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NSW Rural Assistance Authority Delivered by DPI	<p>Training Grant. As part of the NSW Government's Drought Strategy, Farm Business Skills Professional Development Program has been developed to support farm business in all conditions, but particularly in relation to preparing for and responding to drought.</p> <p>Training Grant up to 50% of eligible course costs reimbursed after the course. Max reimbursement of \$5000 for first person.</p>	<a href="https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/pre-approved-courses">https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/pre-approved-courses</a>	<p>Farmers are now able to view a list of pre-approved courses on NSWRAA website. Eligibility includes min 51% of income is from farming.</p> <p>Funding covers up to a certain amount of travel and accommodation expenses.</p>	See NSWRAA Ph 1800 678 593	<p>Approved courses include: *2 day RCS Grazing Clinic *2.5 day Pasture to Pocket *7 day Grazing for Profit School *7 day Farming &amp; Grazing for Profit School *6 month Next Steps Program *ExecutiveLink years 1,2,3</p>
Future Farmers Network	FFN members are eligible for Travel & Training bursaries valued at \$500 as well as \$1000 Study Grants to assist with funding study related expenses and/or additional education/training opportunities.	<a href="https://www.futurefarmers.com.au/bursaries-and-study-grants/">https://www.futurefarmers.com.au/bursaries-and-study-grants/</a>	<p><b>Eligibility basics:</b> 1. Must be a financial member of FFN and have held membership for a minimum of 3 months prior to application date 2. Must be able to demonstrate how attending the bursary will add to his/her knowledge, industry engagement &amp; broadening of networks 3. Must provide evidence of attendance costs including but not limited to course flyers/registration, copy of receipts/conference registrations, estimated kilometres to be travelled</p>	Ongoing	
NSW Rural Assistance Authority's Farm Innovation Fund	<p>Loans of up to \$250,000/project are available through the NSW Rural Assistance Authority's Farm Innovation Fund to improve permanent farm infrastructure and ensure long-term productivity and sustainable land use.</p> <p>A package to assist primary producers identify and address risks to their farming enterprise, improve permanent farm infrastructure and ensure long-term productivity and sustainable land use, aiding in meeting changes to seasonal conditions.</p>	<a href="https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/farm-innovation-fund">https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/farm-innovation-fund</a>	<p><b>To be eligible for assistance you must:</b> - Be the owner or operator of the property where the work is to be carried out. -Your business operates as a sole trader, partnership, trust or private company and trades agricultural products. -Your business is registered with the ATO as a primary producer, and has an ABN; - Show the farm enterprise under normal seasonal conditions provides at least 50% of your total GROSS income or you are classified as a "new entrant" - Not have gross off farm assets exceeding \$5mil - Demonstrate that the works have a significant beneficial impact on the land, the farming enterprise and aid in preparing for adverse seasonal conditions - Demonstrate that your farm enterprise has long-term viability and has the capacity to repay the loan sought - Provide satisfactory security to support the loan sought and the loan must be fully drawn within 12 months of approval. - Lodge an application before commencing the project. - Demonstrate the proposed works are part of your Farm Business and Risk Assessment Plan.</p>	Ongoing	
Farm Household Allowance Delivered by Australia Govt Dept of Human Services	<p>Payment is at the same rate as Newstart allowance and Youth Allowance.</p> <p>You additionally receive 1 or 2 supplement lump sum payments per household. Up to \$ 7,200 for single farmers or \$12,000 for farming families.</p> <p>Can be used toward RCS Grazing for Profit course, RCS Consulting or the Executive Link program.</p>	<a href="https://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/farm-household-allowance">https://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/farm-household-allowance</a>	<p><b>Eligibility basics:</b> 1. Be a farmer or the partner of a farmer. 2. Meet an income and assets test 3. Be willing to undertake a Farm Financial Assessment, and 4. Be willing to enter into a Financial Improvement Agreement 5. Meets mutual obligation requirements 6. Be 16 years or older 7. Have had less than 4 years of Farm Household Allowance</p>	Ongoing	<p>Can be used toward: *2 day RCS Grazing Clinic *2.5 day Pasture to Pocket *7 day Grazing for Profit School *6 month Next Steps Program *ExecutiveLink years 1,2,3 *One on One Consulting</p>
Queensland Government - Small Business Digital Grant	<p>The Queensland Government has made this program available to provide eligible small businesses access to digital technologies and services to enable them to work smarter, engage with the global economy and make the most of online business opportunities arising from digital disruption. They offer matched funding up to \$10,000 per business.</p> <p>Could be put towards on-farm consulting or ExecutiveLink™.</p>	<a href="https://www.business.qld.gov.au/startup-business/advice-support/grants/digital-grants">https://www.business.qld.gov.au/startup-business/advice-support/grants/digital-grants</a>	<p><b>Eligibility basics:</b> 1. Have fewer than 20 employees at the time of applying for the grant. 2. Have an Australian Business Number (ABN) and be registered for GST. 3. Be based in Queensland. 4. Have a turnover of \$2 million or less in the last financial year. 5. Declare if any owners or directors of the business are an undischarged bankrupt or insolvent.</p>	<p><b>Round 5 has closed</b> but you can subscribe to their newsletter to be notified when the next round is open.</p>	Application, including a Business Plan and Consulting/Coaching proposal, must be submitted online via the link provided
Farm Management Grants QLD	<p>Farm Management Grants provides funding for Queensland primary producers or their relatives to offset the costs of getting professional advice for succession planning.</p> <p>Up to \$2,500 rebate is available for each financial year of the scheme. The grant can rebate up to 50% of the amount paid for professional advice.</p>	<a href="https://www.business.gov.au/assistance/farm-management-grants-qld">https://www.business.gov.au/assistance/farm-management-grants-qld</a>	<p><b>Eligibility basics:</b> - be a primary producer, or the relative of a primary producer - have paid for, or will pay for, eligible professional advice - have received the professional advice on or after 23 March 2017.</p>	29th June 2019	

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<b>Fitzroy Basin Association - Training reimbursement program</b>	Through funding from the Australian Government, FBA is offering to reimburse up to 70% of the cost of training courses, capped at \$700 per financial year per business. FBA believes that the continued growth and development of land manager skills and knowledge is an important part of achieving sustainable management of our natural resources and the long-term sustainability of our agricultural industry. Training reimbursement is offered to eligible landholders who have, or wish to participate in eligible training.	<a href="https://www.fba.org.au/fba-project-assistance/training-reimbursement-program/">https://www.fba.org.au/fba-project-assistance/training-reimbursement-program/</a>	<p><b>Eligibility basics:</b> 1. Training reimbursement is available to any landholder who owns or manages grazing or cropping lands within the Fitzroy Basin area, AND 2. has completed all modules of a Grazing BMP or Grains BMP program.</p>	Ongoing	Email: admin@fba.org.au with the subject line "Training reimbursement request"
<b>Coles Nurture Fund</b>	Coles Nurture Fund (CNF) will allocate \$50 million over five years intended to encourage businesses to develop new market-leading products, technologies, systems and processes. Existing small-to-medium businesses may apply for funding to enable them to take the next step in creating value for business and customers. The maximum single grant of funds or loan under the CNF is \$500,000.	<a href="https://www.coles.com.au/corporate-responsibility/our-suppliers/working-together">https://www.coles.com.au/corporate-responsibility/our-suppliers/working-together</a>	<p><b>Eligibility basics:</b> 1. Have no more than 50 full time equivalent employees 2. Have an Australian Business Number (ABN) and be registered for GST. 3. Have a turnover of less than \$25, 000, 000 per annum. 4. Have the ability to fund costs of the project additional to the grant funding sought.</p>	Applications for the next round of funding are expected to open in the first half of 2019.	
<b>Business Innovation Support Initiatives (BISI) - Northern Territory Government</b>	<p>Support available for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>conducting knowledge searches - scientific, technical, and intellectual property</li> <li>developing experimental plans with researchers</li> <li>research and development activities and trials</li> <li>feasibility studies</li> <li>building prototypes</li> <li>obtaining patents</li> <li>accessing specialist research facilities.</li> </ol> <p>Innovation voucher scheme - This program is open year round, and provides up to 60% support for eligible projects. Each voucher is worth up to \$25,000 (exclusive of GST).</p> <p>Innovation grant scheme - This funding program has a competitive application process that runs in rounds. It will provide up to 50% support for eligible projects, with a small number of grants worth up to \$60,000 (exclusive of GST).</p>	<a href="https://nt.gov.au/industry/start-run-and-grow-a-business/business-grants-and-funding/business-innovation-support-initiatives-bisi">https://nt.gov.au/industry/start-run-and-grow-a-business/business-grants-and-funding/business-innovation-support-initiatives-bisi</a>	<p><b>Basic Eligibility:</b> 1. NT-based and NT-registered businesses or incorporated non-profit organisations 2. Valid Australian Business Number (ABN) 3. Fewer than 100 employees. 4. Meet the stipulated innovation criteria and have potentially commercial outcomes</p>	Ongoing	