

Media Release – 17 July 2020

### **Small Business COVID-19 Adaption Grant Program**

BIEDO welcomed the announcement of a second round of the Queensland Government's Small Business COVID-19 Adaption Grant Program in early July, with a portion of the available funds being identified for regional Queensland business allocation.

After the first round of this particular grant was fully subscribed within a few days of opening; offering a second round has been welcomed by BIEDO for the region. With just over 50% of funding currently allocated under the regional Queensland pool, BIEDO is encouraging those small businesses that might be unsure about this grant, to explore whether they are eligible in order to take advantage of this great opportunity.

"This program provides an opportunity for eligible small businesses to apply for funds they can utilise to support their business operations during this challenging time," Kristy Frahm, CEO of BIEDO explains.

"In simple terms, these grants are to assist businesses to make necessary changes to adapt or make their businesses sustainable now and to build resilience for the future."

"We recognise and understand that running a business is a big job and the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have added another layer to usual operations."

To assist Burnett inland businesses to navigate the Small Business COVID-19 Adaption Grant Program, BIEDO are offering short one-on-one consultations to talk through the grant guidelines with small businesses from our region.

If you would like to take up this FREE offer, please register your interest at [biedo.org.au/events](https://biedo.org.au/events) and a BIEDO team member will be in touch to arrange a meeting time.

Places are limited, available 20-24 July 2020 and as this grant is only open until funds are fully subscribed, we encourage any interested small business to register as soon as you can.

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