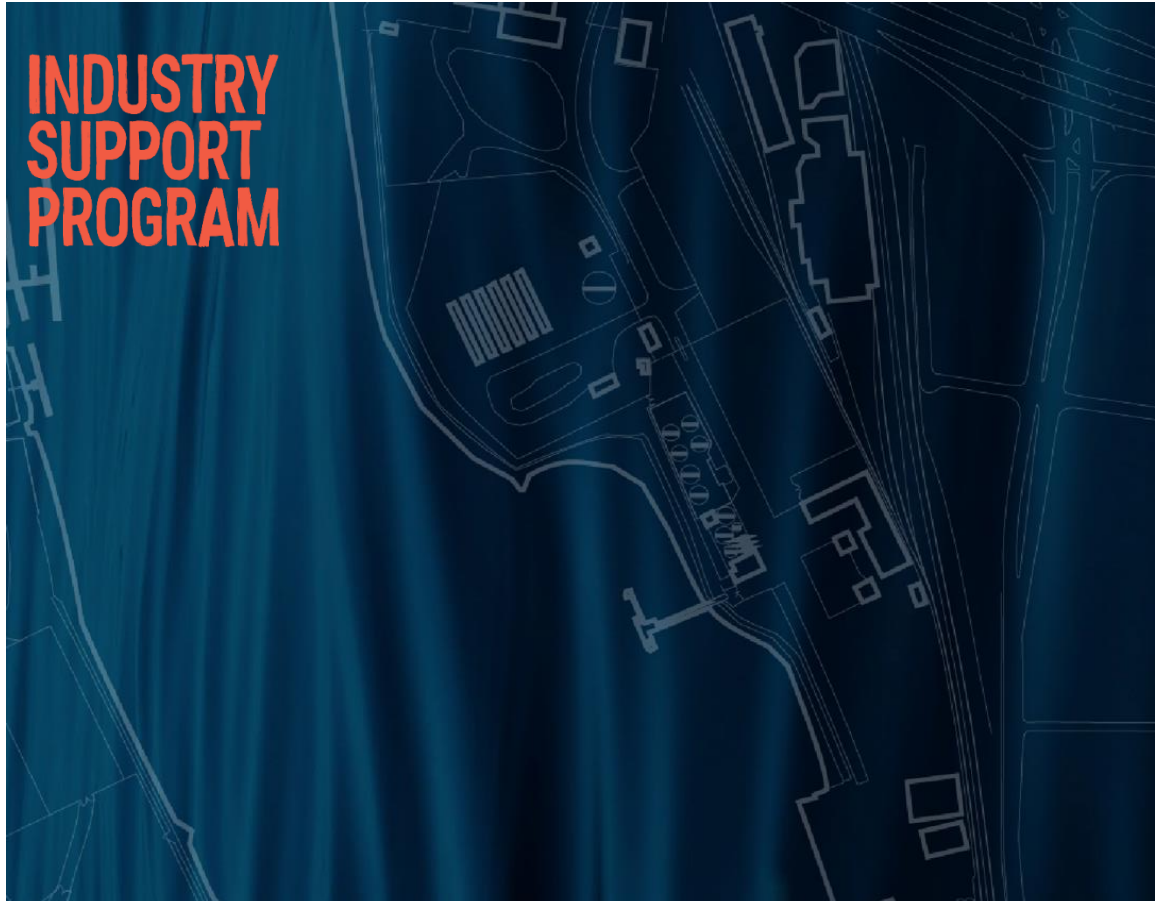




**INDUSTRY
SUPPORT
PROGRAM**



GUIDELINES



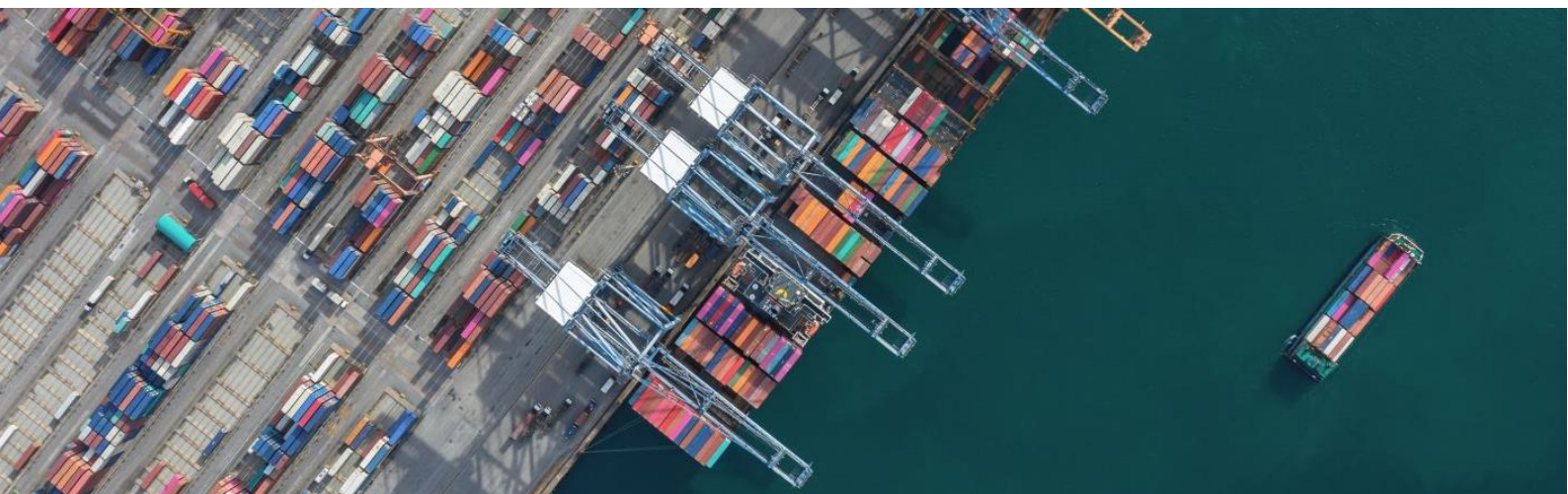
1. About TasPorts

TasPorts is a state-owned company responsible for eleven Tasmanian ports and the Devonport Airport. We have a long and proud history of facilitating trade for the benefit of all Tasmanians, and we do this by providing a diverse range of operations and services across the state and outer islands, with 99 per cent of Tasmania's freight moving through our network each year.

As the custodians of Tasmania's multi-port network, we take our responsibility to support Tasmanians seriously, working with business and industry to sustain communities and economies right across the state.

Industry groups

Tasmania has a range of industry groups that represent and advocate for the specific needs of their members, affiliated businesses, and communities. As these groups rely on the effective operation of TasPorts' port infrastructure and services, we actively seek opportunities to understand their needs and support them where possible.



2. About our Industry Support Program

The Industry Support Program was developed in 2025 following strategic engagement with Tasmania's peak industry bodies, representing key sectors such as forestry, property, freight and logistics, mining, maritime, cruise and tourism, energy and renewables, Antarctic and Southern Ocean, seafood, and agriculture.

Based on their feedback and input on key issues and future requirements, the Program was created to provide targeted funding to projects and partnerships that effectively navigate the industry challenges and gaps.

The initiatives supported by TasPorts are an essential part of future-proofing Tasmania's industries and highlighting innovation and achievements at the state and national levels. We work very closely with organisations that share our objectives to invest in education, advance environmental sustainability, and pursue growth opportunities.

These guidelines contain information on our Industry Support Program. It is recommended that you read these guidelines before applying for funding.

3. Eligibility

3.1 Who Can Apply

To be eligible for funding through the Industry Support Program, your organisation must:

- have an Australian Business Number (ABN);
- be registered for the purposes of GST;
- be one of the following business types:
 - a company incorporated in Australia or an industry association;
 - a company limited by guarantee;
 - an incorporated association;
 - not-for-profit organisation; or
 - registered charity, school or training organisation.

3.2 Who Is Not Eligible

You are not eligible for funding through the Industry Support Program if you are:

- a TasPorts employee or a public individual seeking to use the funding for personal activities;
- an overseas resident/organisation;
- an organisation that is for sale, planning towards sale, trading insolvent, at risk of insolvency, under external administration or bankruptcy;
- a political or religious group seeking to use the funding for political or religious activities;
- an organisation that encourages or promotes gambling, violence, drug and alcohol use, discrimination, harassment or other anti-social behaviours;
- an applicant who received funding through the TasPorts Community Grant Program or support through another arrangement with TasPorts in the same 12-month period;
- an organisation that is not included in section 3.1;

Funding will not be provided for general business operating costs such as administrative costs, capital works, uniforms, retrospective payments or deficit funding. Funding activities are expected to be based in Tasmania, Australia.

4. Key Focus Areas

The Industry Support Program provides targeted funding to projects and initiatives aligned with TasPorts' Core Values and corporate objectives. Applications are required to address how the project or initiative aligns with at least one of the key focus areas noted below, with projects that meet two or more focus areas given priority:

- Alignment with TasPorts' [organisational values](#);
- Strong industry focus;
- Provision of education, training, research and/or development support to industries;
- Direct engagement of industry and customers with harbour and/or port operations;
- Promotion of growth or trade by addressing barriers and challenges.

Additional Focus Areas

TasPorts may also consider the following focus areas when assessing your application:

- The relevance or connection to TasPorts' core business and current projects, the areas in which TasPorts operates, and any similar programs already supported by TasPorts;
- Your organisation's ability to obtain all relevant permits, licences, and insurances and abide by all applicable legislation required to hold an event or activity relevant to the application;
- Any impact the project may have on TasPorts' infrastructure or services.

5. Application Process

5.1 Key Dates

Applications for the 2026-2027 Program close on 20 March 2026. Due to the competitive nature of the Program, applications submitted outside the above dates may not be accepted.

5.2 How to Apply

Unless otherwise agreed, applications must be made online via the [TasPorts Industry Support Program Application Form](#). Before applying, you must read and understand these Guidelines. You are responsible for ensuring that your application is complete and accurate. Providing false or misleading information is a serious matter that may be investigated by TasPorts and may result in ineligibility for funding. Applications cannot be saved as a draft. Please ensure you have all relevant information to complete the application, which should include the following:

- General Project Information;
- Information on how your project meets the Key Focus Areas;
- Supporter Benefits; and
- Project Financials.

If we find an error or consider that information may be missing, we may ask for clarification or additional information from you. You should keep a copy of your application and any supporting documents.



Image: Arbre Forest Industries Training & Careers Hub

6. Assessment and Outcomes

Applicants may be contacted to discuss their applications throughout the assessment period. TasPorts may award funding in whole or in part. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application within four weeks of the closing date.

Successful applicants

Successful applicants will receive an Industry Support Program Funding Agreement from TasPorts, which includes payment details and a summary of the funding arrangement. TasPorts will discuss funding arrangements and any additional requirements, such as invoicing and purchase order number requirements, with successful applicants to enable funding processing. Please note that it may take up to 21 days for new partners to be added to our finance system. Our agent, EFTSure, will contact Program partners to complete an online registration form if they're not already registered to receive payments from TasPorts.

Unsuccessful applicants

Unsuccessful applicants will be notified and TasPorts is open to providing feedback on your application on request.

7. Developing Your Application

A strong application will:

- explain the project objectives, implementation approach, and anticipated outcomes; and
- include key operational details such as dates, locations, stakeholders, and participant numbers to demonstrate feasibility and alignment with the Program.

Where relevant, your application should outline how your project:

- engages industry stakeholders and supports capability building;
- delivers positive environmental and safety outcomes and aligns with sustainable practices;
- benefits Tasmania's industries and port users, communities, or supply chains;
- will be governed, including roles and responsibilities.

8. Deliverables & Reporting

TasPorts will work with successful Partners to develop agreed deliverables, actions, and timelines. Examples include:

From Program Partners

- Informal project updates at agreed intervals;
- Formal project reporting (e.g. closure report or short feedback survey);
- Provision of agreed media assets (e.g. photographs, video), and participation in reasonable engagement activities or media events.
- Appropriate acknowledgement of TasPorts' support in communications.

From TasPorts

- Industry Support Program Funding Agreement confirming the funding arrangement.
- An Engagement and Communications plan clarifying responsibilities and timelines.
- Any other relevant agreed items, including media events, engagement activities, social media posts, etc.



Image: Antarctic Science Foundation Early Career Research Program

9. Project Financials

Applications should outline the intended use of funds and include a simple project budget that shows the total funding requested, how the funds will be allocated, and any additional funding sources. Supporting materials (such as quotes) are encouraged to demonstrate specific expenses.

10. Accessibility

If you require assistance with interpreting information about the Industry Support Program, submitting your application or have questions in relation to the Program please contact [TasPorts' Customer and Industry Engagement Team](#):

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Liz Marriott

Email: commercial@tasports.com.au

Phone: 1300 366 742

11. General Terms

- TasPorts may amend these Guidelines at any time. Funding decisions are at TasPorts' discretion, and submission of an application does not guarantee funding. TasPorts may decide to award funding in whole or in part, or not at all. Where there is any inconsistency between these Guidelines and a Funding Agreement, the Funding Agreement prevails.
- By submitting an application, you confirm that you have read and understood these Guidelines and that the information you provide is true and correct to the best of your knowledge.
- Although care has been taken in the preparation of this document, to the extent permitted by law, no warranty, express or implied, is given by TasPorts, as to the accuracy or completeness of the information it contains.
- TasPorts accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage that may arise from anything contained in or omitted from or that may arise from the use of this document, and any person relying on this document and the information it contains does so at their own risk.
- TasPorts does not accept liability or responsibility for any loss incurred by an applicant that is in any way related to the program.
- We must execute a Funding Agreement with you before we can make any payments. We are not responsible for any expenditure until a Funding Agreement is executed. If you choose to start any activities that may relate to this Program and its funding, before you have an executed Funding Agreement, you do so at your own risk.
- If you find an error in your application or there are potential or actual changes to project timing, objectives, or scope that could cause the project to no longer align with the Program's objectives, you should contact us immediately. TasPorts may reassess your application (including eligibility) based on any updated information.

12. Privacy

Personal Information will be handled in accordance with the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth), the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004* (Tas), and [TasPorts' Privacy Policy](#).

TasPorts may use and disclose the information provided in an application to assess eligibility, manage funding arrangements, evaluate program outcomes, and meet reporting or compliance requirements.

Applicants may request access to their personal information by contacting TasPorts. Applicants may also request correction of their personal information if it is inaccurate, out of date, incomplete, irrelevant or misleading.

