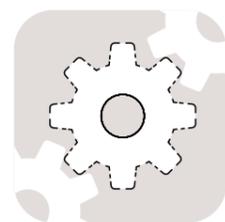


# Jobs and Regional Growth Fund



**\$130 million fund**  
**Backing business**  
**and jobs in regional**  
**Queensland**

# Jobs and Regional Growth Fund



## What is the fund?

The Government recognises that the private sector is the key jobs generator in the Queensland economy and this fund will incentivise regional private sector projects, investment and job creation.

The fund will:

- support regional growth and job creation, by leveraging additional investment in the region
- assist businesses to grow and expand in Queensland
- target businesses and sectors such as agriculture, resources, tourism, manufacturing and construction.



## What assistance is available?

The fund will provide one-off financial assistance ranging from \$100,000 to over \$10 million in either direct grants or relief of State charges (e.g., payroll tax, stamp duty).

Financial assistance is provided for the following:

- projects that require direct and immediate assistance to help early stage development, such as feasibility studies; or
- more substantial assistance for more developed businesses to expedite or facilitate expansion of operations; or
- development of common user infrastructure opportunities that underpin the development of multiple projects.

The type and level of assistance will be determined on a case-by-case basis.



## Which regions are included?

- The fund will focus on regions outside South East Queensland, including regional centres such as Cairns, Townsville, Mackay and Rockhampton.
- Regions also included are the Fitzroy, Far North Queensland, Wide Bay and the Outback.
- All regions with higher than average unemployment.



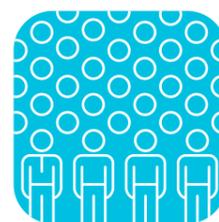
## What will receive assistance?

- Projects must not 'crowd out' private sector investment that would otherwise have eventuated in the absence of the project.
- The proponent will only require one-off assistance and will not establish an expectation of further support over time for the project or business expansion.
- The financial assistance will be linked to the achievement of clearly defined outcomes and specific milestones. e.g. number of additional jobs.
- Targeted sectors may include agriculture, resources, tourism, manufacturing and construction.



## Who can apply?

- The fund will consider applications across a broad range of businesses, with both new and existing proposals for expansion in Queensland.
- There is a preference for medium to large businesses and growth proposals that maximise benefits for regional employment.



## What is the assessment criteria?

Applications will be assessed under an appropriate set of criteria. This will include how the proposal will be able to generate:

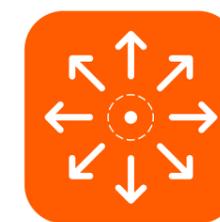
- regional benefits
- ongoing employment benefits
- sustainable economic development
- additional investment from other sources, such as the private sector, Commonwealth and / or local government
- any broader benefits
- value for money.



## What role does the proponent play?

Proponents will need to provide a sufficient level of information to demonstrate how the application meets the assessment criteria.

Should Government decide to progress an application to a detailed assessment, proponents will be required to undergo a due diligence process.



## How do you apply?

The Queensland Government is engaging with industry across a broad range of sectors and regions in relation to the fund.

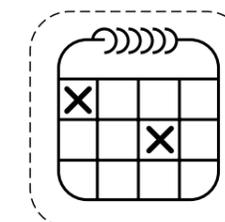
Applications for financial assistance are invited directly from proponents.

For more information on how to apply contact us by:

Email: [projects@dsd.qld.gov.au](mailto:projects@dsd.qld.gov.au)

Web: [www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/jobs-regional-growth-fund](http://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/jobs-regional-growth-fund)

Telephone: **1300 785 106**



## When do you apply?

The Queensland Government is looking to fast-track business activity that leads to economic and employment benefits for regional Queensland.

The fund is notionally available over a two year period (over three financial years; 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19), or until fully allocated.



**The Queensland Government recognises the private sector is the key driver of employment growth. The fund is designed to assist economic growth in areas experiencing higher than average unemployment.**

# Jobs and Regional Growth Fund



## Further information

Queensland Treasury and the Department of State Development are jointly responsible for the fund.

The Department of State Development is the primary contact for the fund. It works closely across government and with private sector agencies to provide a Queensland one-stop-shop approach for advice, information and facilitation support.

For more information, including on how to apply for the fund, contact the Department of State Development's Project Facilitation team:

**Email:** [projects@dss.qld.gov.au](mailto:projects@dss.qld.gov.au)

**Web:** [www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/jobs-regional-growth-fund](http://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/jobs-regional-growth-fund)

**Tel:** 1300 785 106

### The \$130 million Jobs and Regional Growth Fund is part of the \$200 million Jobs and Regional Growth package which includes other initiatives:

- **\$40M statewide Advance Queensland Industry Attraction Fund** – to attract or retain new or expanded businesses to Queensland.
- **\$20M for Made in Queensland fund** – a statewide manufacturing program dedicated to supporting Queensland's manufacturing industry.
- **Local Jobs First** – the Government will host a series of roundtables with industry stakeholders to identify the barriers to employing young local jobseekers.
- **Young Tourism Leaders Network** – a statewide network of young leaders in the tourism industry to inspire other young people into a career in tourism.
- **Youth Employment and Training Initiatives** – additional funding to assist more young people across regional Queensland which are facing significant youth employment challenges.