

## GOVERNMENT GRANTS RELEVANT TO TOURISM INDUSTRY

### COVID-19 Disaster Payments

[COVID-19 disaster payments](#) for workers who have been adversely affected by a public state health order have been extended to Queensland COVID-19 hotspots and restrictions. **Further information will be available shortly**

### COVID-19 Business Support Grant

[COVID-19 Business Support Grant](#) provides \$5,000 payments to eligible small and medium business across all industries in Queensland who have experienced at least a 30 per cent reduction in turnover as a result of the COVID-19 shut down that commenced on 31 July 2021 and lockdowns in other states. Support payments will also be provided to eligible impacted large businesses in the hospitality and tourism sectors in the 11 local government areas currently locked down. **Further information will be available shortly**

### Small Business COVID-19 Adaption Grant (Regional Stream)

[Small Business COVID-19 Adaption Grant](#) aims to support small businesses in regional Queensland to adapt and sustain their operations and build resilience. To be a 'regional business', your principal place of business must be in a local government area within Queensland that is not identified as a South East Queensland location. **Closes 6 August 2021**

### Business Growth Fund Program

The [Business Growth Fund Program](#) provides funding for small and medium-sized businesses experiencing high-growth to buy specialised equipment to unlock growth potential, increase production, expand your workforce and maximise economic returns. Businesses may be eligible for a single up-front payment up to \$50,000 (excluding GST). **Stage 2 closes 16 August 2021**

### Small Business Basic Grant (Regional Stream)

[Small Business Basic Grant](#) provides \$5,000 to available small businesses in Townsville and across North Queensland. From 17 August 2021, small businesses will be able to review guidelines and prepare their applications. **Opens 31 August 2021**

### Supporting Australia's Exhibiting Zoos and Aquariums Program

[Supporting Australia's Exhibiting Zoos and Aquariums Program](#) provides assistance to eligible exhibiting zoos, aquariums and wildlife parks to help sustain these important tourism attractions at a time when tourism turnover has been impacted by travel restrictions and social distancing measures designed to limit the spread of COVID-19. Austrade will invite eligible organisations to apply. **Closes 30 September 2021**

### Recovery for Regional Tourism

[Recovery for Regional Tourism Program](#) forms part of the COVID-19 \$1 billion Relief and Recovery Fund providing assistance to sectors, regions and communities disproportionately affected by the economic impacts of COVID-19. Nine regions are eligible for assistance including Tropical North Queensland, Whitsundays and Mackay region and the Gold Coast. **Closes 30 September 2021**

### Wine Tourism and Cellar Door Grant

[Wine Tourism and Cellar Door Grant](#) supports producers who add value by encouraging visitors to wine regions. Wine producers will be able to access an annual grant reflective of their eligible physical cellar door sales. **Closes 30 September 2021**

### National Business Events Program

[National Business Events Program](#) provides funding between \$17,500 and \$95,000 (excluding GST) based on \$50 per in-person delegate attending a two-day event or \$100 per in-person delegate attending an event with a minimum duration of three days to support the recovery of the Queensland business events sector by attracting national conferences, conventions, exhibitions and corporate events. **Closes 30 September 2021 or prior depending on funding availability**

### Queensland Destination Events Program

The [Queensland Destination Events Program](#) seeks to leverage the crucial link between events and the destinations in which they are staged, extending the flow of the economic, marketing and social benefits of events throughout metropolitan and regional Queensland. The program offers two funding options for regional events Destination event funding – single year funding for developing events seeking growth (\$10,000 - \$25,000 per year) and Significant event funding – single year or up to three years of funding for events that can demonstrate a strong track record of growth or growth potential (\$25,000 - \$100,000 per year). **Round 20 closes 6 October 2021**

### Tourism Business Counselling Service


[Tourism Business Financial Counselling Service](#) provides free financial counselling support to micro to medium sized tourism operators who have been financially impacted as a result of COVID-19. The Service includes a free Tourism Business Health Check, four dedicated Tourism Business Financial Counsellors and eight COVID-19 Small Business Financial Counsellors and a Tourism Business Professional Advice Rebate of up to a maximum of \$2,500 (excluding GST) per applicant for additional professional financial, legal and/or human resource advice. **The Rebate closes 30 June 2022 or earlier if funding has been fully allocated**


### Further information on support available for tourism businesses:

[COVID-19](#)

[Tourism and Events Queensland](#)

[Queensland Government Grant Finder/Australian Government Grant Connect](#)

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