



Media release

Minister for State Development, Manufacturing,
Infrastructure and Planning
The Honourable Cameron Dick

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Millions in state funding support on offer to CQ manufacturers

Manufacturers across Central Queensland can tap into more than \$4.5 million in funding through the Palaszczuk Government's \$13.5 million Manufacturing Hubs Grant Program.

Grants between \$5000 and \$1 million are available, with the funds administered through the [Rockhampton Manufacturing Hub](#), which is due to officially open next month.

Member for Rockhampton Barry O'Rourke said the program will help CQ manufacturers create more local jobs and extend their reach to new markets.

"This funding will give our manufacturers a big leg up when it comes to evolving their operations and employing more people," Mr O'Rourke said.

"The grants can be used to purchase cutting-edge equipment, implement more efficient processes, and train staff."

Member for Keppel Brittany Lauga said manufacturing was a vital sector for the region.

"There is a very strong manufacturing sector here in Central Queensland that, in 2017-18, contributed more than \$1 billion to our state's economy, and as of December last year employed 5100 people locally," Mrs Lauga said.

"We want to ensure manufacturing in Central Queensland continues to thrive. That's what this program is all about."

Member for Gladstone Glenn Butcher encouraged any CQ manufacturer to apply.

"The wide range of grants available means the program can benefit any manufacturing business, whether they're big or small," Mr Butcher said.

"If we can give our manufacturers that boost they need to grow, then we're going to be growing a lot more jobs in our region."

Minister for Manufacturing Cameron Dick said the grants were part of a \$30 million election commitment from the Palaszczuk Government to transform Rockhampton, Townsville and Cairns into manufacturing hubs for regional Queensland.

“We promised to connect our regional manufacturers with world-leading technologies and processes, and to create more jobs in our regions, and that’s exactly what we’re doing,” Mr Dick said.

Recipients will also be able to use these grants to access services offered through [Australia’s first advanced robotics hub for manufacturing](#), which is on track to open in the first half of 2020.

To apply for the Manufacturing Hubs Grant Program head to dsdmip.qld.gov.au/manufacturinghubsgrants, or phone the [Rockhampton Manufacturing Hub](#) on 4924 2914 for more information.

The Manufacturing Hubs Grant Program is an initiative through the [Queensland Advanced Manufacturing 10-Year Roadmap and Action Plan](#).

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