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Local Jobs National Priority Fund

About the program

The Local Jobs Program (the program) reflects the Australian Government's commitment to do all that it can to ensure local labour markets work well for all Australians.

The program brings together expertise, resources and access to funding at the local level to focus on the reskilling, upskilling and employment pathways for people in each region.

The National Priority Fund supports job creation strategies and addresses structural or other barriers to employment across Australia. To continue to deliver on the National Priority Fund outcomes and objectives, specific priorities have been identified for new projects up until 30 June 2025.

Proposals for projects ranging from \$200,000 to \$1 million (GST exclusive) will be sought to address these priorities. It is anticipated that projects will roll out across Australia from early 2024.

The types of projects being sought can include training, and re-skilling opportunities relevant to industry or business needs, professional development, mentoring, or employment pathway programs. Research and pilot projects will also be eligible to apply.

Fund Priorities:

- Supporting more First Nations people on the pathway to employment, education or training particularly in areas where Employment Regions and Community Development Program meet;
- Supporting young people into the labour market through paid job placements in social enterprises;
- Supporting mature age people to participate in / transition into the workforce;
- Supporting employers, employees and communities become more resilient as part of the transition to Net Zero;
- Supporting Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) women to become self-employed by providing training and other supports; and
- Redesigning jobs to better align with the skills, expertise and capability needed to do the work.

More information is available at [National Priority Fund - Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, Australian Government \(dewr.gov.au\)](https://www.dewr.gov.au/national-priority-fund).

