COVID-19 Northern Territory Support

Breaking Down the Support Available in the Northern Territory

The Northern Territory (NT) Government is delivering a Jobs Rescue and Recovery plan to help stimulate the economy and keep Territorians in jobs.

This package is the second phase of the response to the significant economic impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) and is complementary to initiatives offered by the Australian Government to all jurisdictions.

Home Improvement Scheme

A new $30 million Home Improvement Scheme will save local jobs, keep businesses open and cash flowing.

The scheme will help fast-track around 5,000 screwdriver-ready projects in Territory homes.

If you are a NT business, you can apply to supply goods and services to businesses, not-for-profits and home owners under the scheme.

Register your business in the Home Improvement Scheme.

Business Improvement Grant

A new program will deliver $20 million through the Business Improvement Grant program.

All Territory businesses will be able to access a $10,000 grant.

For work valued at more than $10,000, the co-contribution by the Territory Government is limited to $10,000 on a dollar-for-dollar basis up to a maximum grant of $20,000.

Small Business Survival Fund

The new $50 million Small Business Survival Fund will help local Territory businesses survive the unprecedented economic impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19).

This fund is specifically targeted at supporting industries such as retail, hospitality, tourism and entertainment businesses.

Eligible businesses will be able to apply for two payments:

- an immediate survival payment of between $2,000 and $50,000 to help offset the immediate cost pressures on businesses
- a rapid adaption payment of between $1,000 and $5,000 to help businesses make the necessary changes they need to help adapt to the new operating environment.

Approved Remote Essential Workers

Remote communities in the Northern Territory have been closed to all non-essential travel in response to concerns about the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). Only approved remote essential workers can now visit remote communities.

If you are required to deliver essential activities in Northern Territory designated areas, each employee in your organisation will need to apply for an Approved Remote Essential Worker ID card.

To do this you must follow the process here.

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