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Local recovery fund open for local jobs pathways

Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash
Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business

The Morrison Government's Local Recovery Fund is now open for 25 select regions experiencing high unemployment to develop local and tailored projects, to help Australians get back into work and assist communities recover from the economic impact of COVID-19.

Applications are now open for local groups and organisations to apply to receive funding ranging from \$10,000 to \$200,000, to develop projects, including mentoring, training and reskilling, in line with local employment needs.

The Local Recovery Fund is a key component of the Local Jobs Program and will fund projects, or parts of larger projects, that are not being supported through existing programs or activities.

Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business, Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash, said the fund will help drive job outcomes in the selected regions with locally led initiatives aimed at getting more Australians back into work.

"Local Jobs is focused on reskilling, upskilling and creating employment pathways to help people move back into jobs as the economy recovers from COVID-19," Minister Cash said.

"Projects supported under the Local Recovery Fund will be locally driven initiatives that are aligned to each regions employment related priorities, as identified in a Local Job Plan.

"I strongly encourage stakeholders in each of the eligible employment regions to work together and put forward innovative project ideas under the Local Recovery Fund.

As part of the Local Jobs Program 25 Employment Facilitators, have been engaged to help connect job seekers to local employment opportunities.

The Employment Facilitators will chair Local Jobs and Skills Taskforces across Australia. The taskforces will bring together local employers, employment and training providers and other local stakeholders, to collaborate and develop projects funded by the Local Recovery Fund to get job seekers back into work.

"We will do this by getting Australians back to work and by supporting locally-driven pathways to jobs."

Applications for the Local Recovery Fund will open from 3 November with funding available from mid-December 2020.

The employment regions included in this program are listed below.

State/Territory	Employment Region
NSW	Sydney South West
	Illawarra South Coast
	Hunter
	New England and North West
	Mid North Coast

	North Coast
	Sydney Greater West
Queensland	Gold Coast
	Cairns
	Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast
	Townsville
	Wivenhoe
Tasmania	Hobart and Southern Tasmania
	North and North Western Tasmania
Victoria	South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula
	Gippsland
	Western Melbourne
	Inner Metropolitan Melbourne
	North Western Melbourne
South Australia	Adelaide North
	Murray and South East
	North West Country
Western Australia	South West WA
	Perth South
Northern Territory	Darwin and Alice Springs

Further details on how to apply can be found at www.dese.gov.au/local-jobs-program (<http://dese.gov.au/local-jobs-program>).