

## Small and Medium Export Hubs Initiative Round Two—OPEN

The Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) grant opportunity supports SME Export Hubs in the development of local, regional and Indigenous brands through business collaborations in the identified areas of competitive strength.

This grant opportunity complements existing initiatives, such as those delivered through the [Export Finance Australia](#) (former Efic), the Australian Trade and Investment Commission—[Austrade](#), the [Entrepreneurs' Programme](#), and the [Industry Growth Centres](#) Initiative.

SMEs may be local, regional, remote and/or Indigenous. The objectives of the grant opportunity are to:

- support the establishment and/or operation of SME export hubs (export hubs) in the six Growth Centre sectors:
  - ◇ Advanced Manufacturing
  - ◇ Cyber Security
  - ◇ Food and Agribusiness
  - ◇ Medical Technologies and Pharmaceuticals
  - ◇ Mining Equipment, Technology and Services
  - ◇ Oil, Gas and Energy Resources.
  
- support SME development through facilitation of export opportunities and working with the Growth Centres.

Grants between \$150,000 and \$1.5 million and must be funding matched up to 50% of eligible project costs.

The maximum grant period is two years five months. Projects must be complete by 30 June 2022.

**Expression of Interests close at 5pm  
EST on Monday 16th September 2019**  
and for more information on the grant please click here: <https://www.business.gov.au/assistance/small-and-medium-enterprises-export-hubs>

## Teddy Bears Picnic & Early Years Expo



RDA Pilbara on the 20th August held a stall at the Teddy Bears Picnic and Early Years Expo. RDA Pilbara has supported this event for the last three years and have seen an overwhelming amount of young families and children services organisations participate in this event.

The event was full of activities and performances and engaged the children into learning and having fun.



RDA Pilbara was able to provide attendees with a goody bag containing helpful and practical items that can be used daily by children and their families. Such items included sunscreen, bucket hats, hand sanitisers, frisbees, back sac bags, reusable shopping bags and drink bottles.

We would like acknowledge the work EPIC put into organising this event and look forward to future Teddy Bears Picnics.

## Protective Behaviours Training in Roebourne

PCYC Roebourne, with support from RDA Pilbara, hosted a two day Protective Behaviours workshop in mid August. This workshop provided sixteen attendees the opportunity to develop child protection and safety practices that can assist in creating child safe environments for children, young people and staff.



The workshop also provided an opportunity for attendees from WAPOL, Roebourne School, REFAP, BighART and PCYC to collaborate more effectively with all children and youth service providers.