

F-35 Program Grants (compiled by Michael West Media)

Grant Award ID	Grant Type	Recipient Name	Value (AUD)	Start/Approval Date	End Date	Purpose
GA515536	JSF Sustainment grant	MOOG AUSTRALIA PROPRIETARY LIMITED	\$4,079,530.40	7-Oct-2025	5-Jun-2027	Grant funding will support the establishment of a local repair and maintenance capability for F-35 electronic units. This meets the objectives of the program by enhancing Australia's ability to maintain its F-35 fleet independently.
GA471448	JSF Sustainment grant	ROSEBANK ENGINEERING PTY LTD	\$9,130,000.00	24-Apr-2025	1-Jul-2028	Grant funding will establish the Asia Pacific Depot Source of Repair for F-35 Landing Gear at a facility. This will enable the facility to be qualified as the Depot Source of Repair for F-35 Landing Gear and a key Product Support Provider. This meets the objectives of the program by supporting the development of new or improved capabilities.
GA469747	JSF Sustainment grant	ROSEBANK ENGINEERING PTY LTD	\$16,358,035.10	22-Apr-2025	30-Jun-2028	Grant funding will establish the Asia Pacific Depot Source of Repair for F-35 Power & Thermal Management Systems at a facility. This will deliver key outcomes enabling the facility to be qualified as the Depot Source of Repair for F-35 Power & Thermal Management Systems. This meets the objectives of the program by supporting the development of new or improved capabilities.
GA442890	JSF Sustainment grant	LEONARDO AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	\$135,960.00	21-Mar-2025	24-Feb-2026	Grant funding will support Leonardo Australia's development of a

						Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) capability for F-35 Joint Strike Fighter's cockpit equipment. This will result in an approved Depot Maintenance Activation Plan, enabling the activation of the MRO facility. This meets the objectives of the program by enhancing Australia's ability to maintain its F-35 fleet independently.
GA409959	JSF Sustainment grant	RFD AUSTRALIA	\$3,080,000.00	20-Dec-2024	10-May-2027	Grant funding will support Survitec/RFD (Australia) Pty Ltd in establishing a Maintenance Depot in Western Sydney, Australia, for the Life Support System Oxygen Bottle Assembly of the Joint Strike Fighter F-35 Lighting II. This will involve outfitting their facility to meet all functional and security requirements, training personnel, and securing necessary certifications. This meets the objectives of the program by enhancing Survitec's ability to contribute to the production, sustainment, and modernisation phases of the Joint Strike Fighter Program.
GA381729-V1	JSF Sustainment grant	NORTHROP GRUMMAN AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED	\$13,364,918.60	17-Jun-2024	8-Mar-2028	Grant funding will be used to complete the remaining requirements for the activation of a depot to support specific components. This will result in the depot being utilized for maintenance and overhaul of assigned components for the Asia-Pacific region and potentially European assignments. This meets the objectives of the program by supporting the development of new or improved capabilities.
GA295047	JSF Sustainment grant	RUAG AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	\$275,000.00	6-Apr-2023	9-Sep-2024	A JSF-ISP Sustainment Grant was awarded to develop and implement an

						approved Depot Maintenance Activation plan in order to become a qualified F-35 Component Depot Source of Repair for maintenance and repair activities for existing components used in the JSF.
GA256257-V1	JSF Sustainment grant	RUAG AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	\$2,486,111.10	24-Jun-2022	7-Apr-2024	RUAG Australia has received authority to proceed to Phases 3 & 4 of the Depot Maintenance Development Plan. This project will develop RUAG Australia's capability to become an approved Depot Source of Repair for F-35 Wheels & Brakes systems which will entail staff training, Operational and OEM (Honeywell) Certification Activation, qualification from the prime (Lockheed Martin) to become a Qualified and Approved Supplier, and the purchase and commissioning of Peculiar Support Equipment and tooling management and control systems.
GA248140-V2	JSF Sustainment grant	RUAG AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	\$154,150.70	9-Jun-2022	7-Feb-2026	A JSF-ISP Sustainment Grant was awarded to develop and implement an approved Depot Maintenance Activation plan in order to become a qualified F-35 Component Depot Source of Repair for maintenance and repair activities for existing components used in the JSF.
GA249864-V2	JSF Sustainment grant	RFD (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	\$175,848.20	10-May-2022	6-Feb-2024	A Joint Strike Fighter Industry Support Program Sustainment Grant was awarded for the Depot Maintenance Development Plan activities for Repair Technology Group - Life Support System Components (RTG S).
GA186347-V2	JSF Sustainment grant	RUAG AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	\$275,000.00	9-Aug-2021	8-Mar-2024	A JSF-ISP Sustainment Grant was awarded to develop and implement an approved Depot Maintenance Activation

						plan in order to become a qualified F-35 Component Depot Source of Repair for maintenance and repair activities for existing components used in the JSF.
GA409958	JSF Production and Modernisation Grant	ROSEBANK ENGINEERING PTY LTD	\$534,773.80	19-Dec-2024	27-Oct-2026	Grant funding has supported the acquisition of advanced machinery to increase manufacturing capabilities for high-precision aerospace components. This will result in the installation, and commissioning of new equipment, along with operator training. This meets the objectives of the program by enhancing the ability to win work in the production and modernisation phases of the aerospace program.
GA408006	JSF Production and Modernisation Grant	U-NEEK BENDING CO PTY LTD	\$202,226.20	27-Nov-2024	27-Sep-2025	Grant funding will be used to build resilience and capacity in manufacturing operations, specifically in tube manipulation, welding, and testing for parts supplied to a fighter program. This will involve the procurement and commissioning of a second production line to increase manufacturing and testing capabilities. This meets the objectives of the program by supporting the development of new or improved capabilities that may enhance their ability to win work in the production.
GA366402	JSF Production and Modernisation Grant	QUICKSTEP TECHNOLOGIES PTY LTD	\$1,650,000.00	2-May-2024	10-May-2027	A Joint Strike Fighter Industry Support Program - Production and Modernisation grant was awarded to modernise and expand production capabilities.
GA306268	JSF Production and Modernisation Grant	G A BELL TRUST	\$363,000.00	7-Jun-2023	7-Apr-2025	A Joint Strike Fighter Industry Support Program - Production and Modernisation grant was awarded to modernise and expand production capabilities.

GA284719	JSF Production and Modernisation Grant	GEORGE LOVITT (MANUFACTURING) PROPRIETARY LIMITED	\$1,650,000.00	10-Feb-2023	7-Sep-2025	A Joint Strike Fighter Industry Support Program - Production and Modernisation grant was awarded to modernise and expand production capabilities.
GA226049-V1	New Air Capability Grant	Moog Australia Pty Ltd	\$127,581.30	17-Jan-2022	16-Apr-2023	Undertake study for F-35 MRO&U Stand-up for component repair in Australia and develop a capability gap analysis
GA85747	New Air Capability Grant	A.W. Bell Machinery Pty Ltd (GA Bell Trust)	\$275,000.00	13-Sep-2021	10-Oct-2022	Advanced Patterns for Manufacture of F35 Aerospace Castings
GA109086	New Air Capability Grant	Heat Treatment (QLD) Pty Ltd	\$750,417.80	6-Aug-2020	31-Dec-2021	Capability Improvement for Aluminium Vacuum Brazing.
GA85744	New Air Capability Grant	Nu Metric Manufacturing Pty Ltd T/A Axiom Precision Manufacturing	\$890,997.80	27-Mar-2020	27-Feb-2021	Joint Strike Fighter Precision Machining Capability and Capacity Enhancement.
GA189666-V1	New Air Capability Grant	A.W. Bell Machinery Pty Ltd	\$275,000.00	27-Mar-2020	31-Jul-2021	Advanced Patterns for Manufacture of F35 Aerospace Castings
GA85745-V3	New Air Capability Grant	Moog Australia Pty Ltd	\$275,000.00	27-Mar-2020	25-Feb-2021	Undertake study for F-35 MRO&U Stand-up for component repair in Australia and develop a capability gap analysis. The gap analysis will be part of the draft Depot Maintenance Activation Plan.
GA78281-V1	New Air Capability Grant	Nupress Tools Pty Ltd	\$275,000.00	26-Sep-2019	31-Dec-2021	Improved capability and capacity for aerospace engine component manufacture.
GA78280-V4	New Air Capability Grant	Norseld Pty Ltd	\$1,100,000.00	21-Aug-2019	24-Jul-2022	Extending BMI Composite Layup tools operational life with Diamond-Like Carbon (DLC) coating
GA78279	New Air Capability Grant	Rockwell Collins Australia Pty Ltd	\$1,074,561.40	30-Jun-2019	30-Jun-2020	Establishment of an Australian optical component manufacturing capability for the JSF flight simulator project

GA56150-V2	New Air Capability Grant	Ferra Engineering Pty Ltd	\$1,100,000.00	1-Feb-2019	31-Jul-2021	Driving Advanced Production Technologies for JSF Weapons Adapter Systems.
GA33235-V1	New Air Capability Grant	Nu Metric Manufacturing Pty Ltd (t/a Axiom Precision Manufacturing)	\$1,100,000.00	15-Oct-2018	30-Jun-2020	Joint Strike Fighter Precision Machining Capability Enhancement.
GA33978-V1	New Air Capability Grant	Quickstep Technologies Pty Ltd	\$1,100,000.00	1-Jul-2018	30-Jun-2020	Application of advanced tooling and process engineering disciplines to establish a 'state of the art' advanced composites manufacturing cell.
GA33977-V3	New Air Capability Grant	Cablex Pty Ltd	\$275,000.00	1-Jun-2018	31-May-2022	Technical transfer to and qualification of Cablex to enable the manufacture in Australia of electrical assemblies for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Ejection Seat.
GA132136	New Air Capability Grant	RUAG Australia Pty Ltd	\$1,100,000.00	11-Jan-2018	30-Nov-2018	Production capacity and capability increase for Radio Frequency (RF) substrates.
GA132129	New Air Capability Grant	Ferra Engineering Pty Ltd	\$1,100,000.00	31-Oct-2017	31-May-2019	Regional Centre of Excellence (COE) for Military Weapons Pylons/ Adapters Systems.
NA	New Air Capability Grant	PHM Technology Pty Ltd	\$275,000.00	7 September 2017	31 July 2018	Maintenance Aware Design environment (MADe) Diagnostics & Prognostics Health Management (DPHM) Extension Project
GA78283-V2	New Air Capability Grant	Heat Treatment (Qld) Pty Ltd	\$353,089.00	18-Sep-2017	17-Sep-2020	Vacuum brazing chassis for JSF prime contractors.
GA78282-V1	New Air Capability Grant	A.W. Bell Machinery Pty Ltd (GA Bell Trust)	\$1,100,000.00	23-Mar-2017	31-Jan-2020	Transform the operation of casting facility towards an Industry 4.0 Smart Factory.
GA132126	New Air Capability Grant	Lintek Pty Ltd	\$1,049,060.10	24-Oct-2016	30-Jun-2019	Production capacity and capability increase for Radio Frequency (RF) substrates.
NA	New Air Capability Grant	Levett Engineering Pty Ltd	\$275,000.00	18 August 2016	30 November 2017	Development of over 100 components for supply to Lockheed Martin.

NA	New Air Capability Grant	George Lovitt (Manufacturing) Proprietary Ltd	\$116,233.70	6 June 2016	31 January 2017	Low Contaminant Inspection and Touch-up Facility for Painted JSF Components
NA	New Air Capability Grant	Heat Treatment (Qld) Pty Ltd	\$150,802.30	4 May 2016	10 October 2016	First Article Inspection development for two separate vacuum brazing chassis for JSF prime contractors.
NA	New Air Capability Grant	Heat Treatment (Qld) Pty Ltd	\$1,100,000.00	24 November 2015	31 December 2016	Establish next generation thermal processing facility for F-35 Program including significant capacity increase to aluminium vacuum brazing.
NA	New Air Capability Grant	Heat Treatment (Qld) Pty Ltd	\$1,100,000.00	24 November 2015	31 December 2016	Increased capability through vacuum carburising, vacuum hardening, neutral hardening, Super alloy steel processing and titanium processing.
NA	New Air Capability Grant	A.W. Bell Pty Ltd	\$275,000.00	16 November 2015	12 July 2017	Enhancement of technical and manufacturing capability to support F-35 component manufacture for Northrop Grumman and BAE Systems
NA	New Air Capability Grant	Levett Engineering Pty Ltd	\$254,240.80	5 August 2015	24 May 2017	F135 engine 3rd and 5th stage bearing housings manufacture
NA	New Air Capability Grant	Levett Engineering Pty Ltd	\$258,041.30	5 August 2015	24 May 2017	F-35 Active Inceptor Housing and Support Parts Manufacturing
NA	New Air Capability Grant	BAE Systems Australia Limited	\$275,000.00	3 September 2014	30 April 2016	Northrop Grumman Information Systems Communication, Navigation and Identification, Audio Control Electronics Program.
NA	New Air Capability Grant	BAE Systems Australia Limited	\$259,073.10	20 June 2014	31 March 2015	JSF F-35 Electronic Warfare Systems Suite Mechanical Assembly Opportunity maximisation for Australian Industry
NA	New Air Capability Grant	TAE Gas Turbines Pty Ltd	\$40,910.10	19 June 2014	30 June 2014	Production Qualification for BAE Systems Nashua F-35 JSF Controller Chassis
NA	New Air Capability Grant	Cablex Pty Ltd	\$164,682.10	30 May 2014	20 March 2016	Specialised aerospace cable assemblies and harnesses.

NA	New Air Capability Grant	Micreo Limited (Now L3 Micreo Pty Limited)	\$103,189.90	3 March 2014	31 December 2014	L-Band Switched Filter Design for Manufacture
NA	New Air Capability Grant	Quickstep Technologies Pty Ltd	\$275,000.00	5 September 2013	30 June 2015	Process Qualification of Curing of Fracture Critical F-35 Carbon Fibre Composite structure.
NA	New Air Capability Grant	George Lovitt (Manufacturing) Proprietary Limited	\$275,000.00	29 August 2013	30 June 2015	Increase competitiveness in the manufacture of JSF airframe components
NA	New Air Capability Grant	Quickstep Operations Pty Ltd (Now QUICKSTEP SYSTEMS)	\$362,343.30	19 June 2013	16 January 2017	Rapid, Low-Cost Curing of F-35 Carbon Fibre Composite Structures
NA	New Air Capability Grant	Marand Precision Engineering Pty Ltd	\$1,100,000.00	23 April 2013	30 September 2013	Developing Australia's low observable Airframe Manufacturing capability
NA	New Air Capability Grant	TAE Gas Turbines Pty Ltd	\$117,442.60	29 January 2013	18 October 2013	Production Qualification for Harris Corporation F-35 JSF Electronics Enclosures
NA	New Air Capability Grant	Heat Treatment (Victoria) Pty. Ltd. (Now HTA Group Investments Pty Ltd)	\$217,391.90	3 August 2012	30 June 2014	Aerospace and Defence Thermal Processing in Victoria
NA	New Air Capability Grant	Agent Oriented Software Pty Ltd	\$275,000.00	16 July 2012	30 April 2013	Information broker for F-35 Interoperability demonstration with network centric infrastructure
NA	New Air Capability Grant	Levett Engineering Pty Ltd	\$256,225.20	25 June 2012	20 December 2012	Production process improvement of titanium airframe components for Lockheed Martin
NA	New Air Capability Grant	Rockwell Collins Australia Pty Limited	\$275,000.00	6 June 2012	30 April 2015	Establishment of a JSF EO DAS Optical Assembly Manufacturing Facility
NA	New Air Capability Grant	A.W. Bell Pty Ltd	\$275,000.00	4 April 2012	30 June 2013	Supply of EODAS Chassis Castings for the JSF to Northrop Gumman Corporation

NA	New Air Capability Grant	Brenco Aerospace Pty Ltd	\$248,570.30	6 February 2012	31 May 2012	High Velocity Oxy Fuel (HVOF) wear resistant coatings for JSF landing gear actuator components
NA	New Air Capability Grant	CSIRO - Titanium Technologies	\$1,053,528.30	9 January 2012	30 June 2013	Thermally assisted machining of Metals.
NA	New Air Capability Grant	United Surface Technologies Pty Ltd	\$246,475.90	9 January 2012	18 April 2013	Hydrogen based High Velocity Oxygen Fuel (HVOF) coatings capability for the F35 JSF components and expand metal surface treatment research facilities
NA	New Air Capability Grant	Vipac Engineers and Scientists Limited	\$275,000.00	6 January 2012	30 June 2012	Acoustic Monitoring of Aircraft Jet Engines
NA	New Air Capability Grant	Ferra Engineering Pty Ltd	\$275,000.00	18 November 2011	30 September 2012	AME Weapons Adapters Production Process Improvement
NA	New Air Capability Grant	Electromold Australia Pty Ltd (Now owned by George Lovitt (Manufacturing) Proprietary Limited)	\$923,699.70	15 November 2011	31 October 2012	JSF Airframe and related Component Non Destructive Testing, Surface Treatment and Finishing capability expansion LRIP 5 to 11

Total: \$78,333,112

Methodology and sources

This compilation of F-35 grants is current as of 8 April 2026. The data was compiled using information published on GrantConnect and by the Department of Defence. Where available, we have included the Grant Award ID for each grant. A requirement to publish grant awards was mandated from 31 December 2017. Prior to GrantConnect, government entities were required to publish information on grant guidelines and awards on their websites.

Data sources

GrantConnect: <https://www.grants.gov.au/>

Department of Defence disclosure of New Air Capability Grant awards:

https://www.defence.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-06/NACC-ISP_Grant_Recipients.pdf