



Schools Upgrade Fund Round 2 Factsheet

The Schools Upgrade Fund Round 2 will provide \$215.8 million to support government schools meet the cost of important infrastructure projects such as new classrooms or other major refurbishments and upgrades.

What projects are eligible under Round 2?

Eligible projects include (but are not limited to):

- building or upgrading facilities essential to support student learning and/or wellbeing, other subject specific facilities (such as art facilities, music rooms, technical and applied studies facilities, sporting facilities etc) or other critical school infrastructure
- upgrading playground and outdoor learning facilities
- for schools with a high proportion of ageing demountable buildings, replacing these with permanent structures or modern modular teaching spaces.

A minimum of \$250,000 (GST Exclusive) of funding must be committed to each project.

Who is eligible to apply for Round 2?

Round 2 of the Fund is open to all government schools that attracted Commonwealth recurrent funding through their relevant state or territory education department (approved authority) for 2023, under the *Australian Education Act 2013*.

To be eligible for funding, the school must anticipate continuing to operate in 2024. For example, a school would be ineligible if it is closing at the end of 2023 or will have no enrolled students in 2024. The school must also have at least one enrolled student at the time of applying.

Government schools that received funding through Round 1 of the Schools Upgrade Fund – the Targeted Round or the Open Round – are eligible to apply for funding under Round 2 of the Fund.

What should I know before I start an application?

Schools are encouraged to engage with their relevant state or territory department of education early, including to seek their assistance with project scoping and costing. Schools *must* have the support of their state or territory education department when they submit their application for funding under Round 2.

The support of your state or territory education department is *not* a guarantee a project will be successful for funding. State and territory authorities will review and assess all applications based on need according to the Schools Upgrade Fund [Round 2 Guidelines](#).

Funding will prioritise:

- projects that support schools with a low Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA) value relative to the jurisdictional median
- eligible projects for disadvantaged schools that have not received significant capital funding in the past two years (that is, projects valued at \$250,000 or more in 2022 or 2023).
- projects that support schools that cater to disadvantaged students, such as:
 - special schools
 - special assistance schools or
 - majority Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander schools.

How do schools apply?

Online applications open **Tuesday 31 October 2023** and close at **11.59 pm AEDT on Thursday 29 February 2024**. Apply at [Schools Upgrade Fund](#).

When will schools be notified if their application is successful?

Successful projects will be announced in mid-April 2024. State and territory departments of education will also notify schools of successful projects to be funded under Round 2.

Where can schools find out more information?

For more information visit the [Resources](#) page.

