When does the second round of applications open?
The second round will open after the first one is completed. The application open and close dates for Rounds 2 and 3 will soon be posted on the website.

Will these grants affect other grants such as the AusIndustry R&D Tax Credit program?
Please visit the AusIndustry website at www.ausindustry.gov.au or ring AusIndustry on 13 28 46 for advice.

What is the role of Flinders Partners in regards to the new grants?
Flinders Partners is a Service Provider to the Medical Device Commercialisation Program. They will work with the MDPP to provide a preliminary commercial assessment of Stream 1 applications and provide recipients of a Medical Device Research Grant with commercial evaluation assistance (unless not requested to do so).

What does the phrase ‘assisted device’ mean?
The MDCP will generally consider an assistive device as apparatus that assist humans in performing movements, tasks, or activities; or that assist humans in performing health industry activities.

When can I incur expenditure?
The applicant may incur expenditure on or after the MDRG or MDCG application is lodged via the MDPP and on or before the project completion date. However, grant funding is not assured until approved by the Minister for Industry and Trade and the entering into a Funding Agreement with the SA Government, therefore applicants incur expenditure at their own risk. Please refer to the MDCP Application Guidelines for information about the Application, Assessment and Approval Process and eligible expenditure.

Is there a timeframe in which to spend the money? Is the scheme ongoing?
The time frame for spending grant funding will be within the agreed project period, details of which must be clearly provided in the application and will be detailed in the Funding Agreement.

The MDCP is, until otherwise advised, an ongoing program.

How many grants will be awarded?
The number of grants awarded by financial year depends on the number of applications approved by the Minister for Industry and Trade and available program funds.
Are the grants taxable?
Please consult a Tax Professional for advice.

Will confidentiality be protected in the scheme?
Protecting applicants’ confidential information is important to DTED. Information provided by applicants will be considered confidential and treated as such by DTED, Flinders University, Flinders Partners, MDPP Partners, MDCP Assessment Panel members, and any third parties from whom advice is sought. Confidential information will only be released with the applicant’s agreement or when required by law. All DTED, Flinders University, Flinders Partners, MDPP Partners, MDCP Assessment Panel members, and any third parties from whom advice is sought regarding applications, will be required to declare any conflict of interest before having access to confidential information.

Are there any equity return expectations?
The SA Government will not take an equity position in projects that receive MDCP funding.

If a project, company or individual is receiving funds from an independent third party, is the grant still available?
Applicants that are receiving third party funding are eligible to apply as long as they satisfy the eligibility criteria set out in the MDCP Application Guidelines.
The MDCP is seeking to support commercially viable projects. Evidence of third party funding may be viewed positively when an application is being assessed against the MDCP’s eligibility and selection criteria.

If the project is regarded as unsuccessful, is the grant expected to be paid back?
No. Only grant funding not spent in accordance with the Funding Agreement will need to be paid back.

Is it possible for the deadline for the first round to be extended (from the 29th April)?
No, unfortunately, we cannot extend this date due to a strict timeframe.

How long will the assessment process take?
The MDCP assessment process and DTED approval process is expected to take approximately 8 weeks.