

Scam Alert

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The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has warned small business operators and entrepreneurs to beware of unauthorised websites offering easy access to government grants.

Some websites charge a fee for access to government grants which can normally be accessed for free. This may be in the form of a "grants directory" or book. The fact is that all government grants are announced publicly and applicant information and guidelines are accessible free of charge. The grants scene is also constantly changing, so it can be a matter of weeks, or even days, for the information purchased to become out of date.

In some cases, small businesses have paid a fee for assistance only to discover they are not eligible. GrantSmart are always available for a chat if you are not sure if a grant program is suitable for your organisation and project. If after an initial phone chat it appears you are eligible, your first consultation is free of charge to discuss the grant and your project further to ensure it is a suitable fit for a particular grant program and to see if GrantSmart can be of assistance.

The full warning is available on the [ACCC website](#) .