

Grant Intelligence Report

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Total funding:	Up to \$136,040 across all active and watchlist programs identified

■ Grant intelligence delivered — 7 programs identified, 5 scored with eligibility analysis and 7-day action plan

This report was generated using the CDD Application System for Redstone Civil. It identifies, assesses eligibility, and scores active and upcoming grant programs relevant to a Queensland-based civil earthmoving contractor. Each program is evaluated for fit, documentation readiness, and likelihood of success. A 7-day action plan closes the report.

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- **4. Business Growth Fund** — Business Queensland | \$50K–\$75K | Score 5.5/10 (Watchlist)
- **5. Business Boost Grant** — Business Queensland | \$10K–\$20K | Score 5.5/10 (Watchlist)

Documentation Gaps — Missing documentation by program

7-Day Action Plan — Day-by-day actions: eligibility checks, applications, and watchlist prep

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Grant Scan | Queensland and Federal Programs | Active June–September 2026

Total programs found: 7 (source summary undercounts — Secure Communities included in body but omitted from the final count)

Funding bodies: Queensland Government / Business Queensland, Department of Trade Employment and Training, Department of Customer Services Open Data and Small and Family Business, Federal Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, Construction Skills Queensland, and Mentoring for Growth

Date range: Active opportunities run through June–September 2026; two closed/watchlist programs require preparation for the next round

Total available funding: Approximately \$136,040 potential value across all active and watchlist programs

Urgent close date: Secure Communities closes 5pm, 30 June 2026 unless funding exhausted earlier

Overall Assessment

Redstone Civil is a strong fit for workforce, training, security, and growth-readiness support, especially because the business has a small direct workforce, civil construction profile, plant-heavy operations, and a clear WHS/documentation gap. The immediate priority should be **Secure Communities + CSQ training + Federal Priority Hiring Incentive**, while urgently verifying whether the Queensland apprenticeship pilot will accept the intended civil construction qualification.

■ *IMPORTANT: Treat the Queensland apprenticeship pilot as unconfirmed for civil plant operations. The official eligible apprenticeship list on Business Queensland does not appear to include RII30820 or RII30920, even though those qualifications are on the federal Priority List.*

ELIGIBILITY AND RELEVANCE ANALYSIS

All 7 programs | Eligibility verdict and fit summary

Program Name	Funding Body	Max Amount	Closing	Verdict
Small Business Apprenticeship Pilot Program	QLD DTET / Business Queensland	Up to \$13,740	Open until 2,000 eligible apprentices registered	Check Required
Australian Apprenticeships Incentive System — Priority Hiring Incentive	Federal DEWR	Up to \$2,500	Rolling for eligible 2026 commencements	Likely Eligible
CSQ Short Courses / SAGT Civil Program	Construction Skills Queensland	Up to \$4,800 for Cert III	Current CSQ training cycle / RTO availability	Likely Eligible
Secure Communities Partnership Program Round 2	QLD CDSB / Business Queensland	\$5,000–\$20,000	5pm, 30 June 2026	Check Required
Mentoring for Growth	Business Queensland	No cash; free mentoring	Rolling	Eligible
Business Growth Fund	Business Queensland	\$50,000–\$75,000	CLOSED — Round 7 Stage 2 closed 15 Apr 2026	Check Required
Business Boost Grant	Business Queensland	\$10,000–\$20,000	CLOSED — applicants announced	Check Required

Legend: **Eligible** — strong fit, proceed. **Likely Eligible** / **Check Required** — confirm one key condition. **Watchlist** — closed, prepare for next round.

SCORED SHORTLIST — TOP 5 PROGRAMS

Likelihood of success | Fit rationale · Eligibility checklist · Portal links

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1. Secure Communities Partnership Program Round 2 — Small Business

Funding body: Queensland Government / Department of Customer Services, Open Data and Small and Family Business

Maximum amount: \$20,000, excluding GST

Closing date: 5pm, 30 June 2026, unless funding exhausted earlier

Likelihood score: 6.5 / 10

Why to apply

This is the most urgent active cash grant because it has a fixed close date and can fund practical yard hardening: CCTV, perimeter lighting, fencing, alarms, bollards, and other crime deterrents. For a civil contractor relying on excavators, graders, trucks, and fuel storage, a funded security upgrade directly protects delivery capacity. The business fit is strong: small workforce, plant-heavy operations, Queensland location, and clear operational risk around equipment theft or vandalism. The weak point is evidence — Redstone must prove direct crime impact or eligible nearby commercial crime impact within 250m in the past 5 years.

Key eligibility requirements to confirm

- Crime impact evidence (QPS incident number, insurance claim, or 250m commercial crime evidence)
- Less than 20 employees
- 2024–25 turnover under \$10 million
- GST registration; Queensland headquarters
- Ability to co-contribute at least 50%
- Ability to complete the project within required timeframes
- 2–3 itemised quotes from local security / fencing / CCTV suppliers

Application link / portal: Business Queensland Secure Communities page / SmartyGrants portal

8.5 / 10**2. CSQ Short Courses and Skills Assessment & Gap Training — Civil Program****Funding body:** Construction Skills Queensland**Maximum amount:** Up to \$4,800 for Certificate III in Civil Construction; short-course subsidies vary**Closing date:** Funding depends on course / RTO availability within the current cycle**Likelihood score:** 8.5 / 10**Why to apply**

This is the cleanest sector fit. CSQ's course selector includes civil construction, excavator operations, grader operations, articulated haul truck operations, Certificate III in Civil Construction, and Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations. This directly improves Redstone's capacity without hiring first. Cross-ticketing existing workers across excavator, grader, roller, truck, confined space, working at heights, and civil construction qualifications will reduce site bottlenecks and make the workforce more credible for Tier 1 subcontractor panels.

Key eligibility requirements to confirm

- Each worker must be currently or recently employed in Queensland building and construction
- RTO must have available CSQ funding
- Workers must meet identity, residency, and construction-industry evidence requirements
- Build a ticket matrix by worker and machine type before approaching an RTO

Application link / portal: CSQ course selector and approved RTOs — csq.org.au**8 / 10****3. Australian Apprenticeships Incentive System — Priority Hiring Incentive****Funding body:** Federal Department of Employment and Workplace Relations**Maximum amount:** Up to \$2,500 for eligible employers**Closing date:** Rolling for eligible 2026 apprenticeship commencements**Likelihood score:** 8 / 10**■ First confirm Queensland pilot RII eligibility (Day 1 action) before stacking programs.****Why to apply**

The federal qualification fit is strong. The 2026 Australian Apprenticeships Priority List includes RII30820 Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations and RII30920 Certificate III in Civil Construction under Civil Engineering Technician. It will not transform the business by itself, but it is easy money if Redstone is already taking on an apprentice. It should be stacked with CSQ training planning and, if confirmed eligible, the Queensland apprenticeship pilot.

Key eligibility requirements to confirm

- Approved apprenticeship training contract
- Apprentice attached to eligible Priority List qualification (RII30820 or RII30920)
- AASN provider engaged
- Apprentice retained through payment milestones
- Claims lodged within required timeframes

Application link / portal: Australian Apprenticeships employer financial support — apprenticeships.gov.au

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The amount is high and the business profile fits, but this is not open now and will be competitive. This is the best future funding pathway for GPS machine control, advanced grader/excavator technology, specialist attachments, or productivity-enhancing plant systems. It aligns well with Redstone's move from capable local operator to Tier 1-ready civil subcontractor. Redstone must prove high-growth performance and show that specialised equipment will increase productivity, turnover, profit, employment, or market share by 20%.

Key eligibility requirements to confirm

- Less than 20 employees; Queensland headquarters; GST registration
- 2024–25 turnover between \$500,000 and \$10 million
- Minimum 3 years trading
- 2 years of 20% average annual growth in turnover and/or employment
- No previous BGF funding approval
- Specialised equipment quotes with productivity uplift calculation
- Two years of financial statements; accountant declaration

Application link / portal: Business Queensland Business Growth Fund page — business.qld.gov.au

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5. Business Boost Grant — Future Round Watchlist

Funding body: Business Queensland
Maximum amount: \$10,000–\$20,000, excluding GST
Status: CLOSED — successful applicants announced
Likelihood score: 5.5 / 10 (next round)

Why to apply

This is closed, but strategically important. Business Boost funds future planning, specialised and automated software, and staff management/development systems, which maps directly to Redstone's WHS and prequalification gap. Redstone's largest Tier 1 barrier is not plant — it is documentation, WHS systems, prequalification readiness, and management maturity. This grant is a strong fit for WHS software, digital pre-starts, maintenance tracking, SWMS/JSEA workflow, digital dockets, and supplier compliance systems.

Key eligibility requirements to confirm

- Confirm next-round guidelines and eligible project categories
- Co-contribution amount and minimum turnover requirements
- Employee range eligibility
- No project commencement before approval
- WHS consultant quote; civil management software quote ready before launch

Application link / portal: Business Queensland Business Boost page — business.qld.gov.au

DOCUMENTATION GAPS

Documents likely missing or incomplete by program

Program	Documents Likely Missing or Incomplete
Secure Communities	QPS incident number, insurance claim record, or eligible nearby crime evidence; 2–3 itemised quotes from local security/fencing/CCTV suppliers; site layout of equipment yard; project timeline; accountant declaration confirming turnover and headcount; ABR/GST evidence; proof of co-contribution capacity.
CSQ Training	Worker identity documents; proof of Queensland residency/right to work; employer reference letters describing hands-on civil construction duties; QLeave details if available; current ticket matrix; priority training list by worker and machine type.
Federal Priority Hiring Incentive	AASN contact record; apprenticeship training contract; selected RII qualification; payroll setup; bank details matching Redstone Civil Pty Ltd; milestone tracking process; evidence of apprentice employment continuity.
Business Growth Fund	Two years of financial statements; proof of high growth; accountant declaration; specialised equipment quotes; productivity uplift calculation; 20% growth case; project pipeline forecast; co-contribution funding evidence.
Business Boost	WHS consultant proposal; WHS gap audit; software quotes; implementation plan; current process map; draft WHS management system scope; staff training plan; co-contribution evidence.

7-DAY ACTION PLAN

Priority actions: eligibility confirmation · applications · watchlist preparation

Day 1 — Fix the Apprenticeship Eligibility Risk

- Call DTET or email the Small Business Apprenticeship Pilot contact and ask: "Are RII30820 Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations and RII30920 Certificate III in Civil Construction eligible under this pilot?"
- Do not build the application around that program until this is confirmed
- The official page says eligible apprenticeships must be from its listed qualifications — the visible list does not show those RII civil qualifications

Do not assume eligibility. The Queensland pilot is unconfirmed for civil plant operations until you get a written answer from DTET.

Day 1 — Book the Accountant

- Request a signed accountant declaration covering: 2024–25 turnover, employee headcount, GST registration, Queensland headquarters, active trading history, and solvency status
- This one document supports Secure Communities, Business Growth Fund preparation, and likely future Business Boost applications

Days 1–2 — Start Secure Communities Immediately

- Run the eligibility checker on the Business Queensland Secure Communities page
- Collect any QPS incident reports or insurance records for the equipment yard
- Check whether nearby commercial premises within 250m have eligible crime impact evidence
- Get quotes for CCTV, perimeter lighting, fencing, alarms, and access control
- This closes 30 June 2026 unless funding is exhausted earlier — treat it as urgent

Most time-sensitive grant on the list. If you miss the close date the next round is unknown.

Days 2–4 — Build the CSQ Training Matrix

- Create a table of every worker, current tickets, machines they operate, missing tickets, and priority courses
- Contact at least two CSQ-approved RTOs servicing North Queensland
- Ask for available funded places for: excavator, grader, haul truck, roller, confined space, working at heights, and RII civil qualifications

Days 3–5 — Prepare the Apprentice Pathway

- If the Queensland pilot confirms RII eligibility, prepare the state registration immediately
- Regardless, proceed with the federal Priority Hiring Incentive pathway by speaking with an Australian Apprenticeship Support Network (AASN) provider
- Select the correct RII qualification — those civil qualifications are on the 2026 federal Priority List
- Set up payroll and milestone tracking for claim lodgement

Days 5–7 — Prepare Watchlist Assets

- Draft the Business Growth Fund equipment case around one specific productivity asset — not a generic plant replacement
- Get one WHS consultant quote and one civil software quote so Redstone is ready when Business Boost reopens
- The next round will move fast — waiting until launch will be too late
- Register for Mentoring for Growth now; it is rolling, free, and directly supports the WHS, governance, and tender-readiness gaps holding Redstone back

Watchlist programs require preparation before they open, not after. BGF and Business Boost both move fast at launch.

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