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Small Business Boost

Guidelines

Who can apply?

This funding is targeted to small, local businesses.
To apply, your business needs to tick the following boxes:

- Primary business address in Nhulunbuy, Yirrkala or Gunyangara
- Valid Australian Business Number (ABN) and registered for GST if required
- Annual turnover of more than $75,000 but less than $10 million
- At least one and no more than 25 full-time equivalent employees

Businesses **are not** eligible if:

- you are a Not for profit organisations that already has access to the Rio Tinto Gove Community Giving Program and the 22% benevolent rate for utilities
- the funds are planned to be used for core government services such as education or health programs
- the funds are planned to be used for staff events or functions or projects that have already occurred

If another business in the same corporate group has already applied, only one can be successful

How much can I apply for?

- Eligible businesses can apply for a maximum of $5,000. During the assessment process, Rio Tinto may not award the full grant request even if funding criteria is met.
- Limited grants are available. Applications will be assessed against the funding criteria, with priority given to businesses that make a contribution to economic development, essential services and local jobs.
- The grants can be used to contribute to larger projects that align with our funding criteria, either matched through your business or supported by access to other available grants (if eligible).

Reach out if you have any questions:

1800 995 508 or govecommunities@riotinto.com

What can funding be used for?

The funding is for projects that will make your business more sustainable:

Skills, training and capability development

This could include initiatives focused on the development of your people, based on your current or future offerings.

Business improvement and technology

Examples could be digital technology or website upgrades. This could also cover equipment for day-to-day operations.

Professional advice and transition readiness

This focuses on external support, such as financial advisors, business coaches and marketing providers.

Application dates:

Saturday, 24 October 2026	Applications open
Monday, 30 November 2026	Applications close
Early December 2026	Businesses notified

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Application

Applications must be fully completed to be considered.

Business details

Business name

Street address

Contact name

Contact position

Phone

Email

ABN

Owners

Directors

Type of business (company, partnership, trust, sole trader etc)

Employee numbers

Full time

Part time

Casual / Contractors

How many employees live locally?

Does your business have an annual turnover of over $75,000 and under $10 million?

Yes No

Applicants may be asked to provide additional verification of trading address, employee numbers or annual turnover to confirm eligibility.

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Funding Request

What will this funding be used for?

How does the project align with the priority areas?

How would this funding support your business and what contribution (financial or in-kind) would you provide to ensure it is successful?

Funding amount requested (maximum $5,000)

Total cost of project

Application submission checklist

- [ ] Completed application form
- [ ] Bank issued verification document
- [ ] Supporting project quotes

Banking details

Bank Account Name

BSB

Account Number

Please provide a bank issued document verifying this account information - no financial information.

Governance

Are any Rio Tinto employees involved in your business, including partners or family members? If yes, please provide names

Would your business be willing to participate in promotional activities relating to this program if your application is successful.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Declaration

I have reviewed and understand Rio Tinto's The Way We Work and Business Integrity Standard. I declare that all information provided in this application is true and correct.

Name

Signature

Date

Please submit the completed application form, and supporting documents to **govecommunities@riotinto.com**