

Business support payments – Australian Capital Territory

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – AFFORDABLE HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND OTHER

Table 1: Formalities and operation of Schedule

Parties	Commonwealth Australian Capital Territory (ACT)
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2022.
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support the delivery of business support packages (the packages) to eligible businesses in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) who have been financially impacted by lockdowns due to COVID-19 restrictions. Details of each package can be found in the relevant appendix to this Schedule.</p> <p>Implementation and compliance will be managed by the ACT.</p>
Reporting arrangements	<p>At the conclusion of each support package, the ACT must provide a report to the Commonwealth that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> total number of unique applications received, total number of unique applications paid, total value of applications paid total value of payments already made to businesses that were subsequently found, to have been ineligible for support under this scheme; and a statement of assurance confirming that the money has been disbursed to applicants in accordance with the criteria set out in the appendices to the Schedule. <p>The data should be broken down by each element of each support package as set out in the appendices to the Schedule.</p> <p>The final reports should be provided to the Commonwealth no later than 10 business days after the conclusion of the package.</p> <p>The Commonwealth may request additional data on the support packages in writing.</p>

Estimated financial contributions	<p>The Commonwealth's financial contributions under each package will be set out in the appendices to this Schedule.</p> <p>Payments to the ACT will be made following conclusion of each package based on the final reports provided by the ACT.</p>
Additional terms	<p>The ACT agrees to implement each package in accordance with the parameters outlined in the Appendices.</p> <p>Where businesses that received a payment are later found to have been ineligible, the ACT will repay the Commonwealth's financial contributions towards those businesses where the funding has been recovered.</p> <p>Repayments to the Commonwealth may be managed by either the Commonwealth reducing a future payment to the ACT under this Schedule by the relevant amount, or by the Commonwealth invoicing the ACT for the relevant amount.</p> <p>Sole traders who receive business support through the programs listed in the appendices will not be eligible to receive the COVID-19 Disaster Payment for the same relevant period.</p>

The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this Schedule as follows:

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



The Honourable Josh Frydenberg MP
Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Australia

17 March 2022

Signed for and on behalf of the Australian Capital Territory by



Mr Andrew Barr MLA
Chief Minister of the Australian Capital Territory

31 March 2022

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Appendix A: ACT business support announced 31 August 2021

1. This appendix to the *Business support payments – Australian Capital Territory Schedule* (the Schedule) supports the delivery of the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Business Support Package, announced on 31 August 2021 (this package). This package will help small and medium businesses recover from the extended lockdown in the ACT, first announced on 12 August 2021.
2. The Commonwealth will reimburse the ACT 50 per cent of all payments made to eligible businesses under this package.
3. Payment to the ACT will be made following the provision of a report in relation to this package that satisfies the requirements outlined in the Schedule.
4. In agreeing to this appendix, the ACT agrees to implement this package, for the listed programs, in accordance with the parameters and eligibility criteria detailed below.

Grants

5. There are two types of one-off grants as part of the ACT *COVID-19 Business Support Grant*:
 - 5.1. \$20,000 for eligible employing businesses;
 - 5.2. \$7,500 for eligible non-employing businesses
6. These grants are an adjustment to the already agreed COVID-19 Business Support Grant in acknowledgement of an extension of the lockdown in the ACT on 31 August 2021.
 - 6.1. Weekly payments will not be made. One-off grants to the above values will instead be made to eligible ACT businesses.
 - 6.2. This package will increase the total value of the previous grants for employing businesses and non-employing eligible businesses by \$10,000 and \$3,500 respectively.

Eligibility criteria

7. Businesses are eligible if they:
 - 7.1. are registered in the ACT as verified by an Australian Business Number (ABN) and able to demonstrate primary operation in the ACT as at 1 April 2021;
 - 7.2. have an annual turnover of more than \$75,000 (excluding GST) in either 2019-20 or 2020-21 and be registered for GST;
 - 7.3. have total Australian payroll of less than \$10 million in 2019-20 or 2020-21;
 - 7.4. registered for GST (if required) before April 2021 as recorded on the Australian Business Register; and
 - 7.5. experienced at least a 30 per cent reduction in turnover due to restricted trading conditions.
8. Applicants will be required to attest that they meet the eligibility criteria at the time of application.

This Appendix was agreed by the Commonwealth and the Australian Capital Territory when the overarching Schedule was signed.

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Appendix B: ACT business support announced 15 September 2021

1. This appendix to the *Business support payments – Australian Capital Territory Schedule* (the Schedule) supports the extension of the ACT Business Support Package, announced on 15 September 2021 (this package). This package will help businesses recover from the extended lockdown in the ACT, first announced on 12 August 2021 and scheduled to end on 15 October 2021.
2. The Commonwealth will reimburse the ACT 50 per cent of all payments made to eligible businesses under this package.
3. Payment to the ACT will be made following the provision of a report in relation to this package that satisfies the requirements outlined in the Schedule.
4. In agreeing to this appendix, the ACT agrees to implement this package, for the listed programs, in accordance with the parameters and eligibility criteria detailed below.

Grants

5. There are two types of grants in this package:
 - 5.1. *Extension of COVID-19 Business Support Grant:*
 - 5.1.1. For all businesses eligible for this grant in industries who remain significantly impacted by the health restrictions, an additional one-off payment of:
 - \$10,000 for all employing businesses; and
 - \$3,750 for non-employing businesses.
 - 5.1.2. For larger employing businesses in industries who remain significantly impacted by the health restrictions, additional one-off top up payments of:
 - \$10,000 for eligible businesses with an annual turnover of greater than \$2 million and less than \$5 million;
 - \$20,000 for eligible businesses with an annual turnover greater than \$5 million and less than \$10 million; and
 - \$30,000 for eligible businesses with an annual turnover greater than \$10 million.
 - 5.2. *COVID-19 Tourism, Accommodation Provider, Arts and Events and Hospitality Grant:*
 - 5.2.1. Please see Appendix C clause 5.2 for details of this grant, which was increased in size and expanded to include the fitness industry as announced on 30 September 2021.

Eligibility criteria

6. To be eligible for the *Extension of COVID-19 Business Support Grant*, a business must be all of the following:
 - 6.1. Eligible for the original COVID-19 Business Support Grant, and
 - 6.2. In an industry that remain significantly impacted by the health restrictions.

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Appendix C: ACT business support announced 30 September 2021

1. This appendix to the *Business support payments – Australian Capital Territory Schedule* (the Schedule) supports the extension of the ACT Business Support Package, announced on 30 September 2021 (this package). This package will support small and medium-sized businesses through until mid-October at which point the ACT is expected to reach 80 per cent full vaccination rate.
2. The Commonwealth will reimburse the ACT 50 per cent of all payments made to eligible businesses under this package.
3. Payment to the ACT will be made following the provision of a report in relation to this package that satisfies the requirements outlined in the Schedule.
4. In agreeing to this appendix, the ACT agrees to implement this package, for the listed programs, in accordance with the parameters and eligibility criteria detailed below.

Grants

5. There are two types of grants in this package:
 - 5.1. *Additional COVID-19 Business Support Grant:*
 - 5.1.1. For all businesses eligible for this grant in industries who remain significantly impacted by the health restrictions, an additional one-off payment of:
 - \$10,000 for all employing businesses; and
 - \$3,750 for non-employing businesses.
 - 5.1.2. For larger employing businesses in industries who remain significantly impacted by the health restrictions, additional one-off top up payments of:
 - \$10,000 for eligible businesses with an annual turnover of greater than \$2 million and less than \$5 million;
 - \$20,000 for eligible businesses with an annual turnover greater than \$5 million and less than \$10 million; and
 - \$30,000 for eligible businesses with an annual turnover greater than \$10 million.
 - 5.2. *COVID-19 Tourism, Accommodation Provider, Arts and Events and Hospitality and Fitness Grant:*
 - 5.2.1. For eligible businesses in the Tourism, Accommodation Provider, Arts and Events, Hospitality sectors, and eligible businesses in the fitness / sport industry such as gyms, personal trainers and dance teachers/instructor industries, an additional one-off grant at the following rates:
 - \$5,000 for non-employing businesses;
 - \$8,000 for employing businesses with turnover less than \$2 million;
 - \$15,000 for employing businesses with turnover greater than \$2 million and less than \$5 million; and
 - \$25,000 for employing businesses with turnover greater than \$5 million.

Eligibility criteria

6. To be eligible for the *Additional COVID-19 Business Support Grant*, a business must be all of the following:
 - 6.1. Eligible for the original COVID-19 Business Support Grant, and
 - 6.2. In an industry that remain significantly impacted by the health restrictions.
7. To be eligible for the *COVID-19 Tourism, Accommodation Provider, Arts and Events and Hospitality and Fitness Grant*, a business must:
 - 7.1. Meet the eligibility criteria for the COVID-19 Business Support Grant.

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