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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.	https://www.futurefarmers.com.au/bursaries-and-study-grants/	<p>Eligibility basics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 & 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 	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>	https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/farm-innovation-fund	<p>To be eligible for assistance you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be the owner or operator of the property where the work is to be carried out. - Show the farm enterprise under normal seasonal conditions provides at least 50% of your total GROSS income. - Not have gross off farm assets exceeding \$5,000,000 - 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. - Lodge an application before commencing the project. - Demonstrate the proposed works are part of your Farm Business and Risk Assessment Plan. 	Ongoing	
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>	http://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/professional-development-program	<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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *2 day RCS Grazing Clinic *2.5 day Pasture to Pocket *7 day Grazing for Profit School *7 day Farming & Grazing for Profit School *6 month Next Steps Program *ExecutiveLink years 1,2,3
Farm Household Allowance Delivered by Australia Govt Dept of Human Services	<p>Up to \$4000 per person for the life of the Farm House hold allowance (currently 3 year program).</p> <p>Can be used toward RCS Grazing for Profit course, RCS Consulting or the Executive Link program.</p>	https://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/farm-household-allowance	<p>Eligibility basics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	Ongoing	<p>Can be used toward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *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

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Queensland Government - Accelerate Small Business Grants	<p>The Queensland Government made these grants available to help eligible small businesses engage business mentors, coaches or an advisory board for a six to twelve-month period. They offer matched funding up to \$10,000 per business.</p> <p>Could be put towards, RCS Consulting, the RCS Next Steps Program or ExecutiveLink™.</p>	https://publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/accelerate-small-business-grants	<p>Eligibility basics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have a trading history of a minimum of three years 2. Have a minimum turnover of \$500 000 3. Have a maximum headcount of 20 employees at the time of applying for the grant 4. Have an Australian Business Number (ABN) and be registered for GST 5. Have Queensland headquarters or significant Queensland operations 6. Have competitive opportunities in domestic or international markets 7. Be experiencing growth and have clearly defined high-growth opportunities 8. Declare if any owners or directors of the business are an undischarged bankrupt or insolvent. 	30/06/2018	Application, including a Business Plan and Consulting/Coaching proposal, must be submitted online via the link provided
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>	https://www.business.qld.gov.au/starting-business/advice-support/grants/digital-grants	<p>Eligibility basics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	Round 3 has closed but you can subscribe to their newsletter to be notified when the next round is open.	Application, including a Business Plan and Consulting/Coaching proposal, must be submitted online via the link provided
Reef Guardians - Stewardship Grant	<p>Funding is available for projects contributing to the conservation and protection of the Reef's environment, biodiversity and heritage values and/or mitigating one or more of the key threats to the Great Barrier Reef, including (but not limited to): climate change, coastal development, land-based run-off and direct use.</p> <p>\$500-\$4000 available per grant</p>	http://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/ispui/bitstream/11017/3260/1/Reef-Guardian-Grant-Guidelines-V1.pdf	<p>Eligibility basics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be, or be partnered with and endorsed by an active Reef Guardian School or Council; 2. Undertake the project in the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area and/or its catchment; and 3. Provide a completed Reef Guardian Grant application form with the necessary endorsements, and provide required financial information including ABN 	Applications close 10th March 2018	
The Ian Potter Foundation - Environment and conservation funding	<p>Ian Potter Foundation Environment & Conservation program aims to better manage our natural resources and preserve biodiversity in the face of challenges such as land degradation, limited water resources and climate change.</p> <p>The Program considers large grants (\$100,000 and over) within two themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fostering biodiversity - Water and/or land management 	http://www.ianpotter.org.au/what-we-support/environment-and-conservation/		Opens: Monday 25 March 2019, Closes: Friday 19 April 2019	
Community Landcare Pop-up Grants	<p>Groups are invited to apply for a grant of \$2,000 to \$10,000 (GST exclusive) to undertake projects and activities that encourage the involvement of community groups in understanding, protecting and enhancing the natural environment.</p> <p>A total of \$25,000, on a competitive basis, is available annually Preference will be given to projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promote membership and attract volunteers to Landcare/NRM community groups - Improve the capacity and skills of members of the Landcare/NRM community to manage the natural environment. 	http://mli.org.au/node/3603	<p>Landcare 'Pop-up' Grants are open to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Landcare groups - Farmer/producer groups - 'Friends-of' groups - Indigenous groups - Other community groups - Schools, provided that their project deals with on-ground works to improve NRM in natural landscapes, and promotes environmental understanding. 	Applications open 29 May 2017 to 30 April 2018, and will be assessed within three weeks of receipt.	

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Advance Queensland - Business Development Fund	The business development fund supports Queensland based businesses that: - are commercialising research, an innovative idea or an innovative product or service - require seed, early stage or follow-on investment - will create opportunities for new, high value and skilled employment - have a realistic prospect of becoming commercially successful.	https://advance.qld.gov.au/industry/business-development-fund.aspx	Eligibility basics: - Majority of assets and employees located in Queensland. - A private sector co-investor's investment in a business must at least match the investment sought from the Fund. - The business must not be principally engaged in property development, land ownership, finance, or construction as their predominant activity, or have an intention to be engaged as such. - The business must not be an investment fund.	Ongoing	
Farm Management Grants QLD	Farm Management Grants provides funding for Queensland primary producers or their relatives to offset the costs of getting professional advice for succession planning. 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.	https://www.business.gov.au/assistance/farm-management-grants-qld	Eligibility basics: - 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.	30th June 2019	
QRAA Farm Management Grants	The Farm Management Scheme provides rebates of up to 50 per cent of the cost of professional advice received in relation to succession planning and the intergenerational transfer of farm businesses. The maximum payment under the scheme is \$2,500 for each receipt provided to QRAA and applicants may only receive a maximum of \$2,500 per financial year.	http://www.qraa.qld.gov.au/current-programs/farm-management-grants	Primary producers or their children or relatives who have received, or are seeking professional advice about the transfer or sale of the primary production enterprise are eligible for assistance under the scheme.	30/06/2019	Can be used toward: *Family Succession and Continuity Planning Consultations by RCS Consultants
Fitzroy Basin Association - Grazing and Grains reimbursement program	Through funding from the Australian Government, FBA is offering to reimburse up to 70% of the cost of identified training courses, capped at \$700 per financial year per business. Can be put toward any RCS Next Steps Program, GrazingforProfit™ or RCS short course anywhere in Australia	http://www.fba.org.au/grazing-training-reimbursement-program/	Eligibility basics: 1. Must live in the Fitzroy Association Region 2. Must have completed all five Grazing or Grain BMP modules. 3. Only one reimbursement is available per business per financial year. 4. Apply for reimbursement within 30 days of completing the training.	30/06/2018	Email admin@fba.org.au with the subject line "Training reimbursement request"
Coles Nurture Fund	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.	https://www.coles.com.au/corporate-responsibility/our-suppliers/working-together	Eligibility basics: 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.	Applications closed 19 January 2018. Applications for the next round of the Coles Nurture Fund are expected to open in the second half of 2018.	
AgriFutures Rural Womens Award	AgriFutures Rural Womens Award acknowledges and supports the essential role women play in rural industries, businesses and communities. The Award provides a platform to inspire and support Australian women to use and develop their skills to benefit their industries and communities. Each state and territory winner receives a \$10,000 bursary for innovative ideas and projects, access to professional development opportunities and alumni networks	http://www.agrifutures.com.au/people-leadership/rural-womens-award/	Eligibility basics: 1. Open to all women involved in rural industries, rural and regional businesses and rural and regional communities 2. Women must be over the age of 18, and Australian citizens or permanent residents 3. No formal qualifications are required	Applications open September 2018	

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Business Innovation Support Initiatives (BISI) - Northern Territory Government	<p>Support available for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. conducting knowledge searches - scientific, technical, and intellectual property 2. developing experimental plans with researchers 3. research and development activities and trials 4. feasibility studies 5. building prototypes 6. obtaining patents 7. accessing specialist research facilities. <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>	<p>https://nt.gov.au/industry/start-run-and-grow-a-business/business-grants-and-funding/business-innovation-support-initiatives-bisi</p>	<p>Basic Eligibility:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	18th April 2018	
Agriculture Victoria: Young Farmers Scholarship "Upskill and Invest"	<p>Up to \$10,000 is available per scholarship: up to \$5,000 towards study backed by further funds of up to \$5,000 to invest on-farm or in professional development activities, to help put new skills into practice.</p> <p>The scholarship program is designed to be flexible, to fit with the demands and ambitions of young farmers and farm workers.</p>	<p>http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/food-and-fibre-industries/young-farmers/scholarship-program</p>	<p>Basic Eligibility:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be aged 35 years or under at the time of the application closing date 2. Be working in a farm business in Victoria at least three days per week, and have been doing this work for the past three months or more 3. Have at least two years of total experience on-farm 4. Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident currently residing in Victoria 	24th April 2018	