

Grant Readiness Checklist

For capability-focused organisations operating in regulated environments

Before applying for a government grant, consider the following:

Strategic Alignment

- Is the project clearly aligned with the grant's stated objectives?
- Does it align with broader government priorities (sovereign capability, industry uplift, innovation, etc.)?
- Can you articulate the public value outcome?

Operational Framing

- Is the problem clearly defined in capability terms?
- Is the solution framed in operational language, not just technical detail?
- Is there evidence of demand or operational need?

Delivery Readiness

- Are roles and responsibilities clearly defined?
- Is there a realistic project timeline?
- Is governance structured and documented?
- Are risks identified with mitigation strategies?

Financial and Commercial Considerations

- Is co-funding secured or identified (if required)?
- Are cost assumptions defensible?
- Is long-term sustainability considered beyond the grant period?

Integration & Sustainment

- How will the solution integrate with existing systems?
- Is training, documentation, and support considered?
- Is there a clear transition from funded activity to operational use?

Evidence & Impact

- Are outcomes measurable?
- Is there a clear evaluation approach?
- Can benefits be demonstrated beyond the funding period?

Grant funding should accelerate capability... not substitute for delivery discipline.