

Infrastructure Employment Projects fact sheet

What is the Program?

Infrastructure Employment Projects is a part of the Jobs Fund - a \$650 million Australian Government initiative to support and create jobs and increase skills through innovative projects that build community infrastructure and increase social capital in local communities across the country. The Government has set aside \$150 million for a wide range of infrastructure projects, subject to the needs of communities, including new and major renovations or refurbishments.

When will the Infrastructure Employment Projects Program commence?

The Jobs Fund, including the Infrastructure Employment Projects stream, commenced on 1 July 2009. Projects will be funded until 30 June 2012. Projects which expect to exist beyond the funding period must demonstrate an alternative source of funds beyond June 2012.

What can be funded?

Infrastructure Employment Projects funding may be provided for:

- social and cultural infrastructure;
- recreational facilities;
- tourism infrastructure;
- children, youth and seniors facilities;
- road and rail infrastructure and local government owned or managed airport related infrastructure; and
- environmental infrastructure.

Who is eligible for funding?

There is no application process for this stream of the Jobs Fund. The Australian Government will initiate projects jointly with state and territory and/or local governments, according to the needs of communities.

What criteria will be used to select projects?

Job Fund projects, including Infrastructure Employment Projects, will be selected based on the ability to:

- create jobs or retain people in jobs at risk due to the downturn;
- build skills for the future;
- build community infrastructure or improve community amenity which generates local jobs; or
- provide seed funding for social enterprises to start up or expand, generating jobs and improving community services.

All projects must also meet the following three criteria:

- be in areas experiencing high unemployment, a significant rise in unemployment or vulnerability;
- be viable and ready to start; and
- be self-sufficient and/or not require Commonwealth funding beyond 30 June 2012, as funds will be limited to 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12.

It is anticipated that projects will be jointly funded with state and territory and/or local governments. There are no minimum or maximum amounts of funding for projects under the Infrastructure Employment Projects stream.

For further information see the Jobs Fund Guidelines

<http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/regional/infrastructure_employment_projects.aspx