



Local Capability Fund - (LCF)



For Western Australian small to medium enterprises (SMEs) as potential LCF applicants

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Background

The Local Capability Fund (LCF) provides Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) with matched funding up to \$20,000 to enhance:

- Capability, capacity, competitiveness
- To improve your potential to be involved in the METRONET project

The rollingstock element of the METRONET project will also feature full fleet maintenance and repair of the new electric rollingstock.



Background

The METRONET LCF round will focus on future engagement opportunities between **Western Australian SMEs** and prospective **railcar manufacturers**.

- SMEs who are seeking to become part of rollingstock supply chains for the METRONET project as well as broader interstate and international projects.
- The LCF funding will assist SMEs to pre-qualify for inclusion in the supply chains of rollingstock manufacturers and improve their ability to market their capabilities in this sector.



Eligibility

1. Have an Australian Business / Company Number & be solvent
2. Been operating for 3 years (some flexibility) **with facilities in WA**
3. Employ less than 200 people
4. Turnover between \$250,000 and \$100 million
5. No 'double dipping' for the **same activity** from other Government sources (including Federally)



What can LCF fund?

Temporary expert / consultancy fees including but not limited to:

- ✓ Meeting pre-qualification requirements
- ✓ Implementation and audit of ISO management system standards such as ISO 9001 QM, ISO 31000 RM, ISP 14000 EM, Occupational Safety & Health
- ✓ Contract and tender negotiations including contractual terms and conditions
- ✓ Business / marketing planning / feasibility studies



What can LCF fund?

Equipment purchase / upgrade including but not limited to:

- ✓ Upgrading or modifying existing equipment or machinery
- ✓ Acquiring equipment, machinery



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Improvements to internal business infrastructure / systems including but not limited to:

- ✓ Improvements to Occupational Safety & Health systems, quality assurance systems, manufacturing and management systems
- ✓ Upgrades or expansions to applicant owned property/buildings
- ✓ Software purchase and upgrades e.g. tender management software, computer aided drafting or project management software linked to specific outcome and to raise capability
- ✓ Technical advancements / processes



Payments

Payments are made as a re-imbusement – activity to be paid for in advance

Reporting

Within 6 months of receiving funding – a template is provided

Repeat reporting after 12 and 18 months

Not onerous but critical for JTSI to measure the success of the program and to understand potential future needs



Engagement with industry

In order to be considered for funding, applicants must detail within the application their engagement with:

- a) manufacturers seeking involvement in the METRONET rollingstock project and / or manufacturers with existing interstate/international project exposure.
- b) and provide evidence to demonstrate such engagement.

Round closes 31 January 2018



Further information

- Online interactive pdf Application Form - *support available from JTSI*
- 1 draft application permitted for verbal feedback prior to final submission



Any questions?

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