

Grant and Support opportunities for Victorian Tourism and Events businesses APRIL 13th

Grant name	Link	Description	Sector or focus	Delivered by	Region	Closing date
1 COVID-19 Consumer Travel Support Program - including Dining and Entertainment Program	https://www.austrade.gov.au/australian/tourism/grants-and-support-for-tourism-businesses/covid-19-consumer-travel-support-program	This is round 3 of the Travel consumer support program for Travel service providers and tour operators check eligibility.	Travel operators and agents	Austrade	National	opens 29/03 until funds allocated or closes 20 April 2022, 5 pm (AEST).
2 Small Business Energy Saver Program for Small Businesses	https://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/small-business-energy-saver	As a small business you can reduce your running costs and greenhouse gas emissions through the Small Business Energy Saver Program. When upgrading to more energy-efficient equipment, the program provides small businesses with a significant discount that in some cases may cover up to 100% of the full equipment and installation cost. We can work with you to identify which equipment in your business is eligible to be upgraded.		Sustainability Victoria	Victoria	31/05/22
3 Hobsons Bay City Council – Hobsons Bay Business Has Heart 2.0 Grants (Stream 1: Quick Response)	https://www.hobsonsbaybusiness.com.au/Do-Business/Grants/Hobsons-Bay-Business-has-Heart-Grants-2.0	Overview This program aims to support small businesses within sectors that were largely or completely unable to operate during the 2021 COVID-19 lockdown such as those in the health and personal services, recreational, tourism and creative industries sectors. - up to \$1,500	Small business including tourism	Hobsons Bay Council	Greater Melbourne	Closes 30 Apr 2022 or if funds exhausted
5 Future Fuels Program - Vehicle fleets etc	https://arena.gov.au/funding/future-fuels-program/	2 stage process - EOI, and then Full application by invitation - This program aims to enable the demonstration and deployment of new zero emissions vehicle technologies. The objectives of the program are to: Overcome barriers to accelerate uptake of ZEVs by fleets. Optimise the integration of BEVs into the grid (including smart chargers) to ensure cost effective outcomes. Demonstrate new use cases for ZEVs, and highlight opportunities for ZEVs to provide value. Increase skills, capacity and knowledge relevant to ZEV technologies.	Transport - Electric Vehicle and Zero emissions fleets	Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) - Fed Govt	National	Opened 19th FEB 2022
7 COVID-19 Event Insurance Scheme	https://www.vmia.vic.gov.au/insurance/policies-and-cover/covid-event-insurance/covid-19-event-insurance-qas	This program aims to provide insurance cover for creative, business, sporting and community events in Victoria that have to be cancelled (or have to run at reduced capacity) because of a State or Federal Government restriction due to the COVID-19 pandemic.	Events	Vic Gov	Victoria	ongoing
8 Small Business Digital Adaption program #3	https://www.vic.gov.au/business-stimulus-package	This is a \$1200 rebate on digital updates to Sole traders, Micro and small businesses for New digital capabilities - see criteria.	Digital Capability	Vic Gov	Victoria	Opening April 4th

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9 Tourism Australia – Business Events Bid Fund Program (BFP)	https://businessevents.australia.com/en/resources/information-for-australian-businesses/partnership-programs/bid-fund-program.html	This program aims to increase the conversion of new international business events for Australia through the offer of financial support at the critical bidding stage. It is designed to deliver conversion of business in situations where Australia is bidding against international competitors for the right to host the business event.	Event bid fund	Tourism Australia	National	Closing 4pm on 30 June 2022.
10 C19 - Supporting Australia's Exhibiting Zoos and Aquariums Program	https://www.austrade.gov.au/australian/tourism/grants-and-support-for-tourism-businesses/supporting-australias-exhibiting-zoos-aquariums-program/zoosandaquariums	Final round – Payment 9 applications open - Only existing applicants can apply for upcoming payments. Austrade contacts eligible applicants directly to provide information on the application process.	Zoos and Aquariums	Austrade	National	Payment 9 (April to June 2022) opened Monday 28 March 2022 and closes 11:59 AEST, Sunday 15 May 2022.
11 NewAccess for Small Business Owners	https://www.beyondblue.org.au/get-support/newaccess/newaccess-for-small-business-owners	NewAccess for Small Business Owners is a free and confidential mental health coaching program, developed by Beyond Blue to give small business owners, including sole traders the support they need. Over six sessions, coaches with a small business background will work with you to overcome difficult issues, providing you with practical skills to manage stress and get you back to feeling like yourself.	Mental health training	Beyond Blue	National	ongoing
12 Coronavirus payroll tax relief	https://www.sro.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-payroll-tax-relief	Four relief measures have been announced by the Victorian Government:	Employment costs	Vic Gov	Victoria	ongoing
13 Entrepreneurs' Programme – Accelerating Commercialisation	https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/entrepreneurs-programme	Support in grants and advice for Entrepreneurial activations	Start up	Business Gov Au	National	ongoing
14 Counting on U	https://blogs.deakin.edu.au/counting-on-u/	Delivered by Deakin University, this component is a professional development program delivered to small business advisers. It is run in partnership with the Institute of Public Accountants, CPA Australia, Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, the Institute of Certified Bookkeepers, Beyond Blue, WorkSafe VIC, and Mentally Well Workplaces. It integrates mental health first aid training with relationship-centred, business mentoring that will empower small business advisers to better support the mental wellbeing of their small business clients.	training	Deakin University	Victoria	ongoing
15 SME Recovery Loan Scheme	https://treasury.gov.au/coronavirus/sme-recovery-loan-scheme	Under the existing SME Recovery Loan Scheme, loans are available from 1 April 2021 until 31 December 2021 with a Government guarantee of 80%. Under the 2022 Scheme expansion, loans are available from 1 January 2022 until 30 June 2022, with a Government guarantee of 50%.	Business Finance	Aus Gov Treasury	National	Closes 30/06/22

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16	https://business.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/small-business-ventilation-program/ventilation-rebate	The Ventilation Rebate provides a \$500 rebate for public-facing small businesses to undertake immediate actions such as purchasing equipment or hiring a qualified tradesperson to undertake minor services to improve ventilation in areas accessible to customers.	Business Finance, Implementation cost support	Victorian Government	Victoria	Close 11:59pm Friday 24 June 2022 or when funds are fully allocated
18	https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/people-and-community/funds-grants-and-subsidies/quick-response-grant-program	The Quick Response Grant Program are small grants available at short notice to eligible organisations and individuals throughout the year. The grants support the establishment and delivery of valuable services, programs, activities, and events to the City of Port Phillip community.	Business costs	City of Port Phillip	Greater Melbourne Port Phillip	Closes 22/05/22
19	https://business.gov.au/expertise-and-advice/Digital-Solutions-Australian-Small-Business-Advisory-Services	This program aims to provide services that help small businesses to make the most of digital tools and offers broader advice specific to their business needs.	Expertise and Digital advice	various	National	ongoing
20	https://melbourneangels.com/	Melbourne Angels is a group of private investors who actively invest in early-stage and growth-stage companies. It is a founding group of the Australian Angel community who tend to invest in opportunities that start close to them and that have a strategy to grow quickly in a large market. Eligible applicants include companies with the potential to be sustainable, scalable and successful businesses with strong exit appeal.	Investor opportunity	Melbourne Angels	Victoria	ongoing
21	https://www.sro.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-payroll-tax-relief	See point 4 in link, this waiver is relevant if the New Job payroll tax credit is taken.	Employment costs	Vic Gov	Victoria	Ongoing
22	https://www.niaa.gov.au/indigenous-affairs/economic-development/indigenous-tourism-fund	This is still to be launched	Indigenous tourism	National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA)	National	Still to OPEN
23	https://www.sro.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-payroll-tax-relief	Under the plan, these businesses will get a tax credit of 10 cents for every dollar it increases taxable Victorian wages: This program aims to support Victorian small businesses to create more jobs – helping owners, workers and their families as the State recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. It is designed to support small and medium businesses that rehire staff, restore hours or create new jobs.	Employment costs	Vic Gov	Victoria	Ongoing
25	https://corporate.visitvictoria.com/events/regional-events https://visitvictoria.smartygrants.com.au/RE-FST2R3	Round 3 of Regional Events fund has opened	Regional Events fund	Vic Gov	Victoria	Opens May 2nd, closes 30th June 2022