

Funding Opportunities, and more ...

On this page you will find a range of information and links to funds, grants, accelerators and incubators. Please note that it's not likely to be an exhaustive list, and it's not qualified. It's intended as a launching pad for businesses to explore a range of options. Not everything will be applicable to everyone. You may decide that it is worth seeking professional advice to help determine what is best for your business.

Updated: 8 December 2021

Regional Business Partner Network

For advice on what types of help you might be eligible for, sign up with the local office of the [Regional Business Partner Network](#). This will be your gateway to a wealth of advice and knowledge to support you and your business.

Your local business advisors can:

- give you information and tools to help build your skills and knowledge
- introduce you to business networks
- connect you to other professionals and advisors for help in different areas of your business
- advise you on other kinds of government assistance you might be eligible for.

There are 14 Regional Business Partners throughout New Zealand.

- [Contact details — Regional Business Partner Network](#)

Activate Tāmaki Makaurau

The Activate Tāmaki Makaurau support package is now available for Auckland businesses affected by COVID-19. The package connects existing Auckland businesses with various support options and as a registered service provider in the programme, we can help you.

The support offered by Activate Tāmaki Makaurau includes:

- [Business advice and planning funding](#) – (up to \$3,000 + GST)
- [Implementation funding](#) – (up to \$4,000 + GST)
- [First Steps](#) – Health and Wellbeing support
- Business community free resources - [join to access now](#)

Where we can help is:

- **Business Planning, Strategy and Continuity** – (workforce planning, guidelines, and risk management)
- **HR and Employee Relations and Legal** – (people leadership, staff attraction and retention, contract law, job descriptions and listings, professional development plans, policy development, creating contracts, plans and templates)
- **Health and Safety Advice** – (working within COVID-19 guidelines, creating health and safety documents, plans, templates)

Our advisory teams are ready to provide tailored support that works for you. Our highly qualified in-house employment lawyers, employment relations, human relations and health and safety consultants will help you solve problems the right way, and fast.

If you'd like to talk to us about how to apply for these services under the Activate Tāmaki Makaurau

programme, please [fill in our form](#) and we'll get in contact.

Otherwise, to register directly for support please visit the Activate Tāmaki Makaurau [website](#) and complete an online registration form. You will then receive an ATM Community Account where you can login to get a quote from a service provider and apply for their business advice or implementation support.

*Please note, the funding available is not a cash grant, it is a contribution to cover the costs of professional services you can access through the programme.

Please call [0800 300 362](#) for EMA support with Activate Tāmaki Makaurau; or for more general information call [0800 500 362](#) or visit [Activate Tāmaki Makaurau](#).

R&D Tax Incentive

A Tax Incentive is available to businesses conducting eligible research and development in New Zealand.

R&D Tax Incentive Website: Is your business planning to claim the R&D Tax Incentive at the end of this financial year? If so, make sure you are keeping good records of your research and development (R&D) activities, expenditure and supporting information. Implement a suitable record keeping system now, if you haven't already, to assist you when it comes time to calculate your 15% R&D tax credit claim. Check out the How To guides on their website for further details.

- [R&D Tax Incentive website](#)

Further information about the R&D Tax incentives can be found here:

- [MBIE website](#)
- [Callaghan Innovation website](#)

Callaghan Innovation

Callaghan Innovation has account managers in the main centres and a network of Regional Business Partners who help deliver grants programmes. Companies will first engage with either their Callaghan Innovation manager or a regional business partner.

If companies are new to Callaghan Innovation, they would first be introduced to their nearest [Regional Business Partner](#)

Callaghan Innovation Grants include:

- [Getting Started Grants](#)
- [Project Grants](#)
- [Student Grants](#)

Scale-Up NZ (Callaghan Innovation)

Connecting you to investors and experts to enable growth

Callaghan Innovation - All New R&D Grant Applications put on Hold

Callaghan Innovation have recently advised "Following another popular year, we have paused accepting any new R&D Grants applications. We are working through applications already in progress so that we can provide an update on funding availability. If you want to apply for any of these, but do not already have an application

'In Progress' in our system, you will not be able to apply until we reopen. However, you can register your interest and we will be in touch when we have more information on available funding and timelines". [Learn more](#).

MBIE

There are a range of investment funds available from MBIE through contestable funding rounds.

- [MBIE Investment Funds](#)

Endeavour Fund

The Endeavour Fund plays a unique role in the science system through an open, contestable process with a focus on both research excellence and a broad range of impacts.

Endeavour funding is available through 2 mechanisms:

- Smart Ideas
- Research Programmes

Applications for funding are invited annually.

- [MBIE Website: Endeavour Funds](#)

High Value Nutrition (HVN) Science Challenge – Contestable Fund

The final call for proposal submissions for the remainder of the HVN NSC was 31 Aug 2021. It is expected that the HVN Contestable Fund will be fully allocated after this round of proposals and no further funding will be available until the end of the programme in 2024.

- [MBIE Website: HVN Science Challenge](#)

Business.govt.nz

If you've launched a new business or become self-employed, help is at hand. Government support such as grants, low-cost business advice and mentoring will help you get off the ground.

Help from the government shouldn't be mistaken for free money. If your business is still young, most government assistance focuses on building your skills and knowledge, and linking you with advisors and networks.

- business.govt.nz

AGMARDT

The Agricultural and Marketing Research and Development Trust

Strategically invests in initiatives to encourage innovative thinking, research capability and collaboration and to develop emerging leaders in New Zealand's primary sector – all with the goal of accelerating positive change and igniting a better future for food and fibres in Aotearoa New Zealand.

www.agmardt.org.nz/grants-and-scholarships/

Sustainable Food and Fibres Futures Programme

SFF Futures supports problem-solving and innovation in New Zealand's food and fibre sectors by co-investing in initiatives that make a positive and lasting difference. From small grassroots community projects to large-scale industry development.

- www.mpi.govt.nz/funding-and-programmes/sustainable-food-and-fibre-futures/about-sustainable-food-and-fibre-futures/#sfff-apply

Seafood Innovations Ltd

Seafood Innovations Ltd is a research partnership owned by Seafood New Zealand Limited and The New Zealand Institute for Plant and Food Research Limited. Its purpose is to promote the carrying out of research relating to the seafood industry in New Zealand.

While SIL is not accepting proposals for funding at this time they still encourage you to contact them regarding alternative funding or to discuss your needs.

- <https://www.seafoodinnovations.co.nz/funding/>

The Bioresource Processing Alliance (BPA)

The Bioresource Processing Alliance (BPA) is the gateway to primary sector bioprocessing in New Zealand. The Alliance has \$2.4m per annum to invest in R&D projects with Alliance partners and universities.

- <https://bioresourceprocessing.co.nz/>

OTHERS

NZ Entrepreneur

New Zealand's online magazine for entrepreneurs, startups and business builders

NZ Entrepreneur provides a comprehensive list of startup and investment funding options and Incubators/Accelerators in NZ:

Funding and Investment

- <https://nzentrepreneur.co.nz/startup-nz-ecosystem-guide/>
- <https://nzentrepreneur.co.nz/startup-nz-ecosystem-guide/funding-investment/>

Incubators and Accelerators

- <https://nzentrepreneur.co.nz/startup-nz-ecosystem-guide/incubators-accelerators/>

NZ Product Accelerator

The Product Accelerator helps connect industry with research expertise, solving industry problems, building productivity and supporting the transformation of the economy through diversification and improving its knowledge intensity. The programme builds on the success of the applied research in the Materials Accelerator established in 2010.

- <https://www.nzproductaccelerator.co.nz/news/>