



Australian Government

COMPARISON OF MODERN MANUFACTURING AND RECYCLING MODERNISATION PROGRAMS

MODERN MANUFACTURING INITIATIVE (MMI)

- The MMI is led by **Australian Government Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources**.
- The MMI is a key element of the **Modern Manufacturing Strategy** and aims to help Australian manufacturers to scale up, compete internationally and create jobs.
- The **MMI Integration Stream** is now open and helps manufacturers to access global supply chains.
- The **MMI Translation Stream** is also open and helps manufacturers to translate research and ideas into commercial outcomes.
- Projects **must address one of six manufacturing priorities** which includes recycling and clean energy. Applications will be assessed together across all priority areas.
- Local governments are not eligible to apply.
- Under the MMI, **co-funding grants of between \$1 million to \$20 million, up to 50 percent of the eligible project expenditure** are available. MMI also allows for State contributions up to 12.5 percent of total cost (or 25 percent of the project proponent's contribution). Project proponent contributions must be in cash.
- MMI applications for recycling and clean energy projects closes **on 5 May 2021**. It is expected the **MMI Collaboration Stream** will open for applications by the end of the financial year.

RECYCLING MODERNISATION FUND (RMF)

- The RMF is managed by the **Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment** in conjunction with State and Territory environment agencies.
- RMF is an element of the **National Waste Policy Action Plan** and is critical to helping the waste and recycling industry to address the impacts of the COAG Waste Export Ban.
- Funding is provided to States and Territories which supports state-led grants programs and other individual projects.
- Projects must be infrastructure related but can be for increased, new or upgraded sorting, processing, manufacturing or remanufacturing capability. They must address one or more of the following – glass, tyres, paper/cardboard and/or plastics.
- Details on the timing for RMF funding, specific eligibility criteria, funding caps etc vary between jurisdictions.
- Local governments may be eligible to apply.
- At a **minimum co-contributions under the RMF are \$1:\$1:\$1** (Commonwealth : State : Project Proponent).
- Funding is currently available in Victoria, through the **Recycling Victoria – Recycling Modernisation Fund until 7 May 2021**. Funding is also expected to be open in Queensland and the Northern Territory over the next 12 months. Rounds in other states have already closed.



More information can be found at:

- www.business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/modern-manufacturing-initiative-manufacturing-integration
- www.environment.gov.au/protection/waste/how-we-manage-waste/recycling-modernisation-fund