

C. Selection of grant programs supporting employment

Figure C1 provides an overview of a selection of grant programs that support employment. This is focused on the 3 departments with an economic development function that had total payments between 2021 to 2023 of more than \$5 million and where we categorised the payment as relating to 'employment'.

It is not an exhaustive list of all grant programs that may contribute to supporting employment.

Figure C1
Selected grant programs supporting employment from 2021 to 2023

| Department | Grant program | Recipient type | Funding provided (\$ mil.) | Regional funding (%) |
|--|--|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Department of Agriculture and Fisheries | Rural economic development grants Support primary production sectors and aim to bolster rural communities. | Businesses | 5.8 | 100% |
| Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water | Made in Queensland Supports small–medium enterprises in the traditional manufacturing sector in increasing their international competitiveness, productivity, and profitability by adopting industry-leading technologies and processes. | Businesses | 15.1 | 64% |
| | Manufacturing hubs grant program Supports small–medium enterprises in building their advanced manufacturing capabilities across 5 regions where manufacturing hubs are located. | Businesses | 11.3 | 100% |
| | Building our regions Supports local governments in investing in essential regional infrastructure. | Local governments | 77.5 | 100% |
| Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning | Works for Queensland, South East Queensland community stimulus program, and Unite and Recover Community Stimulus Package Support local governments in undertaking job-creating maintenance activity, or new or upgraded infrastructure projects. | Local governments | 552.4 | 95% |
| | Local government grants and subsidies program Supports local governments in delivering priority infrastructure and essential services that meet the identified needs of their communities. | Local governments | 58.0 | 99% |

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| | Resource recovery industry development program Supports projects and initiatives that divert waste from landfill, reduce stockpiling, and create jobs. | Businesses Local governments | 8.7 | 89% |

Notes: We have used department names that were in place prior to the machinery of government changes in December 2023, as these are the names reported on the Open Data website. We have excluded grants provided to other state government entities.

Source: Compiled by the Queensland Audit Office based on information on the Queensland Government's Open Data website and department websites.

