



# Batteries Research and Development Program

## Graphite R&D Grant Opportunity

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# 1 Batteries Research and Development Program: Graphite R&D Grant opportunity processes

## **The Graphite Research & Development Grant opportunity is designed to achieve Australian Government objectives**

This grant opportunity is part of the Batteries Research and Development Program which contributes to the Department of Industry, Science and Resources' Outcome 1: Support economic growth, productivity and job creation for all Australians by investing in science and technology, growing innovative and competitive businesses, industries and regions, and supporting a strong resources sector. The CSIRO has planned and designed the grant opportunity according to the [Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles 2024 \(CGRPs\)](#).



## **The grant opportunity opens**

We publish the grant opportunity guidelines online at [www.csiro.au/graphitegrants](http://www.csiro.au/graphitegrants) and [business.gov.au](http://business.gov.au)



## **Stage One: submit an Expression of Interest (EOI)**

You complete the EOI application form and address all of the eligibility and high-level R&D outline and relevance to a sustainable graphite industry.



## **Stage Two: by invitation, research project proposal**

We may invite you to submit Stage Two to develop and submit a Graphite R&D research project proposal, for a project to be conducted with the CSIRO. We assess your project proposal against the assessment criteria including an overall consideration of value with relevant money.



## **We make grant recommendations**

We provide advice to the Program Delegate on the merits of recommended grant applications.



## **Grant decisions are made**

The decision maker decides which applications are successful.



## **We notify you of the outcome**

We advise you of the outcome of your application.



## **We enter into a grant agreement**

We will enter into a grant agreement with you if you have been successful.



## **Delivery of grant**

We manage the grant by working with you to monitor the progress of your eligible R&D project.



## **Evaluation of the Graphite R&D Grant Opportunity**

We evaluate your specific grant activity and the Graphite R&D grant opportunity as a whole. We base this on information you provide to us and that we collect from various sources.

## 1.1 Introduction

These guidelines contain information for the Graphite R&D Grant opportunity. Funding for this grant opportunity forms part of the Commonwealth Science and Industry Research Organisation (CSIRO) Batteries Research and Development Program (the program), funded by Department of Industry Science and Recourses (DISR).

You must read these guidelines before completing an application.

This document sets out:

- the purpose of the grant opportunity
- the eligibility and assessment criteria
- how grant applications are considered and selected
- how grantees are notified and receive grant payments
- how grantees will be monitored and evaluated
- responsibilities and expectations in relation to the opportunity.

We administer the Graphite R&D Grant opportunity with regard to the [Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles 2024](#) (CGRPs).<sup>1</sup>

## 2 About the grant opportunity

The Graphite R&D Grant opportunity (the opportunity) will run from 22 January 2025 to 30 March 2026.

Graphite has the highest content by mass in a lithium-ion battery today but has the worst carbon footprint of all materials found in a battery, especially due to the use of cheap coal-fired energy to complete the conversion. Natural Graphite is an alternative battery anode material with a carbon-footprint significantly lower than synthetic equivalents.

Graphite production is focussed in a narrow number of countries, so diversification of supply chains are essential to ensure adequate supplies to be able to meet the expansion of demand for lithium (ion) batteries. Australia is active in graphite mining and processing through identified deposits in Western Australia, South Australia and Queensland. Australia has an opportunity to be a major supplier to the USA of battery anode active materials through the production of graphite materials to meet the rapid expansion of battery manufacturing.

CSIRO has considerable expertise in and is actively involved in a range of different research activities supporting the development of a Graphite anode industry in Australia.

The objective of the opportunity is to support Australian small-to-medium-enterprises (SMEs) undertake research and development collaborations with CSIRO, in graphite materials for lithium (ion) batteries.

The intended outcomes of the opportunity are:

- to contribute to the development of efficient and effective downstream processing to active materials

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<sup>1</sup> [Federal Register of Legislation - Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles 2024](#)

- support SMEs who have a role to play in developing a world-class, competitive and sustainable graphite industry to support domestic Australian manufacturing and exports to the USA and globally.

The opportunity requires grantees to:

- propose a graphite R&D project, and enter into a research services agreement with the CSIRO to conduct graphite R&D
- propose a project that is in the areas of:
  - examining alternative feedstocks to form synthetic graphite materials;
  - efficient recycling methods for the recovery of graphite from spent batteries;
  - characterisation of mineral ore bodies containing natural graphite;
  - efficient spheronisation techniques and methodologies for graphite flake;
  - purification methods for graphite materials;
  - techniques and approaches for coating of spheronised materials;
  - scale-up of graphite processing for battery anode activities LCA of graphite materials; and
  - other R&D graphite innovation that will contribute to efficient and effective production of graphite materials and downstream processing to meet the rapid expansion of domestic battery manufacturing.

## 3 Grant amount and grant period

### 3.1 Grants available

CSIRO has announced a total of \$400,000 for the Graphite R&D Grant opportunity.

The grant opportunity will be open from 22 January 2025 to 30 March 2026, or until the total funding available is exhausted and as advised online: <https://www.csiro.au/graphitegrants>

- The minimum grant amount is \$10,000.
- The maximum grant amount is \$50,000.

The grant amount will be up to 50 per cent of the eligible project cost, up to a maximum of \$50,000.

You must contribute funding to your CSIRO Graphite R&D project that is at least equal to, or greater than, the amount of the Graphite R&D grant. You cannot use funding from other Commonwealth, state, territory or local government sources – including CSIRO Kick-Start (see Section 3.2) to fund *your* share of eligible expenditure.

You can apply for and be awarded more than one Graphite R&D grant, for separate or consecutive projects.

### 3.2 Interaction with the CSIRO Kick-Start program

You may be eligible and able to also access the CSIRO Kick-Start program. Kick-Start offers eligible start-ups and SMEs access to dollar-matched funding of \$10,000-\$50,000 to undertake research activities with CSIRO. A recipient of Kick-Start funding is required to dollar-match Kick-Start funding, and in this way, satisfies the Graphite R&D grant opportunity requirement to contribute to the project with own funds.

The CSIRO Kick-Start program is a separate offering to the Graphite R&D Grant opportunity and is not covered by these guidelines. To learn more and for full eligibility criteria, visit [CSIRO Kick-Start](#).

### 3.3 Project period

The maximum grant period is 6 months. You must commence your CSIRO Graphite R&D project before 30 June 2026.

## 4 Eligibility criteria

### 4.1 Who is eligible to apply for a grant?

To be eligible you must:

- have an Australian Business Number (ABN) and Australian Company Number (ACN)
- be registered for the purposes of GST
- have less than 200 employees

### 4.2 Who is not eligible to apply for a grant?

You are not eligible to apply if you are:

- an organisation, or your project partner is an organisation, included on the National Redress Scheme's website on the list of 'Institutions that have not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme' ([www.nationalredress.gov.au](http://www.nationalredress.gov.au))
- a Commonwealth, state, territory or local government agency or body (including government business enterprises)
- an individual
- unincorporated association
- overseas resident/organisation
- any organisation not included in section 4.1

## 5 What the grant money can be used for

### 5.1 Eligible grant activities

To be eligible, projects supported by the grant must:

- be a R&D project undertaken with the CSIRO, either for you or in collaboration with you
- be detailed in a binding research services agreement governing the project terms and payment arrangements
- have at a project cost of at least \$20,000
- be in the areas of:
  - examining alternative feedstocks to form synthetic graphite materials;
  - efficient recycling methods for the recovery of graphite from spent batteries;
  - characterisation of mineral ore bodies containing natural graphite;

- efficient spheronisation techniques and methodologies for graphite flake;
- purification methods for graphite materials;
- techniques and approaches for coating of spheronised materials;
- scale-up of graphite processing for battery anode activities LCA of graphite materials; and
- other R&D graphite innovation that will contribute to efficient and effective production of graphite materials and downstream processing to meet the rapid expansion of domestic battery manufacturing.

## 5.2 Eligible expenditure

You can only use the grant toward the cost of an R&D project with CSIRO.

Eligible items in the CSIRO project costs are:

- salary and on-costs of researcher(s)
- travel and accommodation (if required)
- administrative/overhead/operating costs
- consumables
- project-critical external facilities access/services/contractors.

We may update the guidelines on eligible and ineligible expenditure from time to time. If your application is successful, the version of the guidelines in place when you execute a grant agreement applies to your grant activity.

You must incur project-related expenditure between the project start date and end or completion date outlined in your grant agreement for it to be eligible.

## 5.3 What the grant money cannot be used for

You cannot use the grant for any CSIRO project costs on the following activities:

- capital works and expenditure
- infrastructure costs
- major construction/capital works
- overseas travel.

# 6 How to apply

Before applying, you must read and understand these guidelines and EOI form. These may be found at [www.csiro.au/graphitegrants](http://www.csiro.au/graphitegrants).

By request, you may also receive and review a sample grant agreement. To request a sample grant agreement, email [graphitegrants@csiro.au](mailto:graphitegrants@csiro.au).

## 6.1 Application Process

There is a two-stage application process. We will assess the suitability of your EOI and stage two project proposal based on criteria as outlined in Section 7.

1. An online Expression of Interest (EOI) form, available on [www.csiro.au/graphitegrants](http://www.csiro.au/graphitegrants), must be completed by 30 March 2026 or as otherwise advised [online](#), outlining company eligibility, high-



level outline of your proposed area of graphite R&D and relevance to a sustainable graphite industry. We may contact you, after your submission, to ask for clarification or additional information from you regarding the information and the nature of your application.

2. You may then be invited to a second stage, whereby you develop - with relevant CSIRO researcher/s, and then submit a Graphite R&D research project, for a project to be conducted with the CSIRO. You submit this proposal as the next stage of the application. A research project proposal template will be provided to you if invited to participate in stage two.

You are responsible for ensuring that information provided in Stage One and Stage Two is complete and accurate. Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the [Criminal Code Act 1995 \(Cth\)](#). We will investigate any false or misleading information and may exclude your application from further consideration.

If you find an error in your application after submitting it, you should contact us immediately via email to [graphitegrants@csiro.au](mailto:graphitegrants@csiro.au). We do not have to accept any additional information, or requests from you to correct your application after the closing time.

You should keep a copy of your application and any supporting documents.

We will acknowledge that we have received your application within two working days.

If you need further guidance about the application process or if you are unable to submit an application online contact us at [graphitegrants@csiro.au](mailto:graphitegrants@csiro.au).

## 6.2 Timing of grant opportunity processes

Stage One EOI can be submitted up until 30 March 2026 or as otherwise advised [online](#). The EOI and grant opportunity may close prior to 30 March 2026 if the total grant amount available is exhausted before this date.

Table 1: Estimated timing for this grant opportunity

Activity	Maximum Timeframe
Our Assessment of your Stage One EOI	2 weeks from submission date
If invited to Stage Two, research project proposal must be developed and submitted	4-6 weeks (subject to scope of work, resource requirements, resource availability, technical feasibility, and access to CSIRO Kick-Start)
Stage Two Evaluation and notification of outcome	4 weeks
Issue and acceptance of grant agreement	2 weeks
Graphite R&D project	6 months

## 6.3 Questions during the application process

If you have any questions during the application period, email [graphitegrants@csiro.au](mailto:graphitegrants@csiro.au)

We will respond to emailed questions within two working days.

We may contact you to ask for clarification or additional information from you regarding the information and the nature of your application.

## 7 The assessment criteria

We will assess the suitability of your EOI and stage two project proposal based on the following criteria.

### Criterion 1 (70%)

Relevance to the development of a world-class, competitive and sustainable graphite industry to support domestic Australian manufacturing and exports to the USA and globally.

You should demonstrate this through identifying:

- the challenge your proposed project tackles in downstream processing graphite
- how you contribute, or will contribute to diversified supply chains of critical materials or processes in graphite

### Criterion 2 (30%)

Your capacity to utilise and or continue the development or commercialisation of R&D project findings.

You should demonstrate this through identifying:

- sustainable revenue or secured or probable funding sources sufficient to further develop, harness or commercialise project findings
- commercial pathways available to you to further develop or commercialise project findings.

## 8 The grant selection process

### 8.1 Assessment of grant applications

We first review your Stage One EOI against the eligibility criteria (Section 4). If eligible, we then assess your high-level description of the area/s of graphite R&D interest and relevance to a sustainable graphite industry, against the assessment criteria (see Section 7). We may contact you, after your submission, to ask for clarification or additional information from you regarding the information and the nature of your application.

If invited to Stage Two, you develop and submit a research proposal with CSIRO researcher/s to ensure it:

- meets the assessment criteria
- achieves value with relevant money.

When assessing the extent to which the application represents value with relevant money, we will have regard to:

- the overall objective/s to be achieved in providing the grant.
- the value that a partnership between CSIRO and you may achieve for a competitive and sustainable graphite industry.
- the relative value of the grant sought.

### 8.2 Who will assess applications?

We assess each application on its merit before recommending which grant applications should be awarded a grant. We may ask external experts/advisors to inform the assessment process. Any

expert/advisor, who is not a Commonwealth Official, will be required/expected to perform their duties with regard to the CGRPs.

We may seek additional information about you, your application, related bodies corporate, related entities and associated entities (as defined in the Corporations Act) and related personnel from third party sources, including other Commonwealth entities. The assessment committee may also consider information about you or your application that is available through the normal course of business.

The assessment committee recommends to the Program Delegate which applications to approve for a grant.

### 8.3 Who will approve grants?

The Program Delegate decides which grants to approve taking into account an application's assessment and availability of grant funds for the purposes of the grant opportunity.

The Program Delegate's decision is final in all matters, including:

- the approval of the grant
- the grant funding amount to be awarded
- the terms and conditions of the grant.

There is no appeal mechanism for decisions to approve or not approve a grant.

## 9 Notification of application outcomes

We will advise you of the outcome of your application in writing. If you are successful, we will advise you of any specific conditions attached to the grant.

You can submit a new application for the same grant (or a similar grant) under this opportunity.

### 9.1 Further grant opportunities

If there are not enough suitable applications to meet the program's objectives, we will deliver subsequent grant opportunities through closed non-competitive processes.

## 10 Successful grant applications

### 10.1 The grant agreement

You must enter into a legally binding grant agreement with the CSIRO. We use a letter of agreement in this program with general terms and conditions that cannot be changed. By request, you may review a sample grant agreement. To request a sample grant agreement, email [graphitegrants@csiro.au](mailto:graphitegrants@csiro.au).

#### Letter of Agreement

This grant agreement comprises your completed application form and the letter of agreement we send advising that your application has been successful. We consider the agreement to be executed (take effect) from the date our letter of agreement is executed by you and the CSIRO.

We are not responsible for any of your CSIRO project cost/s until a grant agreement is executed. If you choose to start your project before you have an executed grant agreement, you do so at your own risk.

Your grant agreement may have specific conditions determined by the assessment process or other considerations made by the Program Delegate. We will identify these in the agreement.

## 10.2 How we pay the grant

The grant agreement will state the:

- maximum grant amount to be paid
- proportion of eligible expenditure covered by the grant (grant percentage)
- any financial contributions you must make
- any financial contribution provided by CSIRO Kick-Start, if relevant

The grant amount is not paid to you directly. We will pay 100 per cent of the grant to the CSIRO research unit with whom you are engaging, as a contribution toward the agreed project cost, on execution of the grant agreement.

## 10.3 Grants payments and GST

Grants may be assessable income for taxation purposes, unless exempted by a taxation law. We recommend you seek independent professional advice on your taxation obligations or seek assistance from the [Australian Taxation Office](#).<sup>2</sup> We do not provide advice on your particular taxation circumstances.

# 11 Announcement of grants

If successful, your grant will be reported to DISR, and listed [online](#) within 21 calendar days from the date of effect as required by Section 5.4 of the [CGRPs](#).

We will share with DISR your organisation name, high level summary of project to be delivered, grant and total project amounts, and project start and end dates. An additional post-project summary will also be provided to DISR, see Section 12.3.

We will publish your organisation name, grant amount and dates, and project title only [online](#).

# 12 How we monitor and report on your grant activity

## 12.1 Keeping us informed

You should let us know if anything is likely to affect your project or organisation.

You must also inform us of any changes to your:

- name
- addresses
- nominated contact details

You must notify us of events relating to your grant and provide an opportunity for the Minister or their representative to attend.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ato.gov.au/>

## 12.2 Your Reporting

You must submit a final report in line with the grant agreement, within 30 days of project completion. We will provide a sample template for this as an appendix in your grant agreement. We will remind before that report is due. We will ask you to complete a **final report** that outlines:

- if and how outcomes have been achieved
- anticipated impacts and your next steps with regards to project outcomes

## 12.3 Our Reporting

The CSIRO shall report to DISR via both a written report and verbal presentation, a summary of high-level outcomes of the funded Graphite R&D projects completed, achievements and benefits of the R&D and how this may or has advanced Australia's opportunities in the USA. This reporting is at a project, and high-level and will not include any commercially sensitive information.

## 12.4 Grant agreement variations

We recognise that unexpected events may affect your project progress. If circumstances arise that may impact the completion of your project. You may request a variation to your grant agreement.

You should not assume that a variation request will be successful. We will consider your request based on provisions in the grant agreement and the likely impact on achieving outcomes.

Contact us via email, [graphitegrants@csiro.au](mailto:graphitegrants@csiro.au) to discuss unexpected events and potential circumstances affecting your project and grant agreement.

## 12.5 Evaluation

We will evaluate the grant opportunity to measure how well the outcomes and objectives have been achieved. We may use information from your application and reports for this purpose. We may also interview you or ask you for more information to help us understand how the grant impacted you and to evaluate how effective the grant opportunity was in achieving its outcomes.

We may contact you up to one year after you finish your grant for more information to assist with this evaluation.

## 12.6 Acknowledgement

If you make a public statement about the Graphite R&D project funded under this grant opportunity, we require you to acknowledge the grant by using the following:

'This project received grant funding from the Australian Government.'

## 13 Probity

The CSIRO will make sure that the grant opportunity process is fair, is conducted according to the published grant opportunity guidelines, incorporates appropriate safeguards against fraud and corruption, unlawful activities and other inappropriate conduct and is consistent with the CGRPs.

These guidelines may be changed from time-to-time by CSIRO. When this happens, the revised grant opportunity guidelines will be published online: <http://www.csiro.au/graphitegrants>

You should be aware of your obligations under the [National Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2022](#), noting that under the Act grantees will generally be considered 'contracted service providers' [see <https://www.nacc.gov.au/resource-centre/nacc-fact-sheets>].

### 13.1 Enquiries and feedback

The [relevant Commonwealth entity's] [insert Complaints Procedures NAME and URL] apply to complaints about this grant opportunity. All complaints about a grant process must be provided in writing.

Any questions you have about grant decisions for this grant opportunity should be sent to [insert relevant email address].

If you do not agree with the way the [relevant Commonwealth entity] has handled your complaint, you may complain to the [Commonwealth Ombudsman](#). The Ombudsman will not usually consider a complaint unless the matter has first been raised directly with the [relevant Commonwealth entity].

The Commonwealth Ombudsman can be contacted on:

- Phone (Toll free): 1300 362 072
- Email: [ombudsman@ombudsman.gov.au](mailto:ombudsman@ombudsman.gov.au)
- Website: [www.ombudsman.gov.au](http://www.ombudsman.gov.au)

## 14 Conflicts of interest

Any conflicts of interest could affect the performance of the grant opportunity or program. There may be a conflict of interest, or perceived conflict of interest if you or any of your personnel:

- has a professional, commercial or personal relationship with a party who is able to influence the application selection process, such as one of the assessment committee
- has a relationship with or interest in, an organisation, which is likely to interfere with or restrict the CSIRO from carrying out proposed R&D project activities fairly and independently.

As part of your application, you will be required to declare any perceived or existing conflicts of interests or confirm that, to the best of your knowledge, there is no conflict of interest. If you later identify an actual, apparent, or perceived conflict of interest, you must inform us in writing immediately.

CSIRO is committed to conducting the affairs of the organisation with integrity and in the national interest consistent with the functions of CSIRO as set out in the [Science and Industry Research Act 1949 \(SIR Act\)](#), and the [Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013 \(PGPA Act\)](#) and other relevant legislation.

We publish our conflict of interest process via the [CSIRO Code of Conduct](#) on the CSIRO website.

All program employees, Assessors or officials including the Program Delegate must also declare any conflicts of interest and manage such conflicts of interest in accordance with CSIRO's policies and procedures.

## 15 Privacy

We are bound to protect personal information in accordance with the [Privacy Act 1988](#) and the [Australian Privacy Principles](#).

Personal Information is collected for the purposes of application to and delivering of the grant opportunity. This personal information may include your name, business address, email address and phone number. By submitting an application applicant agrees that we will collect, use and disclose the personal information collected in accordance with the [CSIRO Privacy Policy](#) and the [Graphite Grants opportunity Privacy Statement](#) for the purposes of delivery the grant opportunity.

## 16 Confidential Information

You must not disclose sensitive Confidential Information to in your application. You should take all reasonable steps to ensure you do not disclose material which would undermine your ability to secure patent or other protection for Confidential Information, or which would jeopardise or hinder your commercial activities.

You must ensure information contained in your application will not compromise your requirements for confidentiality (such as protection of Intellectual Property).

## 17 Freedom of information

All documents in the possession of the Australian Government, including those about this grant opportunity, are subject to the [Freedom of Information Act 1982](#) (FOI Act).

The purpose of the FOI Act is to give members of the public rights of access to information held by the Australian Government and its entities. Under the FOI Act, members of the public can seek access to documents held by the Australian Government. This right of access is limited only by the exceptions and exemptions necessary to protect essential public interests and private and business affairs of persons in respect of whom the information relates.

All Freedom of Information requests must be referred to the Freedom of Information Officer in writing. This can be:

- by email: [FOI@csiro.au](mailto:FOI@csiro.au)
- by post:

FOI Officer, CSIRO  
PO Box 225  
Dickson ACT 2602  
Australia

## 18 National security

It is your responsibility to consider any national security implications of your proposed Pilot Phase activities and to identify and manage any risks, particularly relating to export controls, potential for foreign interference and technology transfer.

You should also ensure there are appropriate controls around any sensitive research data including securing intellectual property.

Collaboration with foreign entities must be transparent, undertaken with full knowledge and consent, and in a manner, that avoids harm to Australia's national interests. It is your responsibility to consider the national security implications of your activities.

## 19 Glossary

Term	Definition
accountable authority	see subsection 12(2) of the <a href="#">Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013</a>
administering entity	when an entity that is not responsible for the policy, is responsible for the administration of part or all of the grant administration processes
assessment criteria	are the specified principles or standards, against which applications will be judged. These criteria are also used to assess the merits of proposals and, in the case of a competitive grant opportunity, to determine application rankings.
commencement date	the expected start date for the grant activity
completion date	the expected date that the grant activity must be completed and the grant spent by
contracted service provider	A contracted service provider is a person who is a party to a Commonwealth contract or is a party to a subcontract with a contracted service provider and is responsible for the provision of goods or services under contract, either directly or indirectly.
co-sponsoring entity	when two or more entities are responsible for the policy and the appropriation for outcomes associated with it
date of effect	can be the date on which a grant agreement is signed or a specified starting date. Where there is no grant agreement, entities must publish information on individual grants as soon as practicable.
decision maker	the person who makes a decision to award a grant
eligibility criteria	refer to the mandatory criteria which must be met to qualify for a grant. Eligibility criteria should be developed to enable objective validation and are either 'met' or 'not met'. Assessment criteria may apply in addition to eligibility criteria.
Commonwealth entity	a Department of State, or a Parliamentary Department, or a listed entity or a body corporate established by a law of the Commonwealth. See subsections 10(1) and (2) of the PGPA Act
<a href="#">Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles 2024 (CGRPs)</a>	establish the overarching Commonwealth grants policy framework and articulate the expectations for all non-corporate Commonwealth entities in relation to grants administration. Under this overarching framework, non-corporate Commonwealth entities undertake grants administration based on the mandatory requirements and key principles of grants administration.




Term	Definition
grant	<p>for the purposes of the CGRPs, a ‘grant’ is an arrangement for the provision of financial assistance by the Commonwealth or on behalf of the Commonwealth:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. under which relevant money<sup>3</sup> or other <a href="#">Consolidated Revenue Fund</a> (CRF) money<sup>4</sup> is to be paid to a grantee other than the Commonwealth; and</li> <li>b. which is intended to help address one or more of the Australian Government’s policy outcomes while assisting the grantee achieve its objectives.</li> </ol>
grant activity/activities	refers to the project/tasks/services that the grantee is required to undertake.
grant agreement	sets out the relationship between the parties to the agreement and specifies the details of the grant.
<a href="#">GrantConnect</a>	is the Australian Government’s whole-of-government grants information system, which centralises the publication and reporting of Commonwealth grants in accordance with the CGRPs.
grant opportunity	refers to the specific grant round or process where a Commonwealth grant is made available to potential grantees. Grant opportunities may be open or targeted, and will reflect the relevant grant selection process.
grant program	a ‘program’ carries its natural meaning and is intended to cover a potentially wide range of related activities aimed at achieving government policy outcomes. A grant program is a group of one or more grant opportunities under a single [entity] Portfolio Budget Statement Program.
grantee	the individual/organisation which has been selected to receive a grant.
National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC)	The National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC) is an independent Commonwealth agency. It detects, investigates and reports on serious or systemic corruption in the Commonwealth public sector. The Commission operates under the <a href="#">National Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2022</a> .

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<sup>3</sup> Relevant money is defined in the PGPA Act. See section 8, Dictionary.

<sup>4</sup> Other CRF money is defined in the PGPA Act. See section 105, Rules in relation to other CRF money.

Term	Definition
PBS Program	described within the entity's <a href="#">Portfolio Budget Statement</a> , PBS programs each link to a single outcome and provide transparency for funding decisions. These high-level PBS programs often comprise a number of lower level, more publicly recognised programs, some of which will be Grant Programs. A PBS Program may have more than one Grant Program associated with it, and each of these may have one or more grant opportunities.
selection criteria	comprise eligibility criteria and assessment criteria.
selection process	the method used to select potential grantees. This process may involve comparative assessment of applications or the assessment of applications against the eligibility criteria and/or the assessment criteria.
value with money	<p>value with money in this document refers to 'value with relevant money' which is a judgement based on the grant proposal representing an efficient, effective, economical and ethical use of public resources and determined from a variety of considerations.</p> <p>When administering a grant opportunity, an official should consider the relevant financial and non-financial costs and benefits of each proposal including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ the quality of the project proposal and activities;</li> <li>▪ fitness for purpose of the proposal in contributing to government objectives;</li> <li>▪ that the absence of a grant is likely to prevent the grantee and government's outcomes being achieved; and</li> <li>▪ the potential grantee's relevant experience and performance history.</li> </ul>



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