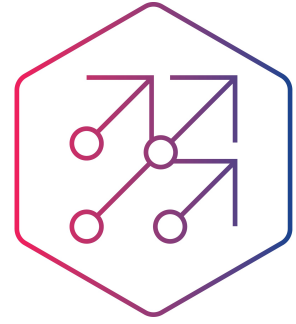


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Considerations when applying

Idea Maturity level

Proposed solutions can be anywhere from early idea to early stage development ready for testing and piloting, but less than ready to scale.

For example, ideas that can be turned into concepts backed by some analysis, evidence and theory of change; a prototype ready to be tested; or a pilot ready to be implemented as a full project are all at the stage of innovation we are seeking.

Timelines for implementation

Ideas must be ready to field test within 12 months of the award being granted. The grant agreement will be for two years with milestone payments to be negotiated with the challenge winners once announced.

The Grant is early stage financing

Early stage financing allows you to validate your design for performance in the field. This iterative process can help shape your solution and address any unforeseen difficulties or barriers. This includes assessment of the technical, organisational, demand, distribution, and financial viability aspects of the solution. Key activities could include initial field testing, assessing user feedback or demand, willingness to pay, and product design, as well as documenting social outcomes and real-world costs to implement the solution.

Grant conditions

Grants will be awarded in line with the terms and conditions of Australian Government Grant Agreements. In addition to standard conditions, there is a requirement to report on the progress or outcomes of the activity at regular intervals, which will be negotiated with DFAT. The grant must be used only to fund ODA eligible activities. Information on ODA eligibility can be found [here](#).

Due Diligence

Due diligence assessments of grant recipients will be completed before entering into a funding arrangement. This includes making sure our potential partner is not a 'designated person or entity' under sanctions or debarment lists.