

Manufacturing and supply chain transition grant

The Knox Manufacturing and Supply Chain Transition Grant (Manufacturing Grant) was developed at a time when the COVID-19 pandemic was evolving and State and Federal Governments were announcing grants and other support programs for businesses. The Manufacturing Grant was created to complement the programs being delivered by State and Federal Governments and to target industries and areas of business operation that were being impacted by the pandemic.

The Manufacturing Grant was designed to support manufacturing businesses in Knox to pivot to new opportunities that emerged due to the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly medical, health and other supply chain needs. In addition, the grant aimed to assist with regulatory processes, and facilitate specialist advice, maintain and create jobs, create new local business-to-business opportunities, and build on Knox’s comparative advantage in the medical and health sector.

Businesses were able to apply for up to A\$20,000 for projects meeting the program objectives to fund equipment, obtain specialist advice, access local research / testing or assist with export opportunities related to COVID-19.

From a pool of 14 applicants six businesses were awarded grant funding of almost \$100,000.

Successful Recipients

Business Name	Funded Project	Grant Amount
Confoil	Grant funding will be used to fund the completion of an I4.0 Assessment, with the view to preparing the business for I4.0 adoption, and increasing its capability for implementing I4.0 technologies to improve business outcomes.	\$20,000
Project Brewing Company	Grant funding will be used to fund the purchase of new equipment (fermenter, distillation column, and condenser), with the view to diversifying the manufacturing and operation of current craft brewery, to produce high purity ethanol to meet increased cleaning and sanitation demands during and after the COVID-19 epidemic.	\$20,000
iCreate Retail Solution	Grant funding will be used to fund the purchase of new equipment (longer and more efficient benders), with the view to manufacturing hygiene screens and OHS units including sanitiser stands for the retail and hospitality sectors.	\$20,000

RotoLift	Grant funding will be used to fund the purchase of new machinery items (e.g. lathe, digital milling machine, and metal inert gas welder), with the view to reducing labour intensive, tedious, and repetitive tasks, and producing highly sophisticated componentry onsite.	\$15,000
Catten Industries	Grant funding will be used to fund the purchase of a new tube laser cutting machine, with the view to improving production efficiency in manufacturing COVID-19 hand sanitiser stands for businesses and community sporting clubs.	\$15,000
Cover Craft	Grant funding will be used to fund the purchase of new raw material (elastic, foam, and pet plastic) and equipment (blades), with the view to re-tooling and pivoting to manufacture prototype face shields (currently registered as a medical device with the Department of Health) for the Australian market.	\$9,842