

Type of Grant Opportunity	Number of grants awarded	Percentage of grants awarded (count)	Value of grants awarded (\$m)	Percentage of grants awarded (value (\$m))
Open competitive	237	12.98	\$ 1,330,625,832.00	29.68
Targeted or restricted competitive	1499	82.09	\$ 2,646,514,763.24	59.03
Non-competitive, open	14	0.77	\$ 31,449,213.00	0.70
Demand-driven or 'first-in first-served'	0	0.00	\$ -	0.00
Closed non-competitive	12	0.66	\$ 25,178,153.38	0.56
One-off ad hoc	64	3.50	\$ 449,769,732.80	10.03
Total	1826	100	\$ 4,483,537,694.42	100

The grant categories are defined as specified in the *Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles 2024*:

Category	Description
Open competitive	Have open and closed nominated dates, with applications being assessed against the nominated selection criteria (eligibility and assessment criteria) and against the comparative merits of other applications.
Targeted or restricted competitive	Are open to a small number of potential grantees based on the specialised requirements of the grant activity under consideration. Applications are assessed against the nominated selection criteria and against the comparative merits of other applications.
Non-competitive, open*	Applications may be submitted at any time over the life of the grant opportunity and are assessed individually against the selection criteria, with funding decisions in relation to each application being determined without reference to the comparative merits of other applications.
Demand-driven or 'first-in first-served'	Applications that satisfy stated eligibility criteria receive funding, up to the limit of available appropriations and subject to revision, suspension or abolition of the grant opportunity. Demand driven processes only use verifiable and objective eligibility criteria as the basis for allocating grants. Assessment criteria are not used. The eligibility criteria must be clearly linked to the achievement of value with relevant money.
Closed non-competitive	Where applicants are invited by the entity to submit applications or provide a proposal for a particular grant and the applications or proposals are not assessed against other applicants' submissions but assessed individually against the selection criteria. Better practice closed non-competitive processes either name the eligible applicants and/or provide information on how eligibility was determined.
One-off ad hoc	Are determined on a proper use and value with relevant money basis, and usually by Ministerial decision.

*Note: this category includes grants historically classified as 'targeted non-competitive'

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