



Department of
**Energy and Economic
Diversification**

Local Capability Fund

Regional Business Round 2025-26

What is the Regional Supplier Round?

The round provides up to \$20,000 in funding to regionally-based small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to enhance their capacity, capability and competitiveness to supply either export markets, Government, or the private business sector.

Each region will have \$100,000 initially reserved funding for competitive applicants from that region.

Who can apply?

At a minimum, your business must:

- » Have an Australian Business Number (ABN);
- » Be a for-profit organisation or business (Not-for-profits and charities are ineligible);
- » Have its principal place of business reside in one of Western Australia's nine regions;
- » Have been operating in that region for at least 12 months;
- » Employ less than 200 people.

Other eligibility requirements apply. See application form for complete list.

How much funding is available?

Funding of 50% of eligible costs (excluding GST) up to a maximum of \$20,000 is available per successful applicant. This program is a reimbursement scheme and successful applicants will need to pay for the activity before making a claim for funding.

What can the funding be used for?

Funding may be used for the following eligible activities, amongst others;

- » Consultancy services
- » Training
- » Upgrading or buying capital equipment
- » Improvements to internal business infrastructure/systems
- » Upgrades of facilities/premises

How do I apply?

Download the guidelines and complete the application form:

<https://lcf.smartygrants.com.au/>

Where can I get more information?

Contact the LCF team at lcf@itsi.wa.gov.au or visit the WA.gov.au website at

<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-energy-and-economic-diversification/local-capability-fund>



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Other Statewide Rounds 2025-26

Supplying Key Projects Round

This round provides up to \$50,000 funding support to enhance a business' capability and capacity to supply to Government or private sector projects in the following sectors; civil construction, mining, marine, defence or energy.



Aboriginal Business Round

This round provides up to \$50,000 for local Aboriginal businesses to enhance their capability, capacity and competitiveness when bidding for Government and private business sector projects. Businesses must be at least 50% owned by an Aboriginal interest, and registered with Aboriginal Business Directory or Supply Nation.



Standards Compliance Round

This round provides up to \$20,000 to support businesses to engage external expertise to carry out and implement third-party certification of a number of national and international standards. These include common certifications in IT security, energy, health and safety and quality management standards amongst others.



Digital Transformation Round

This round provides up to \$50,000 funding support for businesses to take-up digital technologies and services for the purpose of improving their productivity, efficiency, competitiveness and/or safety.



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