

# Government Grants Current and Recent

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As at December 2016

This is not an exhaustive summary, but a listing of major grants of interest to stakeholders in Tasmania.

## CURRENT:

### Building Better Regions Fund

**From:** Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development (Federal)  
**Contact:** Ph: 13 28 46 or online contact form at <https://www.business.gov.au/contact-us>  
**Open/Close:** Open for applications 18 January 2017 (no closing date as yet)  
**Key Focus:** **Infrastructure Projects Stream** - New or extension of existing infrastructure  
**Community Investments Stream** – Events, planning and capability building  
**Funding:** \$297.7 million to 2019-20 (nationally)  
**Webpage:** <https://www.business.gov.au/assistance/building-better-regions-fund>

Grants are available through two funding streams:

- **Infrastructure Projects Stream** will support projects which involve the construction of new infrastructure, or the upgrade or extension of existing infrastructure that provide economic and social benefits to regional and remote areas.
- **Community Investments Stream** will fund community building activities including, but not limited to, new or expanded local events, strategic regional plans, and leadership and capability building activities. These projects will deliver economic and social benefits to regional and remote communities.

Information sessions will be run by the Australian Government in Hobart on the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017 and in Launceston on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

AusIndustry's Business Grants Hub is administering the program and Program Guidelines, the application form, contact details for enquiries, information session details and other programme information, is available on the webpage (above).

### Community Infrastructure Fund

**From:** Department of State Growth (Tas)  
**Contact:** [regional.development@regional.gov.au](mailto:regional.development@regional.gov.au)  
**Open/Close:** Open for applications. Minor Grants close 3 February 2017 and Major Grants close 31 March 2017  
**Key Focus:** New or upgraded community infrastructure  
**Funding:** \$13.9 million  
**Webpage:** [http://www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au/home/grants\\_and\\_funding/grants/community\\_infrastructure\\_fund](http://www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au/home/grants_and_funding/grants/community_infrastructure_fund)

The Tasmanian Government has a new fund to support community infrastructure initiatives throughout Tasmania. It is open to not for profit organisations, local councils (including council-owned businesses) and private sector businesses to assist with capital costs associated with the construction of new or the upgrading of existing infrastructure that will benefit the community.

There are two divisions of grants:

- Minor grants for \$10 000 to \$ 50 000 (no matching funding required)
- Major grants exceeding \$ 50 000 (contribution required).

## Regional Tasmania Jobs and Investment Package

<b>From:</b>	Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development (Federal, administered by State)
<b>Contact:</b>	<a href="mailto:regional.development@regional.gov.au">regional.development@regional.gov.au</a>
<b>Open/Close:</b>	TBA
<b>Key Focus:</b>	TBA
<b>Funding:</b>	\$25 million
<b>Webpage:</b>	Not yet available.

The Regional Jobs and Investment Package (Package) is a \$200 million Australian Government national initiative designed to create local jobs and growth, help diversify regional economies and build strong communities. Following a local planning process, eligible regions will be able to access between \$20 million and \$30 million in funding under the Package across three streams:

- Business innovation grants;
- Local infrastructure projects; and
- Skills and training programmes.

The Package will be delivered across the following nine regions: Bowen Basin; New South Wales North Coast; New South Wales South Coast; Wide Bay Burnett; Goulburn Valley; Cairns; Geelong; Tasmania (has been allocated \$25 million); and Upper Spencer Gulf.

The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development will engage with regions to start this community-led process. AusIndustry managed the previous Tasmanian Jobs and Investment Fund (the 'Cadbury' money) in partnership with DSG.

## City Deals

<b>From:</b>	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (Federal)
<b>Contact:</b>	<a href="mailto:cities@pmc.gov.au">cities@pmc.gov.au</a>
<b>Open/Close:</b>	N/A
<b>Key Focus:</b>	Governments, industry and communities to develop collective plans for growth and implement actions, investments, reforms and governance
<b>Funding:</b>	Re-packaging of existing government funds and non-government partnerships
<b>Webpage:</b>	<a href="https://cities.dpmc.gov.au/city-deals">https://cities.dpmc.gov.au/city-deals</a>

Launceston has been granted funding for the redevelopment of Launceston's 'City Heart' and for UTas to relocate into the CBD through one of the first three City Deals allocated by the Australian Government (through Prime Minister and Cabinet).

The City Deal includes Stage One of the City Heart Project which include upgrades to Civic Square and the Brisbane Street Mall, creating a vibrant hub to attract people into Launceston's centre. Full NBN Wi-Fi coverage in the area will encourage students, businesses and the community to make better use of the public space. Building on community consultation and a Commonwealth commitment of \$7.5 million, the City of Launceston is working to deliver the project over the next three years<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.pm.gov.au/media/2016-09-29/mou-heralds-city-deal-launceston>

## Smart Cities and Suburbs Program<sup>2</sup>

**From:** Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (Federal)  
**Contact:** [cities@pmc.gov.au](mailto:cities@pmc.gov.au)  
**Open/Close:** Not yet announced  
**Key Focus:** For local governments to fast-track innovative technology solutions that improve long-standing urban problems  
**Funding:** \$50 million (nationally)  
**Webpage:** <https://cities.dpmc.gov.au/smart-cities-program>

The Australian Government is establishing a competitive Smart Cities and Suburbs Program worth \$50 million. The Program will support local governments to fast-track innovative technology solutions that improve long-standing urban problems. The Program seeks to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of urban service delivery, infrastructure and planning to improve the liveability of cities and their suburbs.

The Government expects a wide variety of cutting-edge projects will be supported under the Program, such as collaborative design of solutions to complex urban problems, pilots of emerging technologies, the implementation of technologies at scale, and business case development.

The most valuable projects will be transformative collaborations between multiple councils and technology industry partners that link closely with future plans for the area.

It is anticipated that guidelines may be available towards the end of 2016 or early 2017.

## Tas Community Fund

**From:** State Government legislation empowers a board to manage the fund.  
**Contact:** [admin@tascomfund.org](mailto:admin@tascomfund.org)  
**Open/Close:** Not yet announced for 2017  
**Key Focus:** Grants to community organisations that make a difference by improving the social, environmental and economic wellbeing of the Tasmanian community.  
**Funding:** Rounds for small, medium and large grants  
**Webpage:** <http://www.tascomfund.org/>

## Sport and Recreation Grant Programs

**From:** State Department of Premier of Cabinet.  
**Contact:** Call 1800 252 476 or email [sportrec@dpac.tas.gov.au](mailto:sportrec@dpac.tas.gov.au)  
**Open/Close:** Minor grants - Open: 1 February 2017 Close: noon on 15 March 2017  
National/International Sport Championships Program - Opened: 1 July 2016. Closing: 31 March 2017 or when program funds are exhausted.  
**Key Focus:** To increase opportunities for participation in sport and active recreation in Tasmania and to assist the ongoing development of Tasmania's sport and recreation sector.  
**Funding:** Grants for minor, mayor, state and National/International Sport Championships  
**Webpage:** [http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/csr/sportrec/funding\\_opportunities](http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/csr/sportrec/funding_opportunities)

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<sup>2</sup> <https://cities.dpmc.gov.au/smart-cities-program>

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## RECENT (Recipients announced):

### Community Development Grants

**From:** Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development (Federal)  
**Contact:** [cdg@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:cdg@infrastructure.gov.au)  
**Open/Close:** Not applicable  
**Key Focus:** Grants are either allocated by MPs or are election commitments  
**Webpage:** <http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/funding/communitydevelopment/>

#### Tasmanian Projects

*Member of Parliament (MP) allocations<sup>3</sup>:*

- Burnie Aquatic Centre Redevelopment 3,000,000
- Cradle Coast Canoe Club Construction of Storage Facility and Clubroom 85,000
- Devonport Soccer Club Grounds Redevelopment 1,100,000
- Dunalley Community Hall Rebuild 250,000
- George Town Cricket Club Repairs 25,000
- Invermay Park Development - Upgrade of Grounds, Drainage and New Lights 1,250,000
- Meercroft Park Devonport Hockey Surface Replacement 200,000
- North Eastern Mountain Bike Trails Development 2,454,000
- Smithton Recreation Area Improvement 450,000

### National Stronger Regions Fund – Round 3<sup>4</sup>

**(Now replaced by the Building Better Regions Fund)**

On 7 October 2016, the Australian Government announced 67 infrastructure projects to receive \$126.5m under Round Three of NSRF.

Two of the successful applications were from Tasmania:

- Circular Head Council to develop the Circular Head Community Wellbeing Centre, and;
- Northern Midlands Business Association to construct a Truck Wash facility at Powranna.

Many other projects were allocated funding through Community Development Grants (see list above) and Launceston City Council's City Heart project was funded through City Deals.

### Tourism Election Commitments – Tasmania

The Federal Liberal Government committed to deliver<sup>5</sup>:

- \$1 million to the Cradle Coast Authority to progress the **Cradle Mountain Master Plan** to an investment-ready stage;
- \$3.8 million to facilitate the completion of the **Three Capes Track**, an example of Tasmania's world class eco-tourism potential;

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<sup>3</sup> <http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/funding/communitydevelopment/index.aspx>

<sup>4</sup> <http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/funding/NSRF/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://abetz.com.au/news/government-will-deliver-on-tourism-commitments>

- \$70,000 for a demand study into the 'Geeves Effect', a wilderness precinct development proposal for the area adjacent to Tasmania World Heritage Area at **Lake Geeves**;
- \$50,000 to **FermenTasmania** to develop a full business case and scoping study for a world class fermentation centre;
- \$40,000 to create a **West/North-West Coast Winter Events** programme, developing events similar to Devonport Jazz and Dark Mofo; and
- \$40,000 to the **Mt Roland Fire & Light Project** to stage a trial festival over five days that will light-up the North-West face of Mt Roland and transform Sheffield into a drawcard festival destination.

## Regional Revival Fund Grant Program

The Regional Revival Fund Grant Program was open to private sector businesses and local councils (including council-owned businesses) with \$5 million available to assist with capital costs associated with new, or upgrading, economic, environmental and social infrastructure projects that will generate or sustain ongoing economic activity and jobs.

The program assisted eligible proponents to bring forward projects that would otherwise be delayed or not proceed.

One-off grants of between \$100 000 and \$2 million per project were on offer to eligible applicants for projects that best advance the objectives of the fund and grants are for no more than one-half of the total capital expenditure of an applicant's project.

The September 2016 round of funding saw \$2.2 million in funding awarded for eight new projects that are expected to create 95 direct jobs during the investment phase as well as an estimated 170 ongoing positions.

**This program is now closed.**

### Regional Revival Fund 2016 projects:

**Insulation Panel Project:** FH Management, Westbury, will receive \$200 000 to allow for a \$628 000 expansion and enhancement of their existing manufacturing facility which produces environmentally sustainable insulated panels for floor and roof construction.

**Hellyers Distillery:** Whisky Tasmania Pty Ltd, Burnie, will receive \$250 000 to allow for a \$1 010 000 upgrading of bottling line and related infrastructure to service increased sales growth and demand for single malt products.

**Meander Valley Berries:** RB and KJ Dornauf, Hillwood, will receive \$600 000 to allow for a \$2.205 million expansion of existing berry farm (strawberries 10ha to 15 ha, raspberries 5ha to 7.5ha) through the purchase and installation of poly tunnels, growing tables, substrate and irrigation systems.

**Udderly Tasmanian:** The Cow Care Company Pty Ltd, Ouse, \$200 000 to allow for a \$1.45 million project involving new visitor experience integrated within an expanded dairy farm.

**Ettrick Rocks:** Samange Pty Ltd trustee for Guidice Family Trust, King Island, \$200 000 to allow for a \$1.4 million project involving the development of new luxury accommodation on King Island.

**St Helens Point Holiday Park:** Growth Developments Pty Ltd, St Helens, will receive \$250 000 to allow for a \$5.1 million project involving construction of new holiday park facility, comprising 16 self-

contained luxury cabins, 20 powered sites and 8 unpowered sites, with opportunities for further expansion.

**Redlands Distillery:** Redlands Distillery Pty Ltd, Kempton, \$200 000 to allow for a \$1.2 million development of new whisky and spirits distillery, cellar door and visitor centre.

**Murrakei Berry Fruits:** Murrakei Family Trust, Red Hills, \$300 000 to allow for a \$3.8 million poly tunnel project to increase the strawberry production system at existing farm, including 2.4 ha of raspberries and blackberries and new cool store facility.

**Previously funded projects:**

**Southern Waste Solutions, Copping,** up to \$2 million to assist with construction of a controlled waste facility to enhance Tasmania's record of best practice environmental management and reinforce Tasmania's clean environmental brand.

**JBS Australia, Devonport,** up to \$783 200 to support to invest in new capital equipment and a cost effective hot water production system to deliver an ongoing sustainable operation at the Devonport City Abattoir.