government-nature-tech-accelerator/

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How GG Advisory can help

GG Advisory helps climate-tech founders and investors match to the right funding, structure competitive applications, and build the grant, incentive and investor pathways behind a credible growth plan. If a program here fits your venture, we can help you assess eligibility, prepare the funding narrative and structure the application.

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Sources and verification

Program details were checked against official government, agency and administering-body pages current to 11 September 2026, including public pages for the listed programs, fund managers and accelerators. Fast-moving items such as deadlines, funding levels and open or closed status should be re-checked with the administering body before acting.