



Questions and Answers

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Q: Does the company have to be in manufacturing?

A: Your business or organisation doesn't need to work in manufacturing, but the initiative needs to show direct benefits for the workers in that sector.

Q: If a product has been proven for use in the electricity sector, is it possible to apply with a solution that could work across multiple sectors in manufacturing or are you looking for solutions for specific sectors in manufacturing e.g. dairy or meat manufacturing?

A: The grant does not cover retrospective costs, ie if it is an existing product. Suggest you consult the Applicant Guidelines at Appendix 3 to ascertain what is not covered/included.

Q: You mentioned Safety Engineer for machinery use and Occupational Hygienist. Would these professional services be eligible in the grant?

A: As part of your discovery process you would be able to engage with professionals, however with engineered solutions you should come with a well-formed hypothesis and have done some discovery work such as research as to the efficacy of the intervention.

The grant is not intended to solely fund the use of professional services. However, you may want to engage with these professional services to support your initiative design and later implementation. Paying for the use of these professional services could be a part of your in-kind contribution.

Please refer to page 3 in the Applicant Guidelines where the eligibility criteria for applications outlines what the funding should not be used for, and further on page 7 where you can find recommendations for proposals for this investment priority. If you require further clarification, please email us at injurypreventiongrants@acc.co.nz.

Q: Can evidence of efficacy be based on research, rather than previous implementation?

A: Yes, you can base your hypothesis on research however we are looking for initiatives that are fairly well formed – you know what the problem is, who it affects and what some solutions are.

Q: Can this grant be retroactive on just installed equipment?

A: No, it is not applicable to retroactively installed equipment.

Q: Can multiple grants be submitted for different solutions? Or include more than one project within an application?

A: Yes, you may submit more than one EOI. Each will be assessed independently. Keep in mind that you should focus your efforts on applications that will meet the investment priority and eligibility criteria the best.

Your grant application should include any interventions/ initiatives and activities that will be conducted as part of the grant project.

Q: Does manufacturing include manufacturing of buildings ie construction?

A: In general, no. However, if there is something in construction that can have benefits for manufacturing, then yes. Additionally, there is a small amount of prefabrication of building in manufacturing. There is not a large number of businesses in those classifications, as most fall into the larger construction sector.

ACC Classification Unit codes for:

29110 Prefabricated metal building manufacturing

29190 Prefabricated wooden building manufacturing

Q: What is included in Manufacturing sector and what isn't? Is there somewhere we can access this information?

A: Pages 37/38 in the applicant guidelines includes a list of and some examples of subsectors within manufacturing that are covered under this grant round. You will also find a more comprehensive list of the subsectors and classification unit codes within manufacturing that are covered under this grant round see the ACC Levy Guide Book provided as a reference on page 53 of the Application guidelines – Appendix 11 - References. If there are subsectors that you don't see on this list in the guidelines or the ACC Levy Guide Book you may email us at injurypreventiongrants@acc.co.nz for clarification.

Q: At one point, you said that success of the grant is based on if the project has enough merit. How do you assess merit?

A: The EOI will be assessed based on alignment to the investment priority and potential benefits (in terms of reducing the level of injuries in manufacturing). The full application will be assessed against the assessment criteria and its associated weighting we provided in the Applicant Guidelines – Appendix 9

Q: Can you please elaborate more on what the grant can cover (eligible activities)?

A: Is not for subsidising a health and safety solution or product for specific businesses. E.g. health and safety systems, equipment or machinery, training or education programmes.

These might be part of your solution however the grant would not be paying solely for a system, equipment or machinery – your solution might need these things. These could be part of your in-kind contribution e.g. licenses for systems or products. We are looking for wider programmes of work, working at that system level rather than putting products or services in place to fix specific problems. Please refer to page 3 in the Applicant Guidelines where the eligibility criteria for applications outlines what the funding should not be used for, and further on page 7 where you can find recommendations for proposals for this investment priority. If you require further clarification, please email us at injurypreventiongrants@acc.co.nz

Q: Will you have in the future a focus for grant in construction industry?

A: This is the last round of the current grants programme, the previous 4 rounds have already included the construction industry as a priority so it is unlikely. You can see examples of existing grants we have in construction on our website.

Q: Do you have some examples of previous grants in the 2 categories for this round of grant?

A: You can find the full list of previous grants here on our website [Workplace injury prevention grants \(acc.co.nz\)](https://www.acc.co.nz/workplace-injury-prevention-grants), all of which were required to align to either Innovation and/or System Capability categories. One example of technology/innovation is AW Trinder from Round 2. Grants round 4 have good examples of GWD, for instance New Zealand Trucking Association.

Q: Would ACC consider applications that are a combination of both categories (Innovation and System Capability) – example provided was an intervention that combined Artificial intelligence and improvements to existing health and safety practice?

A: ACC will consider applications that fall under one or both of the categories, so long as they can be scaled across the manufacturing sector. We are looking for solutions that address risk/harm at its primary source, that would not only be useful for a particular environment but could be scaled across other subsectors and right across manufacturing.

Q: How many grants are available to be awarded in total or are expected to be awarded this round?

A: Similar to each grant round so far, eligible organisations can apply for \$50,000 to \$500,000 (excluding GST) per year for a maximum of three years (i.e. the maximum funding available to any one grant recipient is \$1,500,000.). The amount of funding will depend on the scope of your proposal and the health and safety benefits it aims to create. You'll need to co-invest at least 20% of the requested grant amount. Applications which best meet our assessment criteria will be considered for a grant. This \$22 million five-year grant programme of investment began in 2019 and we have awarded 20 grants since, this being the final round – more information on previously awarded grants can be found on our website here [Workplace injury prevention grants \(acc.co.nz\)](https://www.acc.co.nz/workplace-injury-prevention-grants).

Q: How do you define manufacturing?

A: Please look on Pages 37 and 38 of the Applicant Guidelines which includes the different manufacturing sub sectors. You will also find a more comprehensive list of the subsectors and classification unit codes within manufacturing that are covered under this grant round see the ACC Levy Guide Book provided as a reference on page 53 of the Application guidelines – Appendix 11 - References. If there are subsectors that you don't see on this list in the guidelines or the ACC Levy Guide Book you may email us on injurypreventiongrants@acc.co.nz for clarification.

Q: Can your innovative product be pitched across all manufacturing sectors?

A: Yes, you can. However, you will be required to understand the overall claims profile for your sector/s, be able to estimate the size of your sector and project the reach of your project into that sector. You will also be required to identify the relevant injury claim categories most likely to evidence claim savings if your project is successful.