



Department of
Jobs, Tourism, Science
and Innovation

Industry and Community Development Subgroup (ICDS)

Meeting 4

15 August 2022



Agenda

Item number	Item	Time Allocated
1	Welcome	5 mins
2	Ministers Opening	5 mins
3	Industry and Community Development Program Structure	30 mins
4	Feedback and next steps	10 mins
5	Meeting close	5 mins



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Hon. Dave Kelly BA MLA
Minister for Forestry



ICDP

The \$30 million ICDP consist of the following contestable grants programs.

- Small Business Development and Diversification (\$15 million)
- Community Development Small Grants (\$5 million)
- New Industry Development and Attraction (\$10 million)

Key themes underpinning all three grants programs are:

- a weighting towards business and communities most impacted by the decision to end native forestry logging,
- a preference towards sustainable projects which leverage the competitive advantages of the affected areas, e.g. timber, forestry or tourism link, and
- a weighting towards jobs.



Small Business Development and Diversification (\$15 million)

The SBDD will provide grants of up to \$400,000 each for existing small businesses with a demonstrated impact from the closure of the native forestry industry.

- Matched funding not required
- 2 closed rounds - \$7.5 million per round

Objectives:

- **Business Expansion** – expanding your existing business.
- **Business Diversification** – bringing on new streams to your existing business.
- **Future Proofing** – strengthening existing business operations.
- **Innovation** – introducing new technology for economic and environmental outcomes.
- **Jobs** – creating new and protecting existing jobs (displaced timber workers).



Small Business Development and Diversification (\$15 million)

Eligibility Criteria

- Businesses with a demonstrated direct link to the WA native forestry industry or reliance on native forestry or native forest products

Ineligible Organisations

- Local, State, or Federal Government Authorities/Agencies,
- Any business that has received a Native Forestry Transition - Business Transition Program payment

Who should apply?

Businesses that can demonstrate:

- an impact from the native forest transition decision
- opportunities for affected workers and their skills,
- a direct link to native forestry or those that support the native forestry industry (e.g. furniture makers, servicing industry).



Small Business Development and Diversification (\$15 million)

Criteria

Impact* – demonstrated direct impact from the closure of the native forestry industry

Jobs – creating new or protecting existing jobs (displaced timber workers).

Demonstrated Alignment with Program Objectives (minimum of 2):

- Business Expansion
- Business Diversification
- Future Proofing
- Innovation



Community Development (\$5 million)

The Community Small Grants Fund will provide funding of up to \$100,000 to support projects that aim to stimulate regional economies and create liveable communities in the native forest region.

- Matched funding not required
- 2 closed rounds - \$2.5 million per round
- Project activities must take place in the most impacted native forestry regions

Objectives

- **Stimulate regional economies** – create jobs and increase economic productivity
- **Diversify local economies** – expand or diversify new business streams
- **Inclusive and thriving communities** – services and infrastructure that support liveability in the community to attract and retain workers and their families
- **Capable communities** – develop local skills and capabilities



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- Capable communities – develop local skills and capabilities

Eligibility Criteria

- Open to all organisations with ACN, ABN or registered as a Not-For-Profit or charitable organisation.
- Open to LGAs
- Open to business / workers that have received a WTP or BTP payment

Who should apply?

- Organisations and community groups with well-planned and developed projects aimed at stimulating the local economy and supporting the community needs of the native forestry region.



Community Development

Criteria

Demonstrated Alignment with Program Objectives:

- Stimulate regional economies
- Diversify local economies
- Inclusive and thriving communities
- Capable communities

Location:

Will deliver a positive outcome to the most affected native forest areas; local government areas of Bridgetown-Greenbushes, Manjimup and Nannup

Organisational Capability: e.g.

Financial capability
Robust governance structure



New Industry Development/Attraction (\$10 million)

This program will provide grants of up to \$2 million in matched funding to support new industry and innovative business expansion within the affected native forest timber region.

- Mandatory matched funding
- One round (rolling) until funding fully allocated
- One stage process: application requires business case

Objectives:

- **Future proofing the regional economies** – Swiftly establish new industries or enhance/expand existing businesses to diversify regional economies and create regional jobs
- **Bring innovation to the regions** – Develop, implement, or invest in smart or innovative technology or activities
- **Jobs for timber workers** – establish industries suitable for employing displaced timber workers
- **Sustainable tourism and timber projects** – Developing new industries based on e.g. ecological thinning and the WA softwood expansion or develop new forest-based tourism activities.



New Industry Development/Attraction (\$10 million)

Eligibility Criteria

- Open to all organisations with ACN or ABN
- Project activities must be implemented or deliver outcomes in the affected native forestry region.

Ineligible Organisations

- Local, State, or Federal Government Authorities/Agencies,
- Any business that has received a Native Forestry Transition - Business Transition Program payment

Who should apply?

Businesses, innovators and organisations with planned and investment-ready projects (or capacity to raise capital)



New Industry Development/Attraction

Criteria

Demonstrated Alignment with Program Objectives:

- Future proofing the regional economies
- Bring innovation to the regions
- Jobs for timber workers
- Sustainable tourism and timber projects

Jobs in most affected LGAs (Bridgetown-Greenbushes, Manjimup and Nannup).

- create new jobs (including apprenticeships),
- protecting and growing existing jobs,
- develop or enhance skills or capabilities

Organisational Capability, e.g.

- Financial capability
- Robust governance structure

Project Preparedness

- Projects that are likely to deliver tangible outcomes in the region within 2 years.



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Feedback and Next Steps



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- Feedback on Consultation Draft by COB Monday 29 August 2022
- Development of guidelines and portal for Program 1 SBDD as priority
- ICD structure incorporated into Native Forestry Transition Plan



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