

# QSBM2023 Regional Networker Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions

## Background

The Regional Networker Grant Program is part of Queensland Small Business Month 2023 (QSBM2023) and seeks to ensure more Queensland small businesses have access to support and information relevant to their local industry, community and region.

The Regional Networker Grant program will provide funding to eligible regional Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Small Business and Industry Associations and eligible local councils to run events and activations as a part of QSBM2023

This funding is specifically focused on regional and remote areas of Queensland with the purpose of generating stronger networks of small businesses across regional Queensland.

Applications will be assessed based on the impact that the funded activity will have on the relevant local small business community.

The application process is competitive, meaning that all applications will be evaluated against assessment criteria and not all applications will be funded.

Applicants can only apply for funding for events that are held in May as part of QSBM2023.

The Regional Networker Grant Program is being administered by the Policy and Performance Division within the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training (DESBT), with technical guidance and facilitation from the Investment Division.

## FAQ's

### Q. Who is eligible for this grant program?

- Small business association/group
- Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Industry Association
- Regional council (Regional councils will only be eligible in areas where there is no local Small business association/group, Industry association or Chamber of Commerce running events in their local government area)

### Q. Am I eligible to receive funding for an event if I am a small business?

A. No, you would not be eligible to receive funds for an event if you are a small business.

**Q. Why aren't metropolitan areas eligible to apply for funding?**

A. The focus for this year's QSBM is to increase networks of small businesses in regional areas. The grant is focused primarily on areas where there have been limited QSBM activities previously.

**Q. How much money can my organisation apply for as part of the Regional Networker Grant Program?**

A. Eligible organisations will be able to access funding of up to \$2000 (excluding GST).

**Q. How will the grants be assessed?**

A. Grants will be assessed based on the impact that the event will have on the local small business community and how the event will create networks that stretch beyond QSBM.

**Q. If my grant is not approved can I appeal?**

A. These grant decisions cannot be appealed.

**More information**

For more information on the Regional Networker Grant Program please email DESBT at [events@desbt.qld.gov.au](mailto:events@desbt.qld.gov.au).