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NT - NORTHERN TERRITORY

- **Home Improvement Scheme** - \$60 million scheme for physical improvements to land and / or buildings, and repairs and maintenance services in Territory homes over the next 12 months. The scheme operates on a voucher system, with homeowners receiving either a voucher worth \$4,000 if they contribute at least \$1,000 of their own money, or a voucher worth \$6,000 if they contribute at least \$2,000 of their own money. Territorians will have until 5pm Friday 17 April to get their applications in to be considered for the vouchers.. To lodge a Home Improvement Scheme application visit: <https://businessrecovery.nt.gov.au/home-owners>
- **Business Improvement Grant** - All Territory businesses will be able to access a \$10,000 grant, followed by an additional \$10,000 grant if they contribute \$10,000 of their own. Each business is only eligible to receive one grant, and it can be used to complete one or two different jobs on their premises. The grant can be used to purchase goods and services to make permanent physical improvements to a business (land and / or building) that help improve its efficiency and customer experience. Registrations for businesses to provide services open 30 March 2020. Businesses can apply for a grant from 13 April 2020. **READ MORE**
- **Immediate Work Grant** - Grants of up to \$100,000 will be given to not-for-profit and community organisations to engage local businesses to do repairs, renovations and upgrades to their property and facilities. The first \$50,000 will be paid as a grant, and the NT Government will also match any renovation costs that exceed \$50,000 on a dollar-for-dollar basis up to a maximum of \$100,000 total. Registrations for businesses to provide services open 30 March 2020. Grant applications open 20 April 2020. **READ MORE**

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- **Small Business Survival Fund** - the fund will deliver grants to help keep businesses alive, even when they have to shut. There are two payments available: the Immediate Survival Payment and the Rapid Adaption Payment. [READ MORE](#)
- **Freeze on government fees and charges** - All regular increases to government fees and charges will be put on hold.
- **Payroll tax exemption** for hiring Territory employees has been extended to 30 June 2021. [MORE INFO](#)
- A fast-tracked infrastructure program is being delivered and further opportunities to bring projects forward are also being explored.
- Free and practical business advice for businesses available through the Business Enterprise Centre on **1800 229 500**.
- **Immediate Survival Payment** - A \$2,000 - \$50,000 payment directed to businesses to help offset immediate cost pressures and provide time to plan. Business will provide a certified financial/payroll statement identifying number of employees pre-shutdown. Assessment of eligibility criteria includes demonstrating the impact of the restrictions on the business, including reduction in turnover, impact of fixed costs and employment reduction. [READ MORE](#)

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- **Rapid Adaption Payment** - A payment of up to \$1000 for sole traders and up to \$5000 for other eligible businesses to offset costs incurred in adapting current business model to suit restrictions. Application based, paid direct to business. Applications close 1 May 2020. [APPLY HERE](#) After this time businesses have full access to Improvement and Immediate Works grants under the Jobs Rescue and Recovery package. [READ MORE](#)
- Tradies and contractors can register now at the [Business Recovery website](#) to provide works through the Home Improvement Scheme, Business Improvement Grants and Immediate Work Grants. To get involved tradies and contractors must [register their details online](#). Once tradies and contractors are registered they will be contacted by businesses, not-for-profits and homeowners when applications for the programs open. Find out more here: businessrecovery.nt.gov.au
- **Territory Jobs Hub** - a platform to help workers in the Territory who have been impacted by the coronavirus, find other jobs quickly. It will also help Territory businesses that need people, connect with those looking for work – including casual and contract work.
- **\$10.8 million classroom stimulus program** - government will fund building 15 new pre-fabricated classrooms. The stimulus includes a modest allowance for demolition of buildings considered beyond economic repair and these new buildings will replace them
- The Northern Territory planning rules have been temporarily lifted so that there will be no need for the lodgement of an application for almost all works under the Planning Act 1999 before getting a building permit, to start construction on projects related to the Business Improvement Scheme and Home Improvement Scheme. [READ MORE](#)

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- The Territory Labor Government will deliver **\$180 million in additional support** to Territory businesses that demonstrate substantial hardship due to the coronavirus crisis as part of our Jobs Rescue and Recovery Plan. This includes abolishing payroll tax for six months for smaller and medium-sized businesses, and defer it for six months for large businesses; and Slash power, water and sewerage bills by 50 per cent for businesses for six months (for regulated utility tariffs). This support will be effective for six months from 1 April, and businesses can apply from 1 May.
- **Worker and wellbeing Fund** - will focus on local Territorian workers who are not eligible for Centrelink benefits and are experiencing unemployment, reduced income or are otherwise affected within the workplace by COVID-19. Services include access to counselling support services, helping people access income and other financial support available, supporting workers who have lost their job find new employment opportunities and helping Territorians who need access to accommodation and other essentials. **MORE INFO**
- An Expressions of Interest (EOI) seeking a private proponent to develop and operate a senior's lifestyle accommodation village in Alice Springs will open this week. Applications for the Alice Springs Seniors Lifestyle Accommodation will open on Friday 24 April 2020 and close on 29 May 2020. Register your interest here: **business.nt.gov.au/aliceseniors**
- Along with the City of Darwin, the Territory Government is releasing a tender of works in the coming week for the design, development and construction of a dedicated space to support community activities and events, such as street parties and festivals, along Austin Lane and Spain Place in the Darwin CBD. **READ MORE**

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- Construction to Begin This Year on the Darwin City Deal Educational Precinct. [READ MORE](#)
- The Kilgariff Estate in Alice Springs has now reached its second stage of development. Around 200 local Territory jobs will be generated from the subdivision construction and house building activity during development of Stage 2. [READ MORE](#)
- Chief Minister Michael Gunner has laid out the Territory's Roadmap to the New Normal – getting the NT back in business, back to work, and back to enjoying our great Territory lifestyle. [READ MORE](#)
- Business Hardship Package Applications are now open. [LEARN MORE](#)
Last updated: 25th May 2020
- The COVID-19 safety plan checklist for businesses and organisations as part of the Roadmap to the New Normal is available [HERE](#)
- State Square Masterplan Underway. More than 50 Territory jobs will be supported during this project, with 26 subcontractors also receiving a slice of the works. [READ MORE](#)
- The Northern Territory Government will match \$400,000 in Federal Government funding to deliver low cost infection control training to Territory businesses [READ MORE](#)
- The Territory Government is today announcing the initial membership of the Territory Economic Reconstruction Commission. [READ MORE](#)

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- New applications to the the Small Business Survival Fund have closed as of 25th May 2020.
- Rebound Support Grants are now available to businesses who are approved applicants under the Small Business Survival Fund or approved to be on the Business Hardship register. Grants range between \$1,000 and \$5,000, depending on the number of full time equivalent staff businesses had prior to the COVID-19 shutdown. A further \$10,000 is also available if the business also contributes \$10,000. [READ MORE](#)
- The Territory Labor Government is investing \$1.65 million in acoustics upgrades for NT classrooms, as part of its COVID-19 education stimulus program to support local jobs [READ MORE](#)
- Alice Springs CBD Revitalisation Design Concepts Released- 4 work tenders to be released [READ MORE](#)
- \$53 Million to Unlock Infrastructure Jobs in the NT [READ MORE](#)
- New planning amendment bill passed [READ MORE](#)
- Developer Greenspace Group has been awarded the contract to construct the new John Stokes Square Residential Precinct including 78 new public housing apartments in Nightcliff. [READ MORE](#)
- NT construction companies, Northern Transportables, PTM Group, NT Link and Murray River North have been awarded contracts totalling nearly \$69 million to build, transport and assemble 134 houses and duplexes. [READ MORE](#)

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- Tenders were awarded to Tennant Creek builders, GK Painting Contractors and Alice Springs-based company, Asbuild NT for Ten new homes will be built in Tennant Creek as part of the NT Government's \$100 million public housing stimulus program. [READ MORE](#)
- Local Business-Boosting Voucher Scheme Extended [READ MORE](#)
- More than 400 Local Jobs to be Created: Construction to Commence at Territory's Youth Justice Centres [READ MORE](#)
- 240 Construction Jobs and a New Palmerston Fire Complex [READ MORE](#)
- Territory Labor's Major Housing Build in Milingimbi [READ MORE](#)
- October Business Month Roadshow Launches [READ MORE](#)
- Tenders called for Arlparra subdivision [READ MORE](#)
- Business Boosting Voucher Scheme Reaching More Territory Businesses [READ MORE](#)

For further information contact the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation by phone 1800 193 111 or email businessinfo@nt.gov.au

You can register your intention to claim a Centrelink payment using myGov. You don't need to complete a full claim right now. Payments will be backdated to the date you registered. [MORE INFO](#)

Territory Jobs Hub visit: <https://business.nt.gov.au/jobs-hub>

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