

Job Services Australia — Innovation Fund
Round Two
Questions and Answers

1. What were the timelines for Round Two submissions?																		
The Round Two call for submissions opened on 1 June 2009 and closed on 7 August 2009. Successful and unsuccessful applicants were notified of the outcome on 7 December 2009, when decisions were announced.																		
2. How many applications were received in Round Two?																		
In Round Two 149 proposals for funding were received totalling \$87 million (GST incl) — 131 applications lodged by 89 Panel members and 18 applications lodged by 17 non-Panel members.																		
3. How many applications were successful in Round Two?																		
Fourteen of the 149 projects received were successful in Round Two.																		
4. How much funding will be expended in Round Two?																		
The total value of the fourteen successful projects is \$6.1 million (GST incl) over 2.5 years.																		
5. What sort of projects have been funded?																		
The average duration of projects is 24 months. The projects aim to support and develop social enterprises, help more people with a disability and/or mental health issues obtain sustainable employment, establish a social enterprise restaurant training young apprentices from disadvantaged backgrounds, and coordinate specialist educational training, mentoring, and community development programs for African refugees.																		
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The target group coverage is:

Target Group	Number of Projects
Culturally and Linguistically Diverse	1
Ex-Offenders	1
Indigenous	5
Jobless Families	1
People with Disabilities	2
Long-term Unemployed	2
Youth	1
Other	1*
TOTAL	14

*NOTE: One project will provide business development support to social enterprises

6. Where can I get details of the successful projects?

A list of the 14 successful projects will be published on the Department's website www.deewr.gov.au. More details will be published when all contracts are finalised.

7. Where can I get feedback if I was unsuccessful in Round Two?

The Department will be conducting feedback sessions at its State Offices should you wish to take the opportunity to discuss your proposal directly with the Department. If you wish to attend one of these sessions, please contact the Department directly via innovation.fund@deewr.gov.au by 13 January 2010.

8. Is there an appeal process for unsuccessful applicants?

There is not an appeal process. However if any applicant is concerned about the process and believes they were treated unfairly, these concerns should be raised with the Department.

9. Will there be a Round Three for the Innovation Fund

The Minister is reviewing the outcomes of Round Two, and considering options for a future round.

10. Where can I find more information on the Innovation Fund?

A Fact Sheet on the \$41 million Innovation Fund can be found on the Innovation Fund website: <http://www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/JSA/Pages/InnovationFund.aspx>.