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## Aurora Wins \$0.544 million Defence Grant Funding for Production Scale Up

**Highlights: Aurora selected as a priority sovereign industrial manufacturer for defence applications**

**Funding to be applied towards critical production equipment to allow for production onshore**

Aurora Labs Limited (“Aurora” or “the Company”) (ASX: A3D), an Australian leader in industrial 3D metal printing and printed propulsion technologies, is pleased to announce it has been awarded a Defence Industry Development Grant under the Sovereign Industrial Priorities Stream.

The grant, amounting to \$544,333 on a 50/50 co-investment basis, will support the acquisition of advanced manufacturing equipment to scale Aurora’s production capacity for gas turbine propulsion systems, alongside supporting maintenance and production of parts for the defence industry aerospace or maritime applications at its Canning Vale facility in Western Australia.

### About the Defence Industry Development Grants Program

The Defence Industry Development Grants Program (DIDGP) is an initiative by the Australian Government aimed at strengthening the nation's defence industry capabilities. The program provides funding to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to enhance their capacity to deliver critical defence capabilities.

The Sovereign Industrial Priorities Stream, under which Aurora's grant falls, assists eligible SMEs in acquiring manufacturing plant and equipment directly used to develop and deliver programs aligned with Australia's Sovereign Defence Industrial Priorities. These priorities include areas such as the development and integration of autonomous systems and the domestic manufacture of guided weapons and explosive ordnance.

### Enhancing Sovereign Supply Chains and Vertical Integration

Aurora's grant will be utilised to procure multi-axis CNC machining centres and HVAC temperature control systems, enabling high-precision manufacturing essential for the performance and reliability of Aurora's micro gas turbine propulsion systems. These systems are specifically developed for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and other autonomous platforms.

This investment will allow Aurora to vertically integrate core production stages of its propulsion systems onshore—from additive manufacturing of complex geometries to post-processing machining and final assembly. By doing so, Aurora aims to reduce dependence on foreign supply chains, strengthen national resilience, and ensure continuity of capability in support of Australia's strategic defence posture.

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### Grant Utilisation and Forward Strategy

The grant funding will directly support:

- Acquisition and installation of advanced capital equipment.
- Workforce training for safe and precise operation.
- Integration of high-precision machining and thermal management systems to scale propulsion system production.
- Fulfilment of anticipated domestic defence supply contracts, such as in the aerospace or maritime domains.

Aurora is in discussions with third-party lenders to provide the matching funds on commercial terms to ensure timely delivery of the equipment. All grant-supported activities are required to be completed by 28 March 2026, in line with the Department of Defence's delivery framework for this funding stream.

This development comes as the Company prepares for incoming orders of its proprietary propulsion systems for UAV applications, which represent a key area of innovation and market demand within the Defence sector.

CEO, Rebekah Letheby commented "This grant is not just an investment in Aurora—it's an investment in sovereign capability. By building end-to-end manufacturing capability onshore, we're positioning Australia to independently develop and supply propulsion technology that is critical to the future of our countries defence autonomy. This program accelerates Aurora's ability to deliver on our vision of a sovereign, vertically integrated propulsion supply chain."

For more information on the Defence Industry Development Grants Program and the Sovereign Industrial Priorities Stream, please visit the official Australian Government website: [business.gov.au](https://business.gov.au).

### Ends

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Approved for release by the Company's Board of Directors.

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### ABOUT AURORA LABS

Aurora Labs Limited ("the Company"), an industrial technology and innovation company that specialises provision of 3D metal printed parts for Defence, Oil and Gas and Resources applications, the development of 3D metal printers, powders, and associated intellectual property. Aurora Labs is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX: A3D)

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These events are, as at the date of this announcement, expected to take place, but there cannot be any guarantee that such events will occur as anticipated or at all given that many of the events are outside Aurora's control.

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