

Aquaculture Industry Development Program Application Form

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About the grant

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Instructions for Applicants

Applications must be submitted before 4pm on Sunday 18 January 2026.

Before completing this application form, you must read the [Program Guidelines](#) available on the Program website.

- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Your application is not officially submitted for consideration until you **click 'Review and Submit' at the end of the application form.**
- Acceptance of late submissions will be at the sole discretion of the Department.
- You cannot reopen or amend applications after the closing date and time.

If you require assistance completing this application, please contact regionaldevelopmenttrust@dpird.nsw.gov.au and quote the application ID number in the email subject line.

After submitting your application the department may contact you to verify information or seek further information.

Program Evaluation

Successful applicants will be required to participate in an evaluation to determine the extent to which their project has contributed to the objectives of the Program. The evaluation will require applicants to provide evidence of how their project has resulted in measurable outcomes and benefits that are consistent with the objectives of the Program. Guidance on data collection will be provided for successful applicants.

Application Number

This field is read only.

Program Overview

The Aquaculture Industry Development Program is a \$20 million investment from the Regional Development Trust and aligns to the sustainable regional industries key focus area that aims to enable regional industries to grow and adapt with structural and environmental change. The Program aims to:

- support the NSW Aquaculture Vision Statement to increase farmgate production in the aquaculture sector by 2030 and drive productivity in commercial fishing
- support regional businesses to modernise to increase productivity, exports, resilience to climate change impacts, contribution to net zero and/or circular economy targets
- build regional capability in sustainable seafood and marine bioproducts.

Objectives

The objective of the Program is to:

- increase regional aquaculture and commercial fishing industries access to new and expanding markets

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- leverage opportunities associated with environmental and market changes to position NSW as the market leader in sustainable seafood and marine bioproducts

Intended Recipients

The intended recipients of grants under the program are businesses in aquaculture (including hatcheries) and commercial fishing, relevant natural resource management organisations, key associations, industry peak bodies, post-harvest sector organisations and research organisations including Australian universities.

Intended recipients include Aboriginal businesses and organisations in either the aquaculture or commercial fishing industries.

Intended recipients are encouraged to work with businesses and community organisations to identify potential projects or partnerships.

Grant Program Name

This field is read only.

The Program this submission is in.

Disclaimer

The Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- submission of this application does not guarantee funding will be granted for any project, and the Department expressly reserves its right to accept or reject this application at its discretion;
- the applicant must bear the costs of preparing and submitting this application and the Department does not accept any liability for such costs, whether or not this application is ultimately accepted or rejected; and
- the applicant has read the [Program Guidelines](#) for the Program and has fully informed themselves of the relevant Program requirements.

Use of Information

By submitting this application form, the Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- if this project application is successful, the relevant details of the project will be made public, including details such as the names of the organisation (Applicant) and any partnering organisation (state government agency or non-government organisation), project title, project description, location, anticipated time for completion and amount awarded;
- the Department will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that any information received in or in respect of this application which is clearly marked 'Commercial-in-confidence' or 'Confidential' is treated as confidential, however, such documents will remain subject to the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW) (GIPA Act); and

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- in some circumstances the Department may release information contained in this application form and other relevant information in relation to this application in response to a request lodged under the GIPA Act or otherwise as required or permitted by law.

Privacy Notice

By submitting this Application form, the Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- the Department is required to comply with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW) (the Privacy Act) and that any personal information (as defined by the Privacy Act) collected by the Department in relation to the Program will be handled in accordance with the Privacy Act and its privacy policy (available at: <https://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/privacy>);
- the information it provides to the Department in connection with this application will be collected and stored on a database and will only be used for the purposes for which it was collected (including, where necessary, being disclosed to other Government agencies in connection with the assessment of the merits of an application) or as otherwise permitted by the Privacy Act;
- it has taken steps to ensure that any person whose personal information (as defined by the Privacy Act) is included in this application has consented to the fact that the Department and other Government agencies may be supplied with that personal information, and has been made aware of the purposes for which it has been collected and may be used.

Confirmation

I acknowledge and agree to the above *

Yes

Name of person providing confirmation *

Applicant Details

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The organisation listed under Applicant Details (including organisation name registered to ABN, ACN or AIN) MUST be the organisation who will enter into the Funding Deed with the Department, will be responsible for the project, provide evidence of funding expenditure and complete reporting requirements.

Organisation Details

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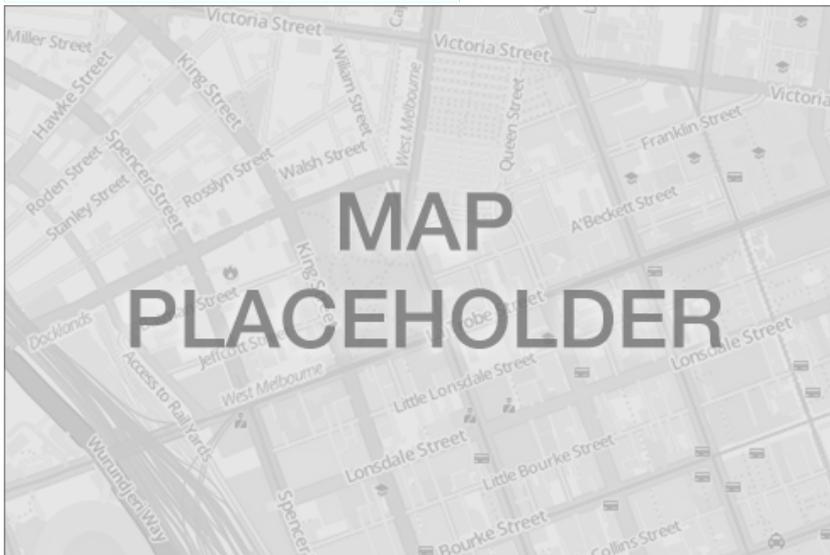
Organisation Name *

Organisation Name

For organisations: please use the organisations full name. Make sure you provide the same name that is listed in official documentation such as that with the ABR, ACNC or ATO.

Applicant Primary Address

Address



Applicant Postal Address

Address

Applicant Primary Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.
Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

Applicant Email Address *

Must be an email address.

Applicant Website

Must be a URL.

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Primary Contact Details

Primary Contact *

Title First Name Last Name

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This is the person we will correspond with about this grant.

Primary Contact Position *

e.g., Manager, Board Member or Fundraising Coordinator.

Primary Contact Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.
Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

Primary Contact Other Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.
Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

Primary Contact Email *

This is the address we will use to correspond with you about this grant.

Secondary Contact

Secondary Project Contact *

Title First Name Last Name

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Secondary Project Contact Position *

Secondary Project Contact Primary Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Secondary Project Contact Primary Email *

Must be an email address.

Secondary Project Contact Office Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

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Organisation Details

Does the applicant have an Australian Business Number (ABN)? *

- Yes No

Applicant ABN *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity name	
ABN status	
Entity type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main business location	

Must be an ABN.

Organisation Details

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Applicant Organisation Details

Which option below describes your organisation? *

- Company incorporated in Australia (under the Corporations Act 2001)
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation (under the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006)
- Incorporated trustee of an Australian-based trust
- Incorporated association (under the NSW Associations Incorporation Act 2009) or co-operative (under the NSW Co-operatives Act 1992)
- Australian university (higher education provider registered under the Higher Education Support Act 2003)
- Partnership
- Sole Trader

Please detail the primary activities of the applicant organisation. *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Registration information

Please provide your Australian company number, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation number, NSW associations incorporation number or NSW co-operatives number. *

Trust deed information

Incorporated trustees of an Australian-based trust must provide a copy of the trust's deed.

Please upload a copy of your trust deed *

Attach a file:

ANZSIC code

Which of the following Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) codes is your organisation registered under? *

- 02 - Aquaculture (or any sub-category or class within this code)
- 041 - Fishing (or any sub-category or class within this code)
- 0529 - Other Agriculture and Fishing Support Services
- 691 - Scientific Research Services or 699 Other Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
- 81 - Tertiary Education (or any sub-category or class within this code)
- None of the above

Confirmation of eligible ANZSIC code

Please provide the exact ANZSIC code your organisation is currently registered under. *

Please provide evidence of your organisation's ANZSIC code. *

Attach a file:

Other ANZSIC code

Please enter the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) code for the applicant organisation. *

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Please provide evidence of your organisation's ANZSIC code. *

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If your organisation is not registered under one of the ANZSIC codes previously listed, please provide further information to support your organisation's suitability for funding under this program. *

Permit Numbers

Does the applicant hold any aquaculture permits or commercial fishing endorsements? *

- Yes
- No

Please provide the numbers for any aquaculture permits or commercial fishing endorsements held by the applicant *

Financial Viability

To be eligible for grant funding, an applicant must be financially viable and able to demonstrate that.

Please upload a copy of your annual financial statements for the 2 most recent years. *

Attach a file:

If the financial statements do not appear to demonstrate financial viability, you may provide an explanation here.

Public Liability Insurance

Does the applicant organisation have Public Liability Insurance of not less than \$20 million per occurrence or commits to obtaining such insurance? *

- Yes, hold such insurance
- No, but willing to obtain

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Please upload a copy of the applicant organisation's Public Liability Insurance. *

Attach a file:

Conflict of Interest

Is the Applicant Organisation (including its officers and staff) aware of any relationship which creates a potential, perceived or actual conflict of interest with the NSW Government? *

- Yes No

Is the Applicant Organisation (including its officers and staff) aware of any perceived, potential or real conflicts of interest in respect of the grant opportunity? *

- Yes No

Conflict of Interest Details

Please provide details including the individuals involved and the mitigation measures in place or proposed. *

Other applicant eligibility requirements

Please confirm that the applicant is a fit and proper person/legal entity *

- Yes - the applicant IS a fit and proper person/legal entity
 No - the applicant IS NOT a fit and proper person/legal entity

Please confirm that the applicant is not insolvent, bankrupt or subject to ongoing legal proceedings *

- Yes - the applicant IS NOT insolvent, bankrupt or subject to ongoing legal proceedings
 No - the applicant IS insolvent, bankrupt or subject to ongoing legal proceedings

Please declare that the applicant is not aware of any issues which could cause reputational or other risks to the NSW Government *

- Yes - I DO make this declaration
 No - I DO NOT make this declaration

Response details

Please provide the reason/s for your 'No' response/s in the question/s above: *

Joint Applications & Partnerships

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Intended recipients are encouraged to work with businesses and community organisations to identify potential projects or partnerships.

- Public/private partnerships or in partnership with a NSW Government agency are eligible to apply where the lead applicant is an eligible entity.
- Research and development projects should partner with industry to ensure that the project produces usable outputs for application by industry.

If successful, the lead applicant will be solely responsible for the delivery of the project and must be willing to adhere to the terms and conditions outlined in the Funding Deed.

Is the applicant applying on behalf of a partnership or joint application? *

Yes No

Applications under a partnership arrangement should be submitted by the lead organisation. The arrangement should be formalised at the time of application.

Partnership Organisation Details

Please detail each of the partner organisations involved in this application. Please 'Add more' as appropriate to ensure all partnership organisations are captured.

Applications involving multiple entities must be submitted by an eligible lead applicant and evidence of the commitment of the parties to the project must be provided in the form of an agreement, memorandum of understanding or letter signed by the parties.

Partner Organisation Name *

Organisation Name

Please use the organisation's full name. Make sure you provide the same name that is listed in official documentation such as that with the ABR, ACNC or ATO.

Partner Organisation ABN

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity name	
ABN status	
Entity type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main business location	

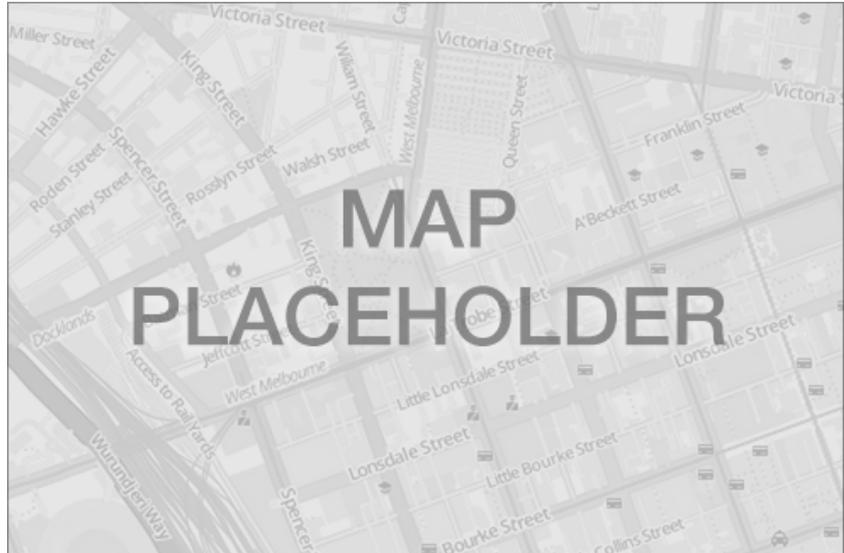
Must be an ABN.

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Partner Organisation Address *

Address



Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

Please upload evidence confirming that the partnership arrangement with this organisation is valid and current. *

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The letter must be signed by an authorised person (e.g., Manager, CEO or Board Chair) and must include: name, position, signature and date.

Streams

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Streams

An application must be for either Stream 1: Productivity improvements or Stream 2: Sustainability. Applicants should select the stream most appropriate for their project.

Please see the [Program Guidelines](#) for more details on each stream.

Stream 1: Productivity improvements

Infrastructure and equipment improvements and upgrades that enable growth or productivity improvements.

Stream 2: Sustainability

Projects that lower carbon outputs, increase resilience to climate change impacts or deliver circular economy outcomes.

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Which Stream are you applying for? *

- Stream 1: Productivity improvements
- Stream 2: Sustainability

Stream- specific applicant types

Please select your entity type that best describes your organisation

- Commercial fishing endorsement holder
- Aquaculture permit holder
- Relevant natural resource management organisation
- Aboriginal organisation and business
- Key association or peak body
- Research organisation including Australian universities
- Post-harvest sector organisation whose primary income is from sale of aquaculture and commercial fishing products
- Stream 2 same as above with the addition of private sector entity that can demonstrate activities that service a market for aquaculture waste products in the circular economy

Only one type can be selected.

Stream 2

For applications aligned to **Stream 2: Sustainability**, private sector entities that can demonstrate activities that service a market for aquaculture waste products in the circular economy are eligible to apply if they also meet the general applicant eligibility criteria.

See the [Program Guidelines](#) for information on applicant eligibility.

Please provide details on activities from your organisation that service a market for aquaculture waste products in the circular economy. *

Project Details

* indicates a required field

Title *

Word count:

Must be no more than 25 words.

Provide a name for your initiative. Your title should be short but descriptive. If successful, this brief description may be published on the grant's webpage.

Brief description *

Word count:

Must be no more than 500 words.

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Include a brief summary of: 1. what activities you will do; 2. who will benefit from this initiative; 3. what outcomes you expect from your activities.

Anticipated start date *

Must be a date.

Projects must commence within 6 months of the commencement date of the Funding Deed.

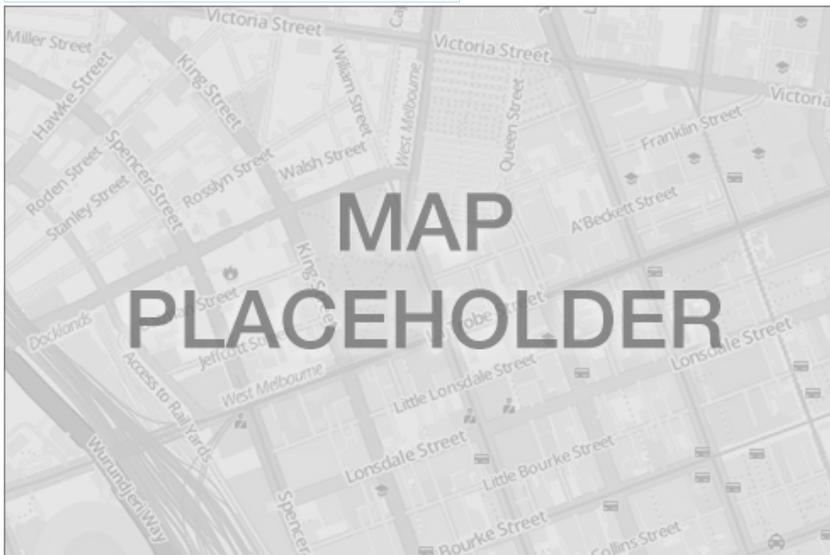
Anticipated end date *

Must be a date.

Projects must be completed within 4 years from the commencement date of the Funding Deed.

Primary location of your initiative

Address



Any, but at least one field is required. Country must be Australia

Primary location does not need to be a specific address, and can be postcode, suburb, state (NSW), etc

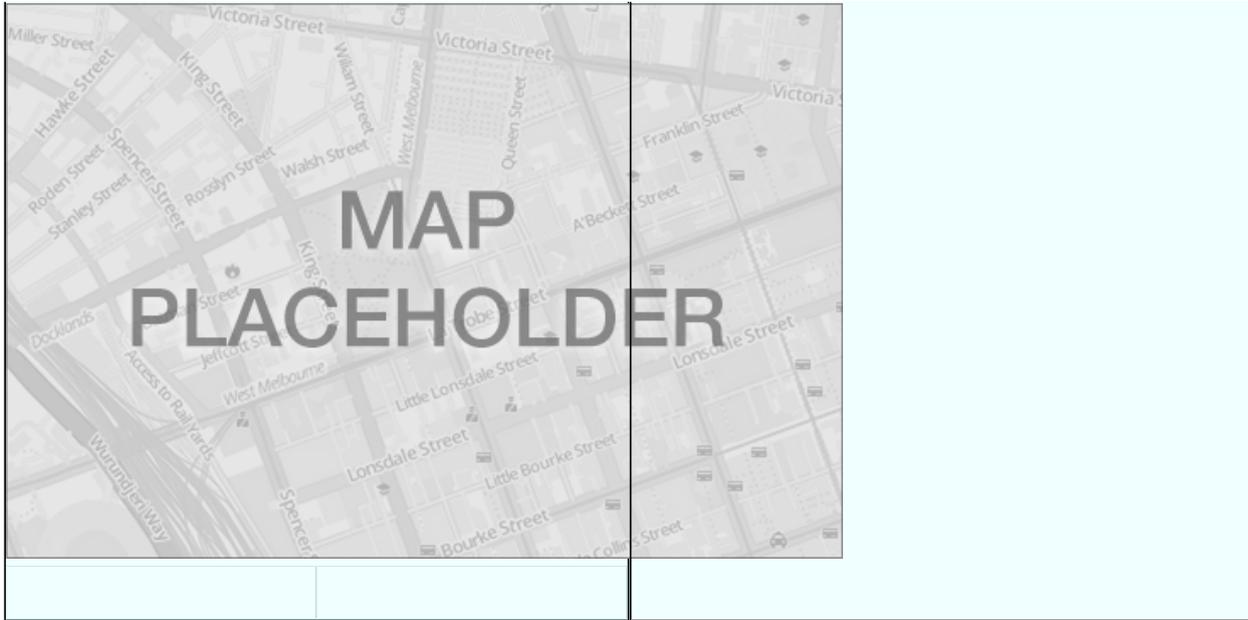
If delivered online, please specify the area of focus for delivery.

Additional Location/s

Additional locations	Activity at location
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Project Feasibility

* indicates a required field

Detailed Project Information

Please provide a clear and detailed project scope and description of activities. *

Please describe what the project will deliver, the issue/s the project addresses, and the benefits (including the benefit recipients). *

Please do not enter expected outcomes. See the question on outcomes towards the end of the form.

You may upload here any supporting documents relating to the project's description, what it will deliver, issue/s it addresses and the benefits.

Attach a file:

Project Management Plan

Applicants must provide a detailed project management plan demonstrating the project will be successfully completed in the required timeframe. **Projects must be completed within 4 years from the commencement of a Funding Deed.**

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A project management plan template is available [here](#) and on the program webpage. Applicants can use this template or other formats as long as the necessary information is included.

Applicants can also choose to use the in-application project management plan.

Do you have a Project Management Plan to upload or will you complete the plan in the application? *

- Upload a Project Management Plan
- Complete a Project Management Plan in the application

Project Management Plan

Please upload your Project Management Plan *

Attach a file:

Project Management Plan

How to complete your Project Management Plan

Please consider the order of your works and provide realistic timeframes for tasks to be completed. Ensure you add activities related to regulatory, compliance and licensing requirements.

Key activity: Please enter the type of activity.

For infrastructure projects, key activities include: Project initiation, Design/Documentation, Procurement phase, Construction phase, Project completion phase.

For program projects, key activities include: Project initiation, Program planning and design, Program implementation & activities, Program close and outcomes.

Task description: Please provide a short description of the task to be delivered.

Start date: This is the date you plan to start the specific task.

End date: This is the date you plan to complete the specific task.

Performance measure: This is the measure you will use to understand/demonstrate that the specific task is complete or on track.

Use the 'Add More' button to add new rows to your project management plan.

Key activity	Task description	Start date	End date	Performance measure
		Must be a date.	Must be a date.	

Projects must be completed within 4 years from the commencement of a Funding Deed. Please confirm that you will be able to complete the project within the time required. *

- Yes
- No

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Please explain why this project may be unable to complete within 4 years of commencement of the Funding Deed. *

Project approvals

Landowner's Consent

Projects can be located on publicly owned land or on private land where there is a clear public benefit. If the applicant is not the owner of the land where the project will be located, landowner's consent will be required as part of the application.

The landowner's consent template is available [here](#) and on the program webpage

Does this project require landowner's consent? *

- Yes No

The applicant must see landowner's consent for any projects involving the upgrade of infrastructure or construction on land not owned by the applicant.

Is your project on private land? *

- Yes
 No

If your project is located on private land, please detail its public benefits. *

Please upload landowner's consent *

Attach a file:

Development Approval (DA) and other approvals

Does your project require a Development Approval? *

- Yes No

Are any other approvals required for your project? *

- Yes No

Does your project require any other approvals, e.g. regulatory, licensing, etc.?

Development Approval Status

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What is the current status of your Development Application? *

- Approved (please attach below)
- Submitted, awaiting determination
- Documentation is being prepared
- Not started

Please provide further information including an indicative timeline on when your Development Approval is expected. *

Please attach your Development Approval or relevant information.

Attach a file:

Other Approvals

Please list any additional approvals that are required for your project and their current status. *

If no further approvals are required please enter 'Not applicable'.

Please attach any additional approvals that you have received for your project.

Attach a file:

Proposed operating model

Applicants must provide information that demonstrates project feasibility, including the provision of a feasible and sustainable proposed operating model.

Please describe the proposed operating model for this project *

Key Project Personnel

Applicants must demonstrate project management experience and capacity (or ability to access the necessary expertise and support) to deliver the project.

- Please provide information on the key personnel who will be responsible for the delivery of the project, including their qualifications and experience.
- Include only one person per row.

Use the 'Add More' button to add new rows to your response.

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Name	Organisation	Role	Experience	CV/ Supporting document	Notes
One per row. Add more rows if you want to list additional key project personnel.				Please provide a CV or any supporting documentation, where relevant.	Please provide any further details.

Risk Management Plan

Applicants must demonstrate an effective approach to identifying and managing risks, including adopting measures to regularly monitor the project budget and manage costs by providing a detailed risk management plan with risk mitigation strategies.

- Please detail the risks or uncertainties in the delivery of the project and how each of these will be managed (the risk mitigation strategies).
- Examples of risk types include financial, operational, safety, regulatory.
- Include only one risk or dependency per row.

Use the 'Add More' button to add new rows to your response.

Risk or dependency	Risk Mitigation
For example, you may require approval which could impact the ability for you to deliver on time, have access to limited resources, or time constraints for delivery.	Provide an explanation of how you will prevent, manage or treat the risk or dependency.

Project Delivery Confirmation

Please confirm that the project DOES NOT require ongoing funding from the NSW or Australian Government to be financially viable *

- Yes - I confirm
 No - I do not confirm

Please confirm that the project HAS NOT received funding from the NSW or Australian Government for any part of the project scope that duplicates deliverables to be funded by this program. *

- Yes - I confirm
 No - I do not confirm

Is your project research-based or a supply chain innovation? *

- Yes
 No

If you were unable to confirm either of the items in the previous question, please explain the reasons below. *

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Please describe how the project will conclude with outputs that can be directly applied by industry. *

Budget

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Expenditure

Applicants must provide a realistic project budget with quotes and/or detailed cost estimates.

- The Total Project Cost are all the costs of the project. This includes all expenses to be funded by this grant (Total Amount Requested) and other costs funded by the applicant or other funding sources.
- In the table below, include only the expenditure items that you are seeking to fund under the grant. These must be eligible costs as outlined in the [Program Guidelines](#).
- The total of funding requested must be from \$100,000 to \$2 million to be eligible.

Eligible projects costs include:

- project management and administration totalling no more than 10% of the requested funding amount
- contingency of no more than 20% of the requested funding amount.

Expenditure description	Expenditure type	Expenditure amount (ex. GST)	Expenditure GST	Expenditure amount (inc. GST)	Notes
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		\$	\$	\$	
		Must be a dollar amount.	Must be a dollar amount.	This number/ amount is calculated.	

Quotes

Please attach quotes or detailed estimates for the expenditure items above. *

Attach a file:

Overall Budget

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Ensure the following:

- the Total Amount Requested field is showing an amount from \$100,000 to \$2 million
- the Project Management and Administration Check is showing a value no more than 10%
- the Contingency Check is showing a value no more than 20%.

Total Project Cost *

\$

Please enter the total cost of your project. This may be different to the total amount you are requesting under this grant.

Total Amount Requested

*

\$

This number/amount is calculated.
It is the total of the 'Expenditure amount ex GST' from the above table.

Total Project Management and Administration. *

Must be a dollar amount.

Please add up the total (ex GST) of all expenses in the table under the 'Project Management' and 'Administration' types

Project Management and Administration Check: If this amount is more than 10% please check your amount in the total project management and administration field above and the expenses in the table.

This number/amount is calculated.

Total Contingency

Must be a dollar amount.

Please add up the total (ex GST) of all expenses in the table under the 'Contingency' type

Contingency Check: If this amount is more than 20% please check your amount in the total contingency field above and the expenses in the table.

This number/amount is calculated.

Co-contribution

Applicants must make a financial contribution towards the project of at least 20% of the total project cost.

Please read the Co-contributions section in the [Program Guidelines](#) for full information.

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- Project delivery or viability should not be dependent on co-contributions or other grant funding that has not been secured.
- Evidence for capacity to provide the financial co-contribution must be provided.
- Financial contributions from other grants received from the Australian Government can be included, however grants from the NSW Government cannot be included in the minimum required amount. Grants not secured should not be relied on as co-contribution.

Total Applicant Financial Co-contribution *

\$

Must be a dollar amount.

This is the total monetary amount the applicant will be contributing to the project.

Financial Co-contribution % Check

This number/amount is calculated.

Shows the percentage of the total applicant contribution to total project cost. Must be at least 20% of the total project cost.

Please attach evidence of the applicant's capacity for the financial co-contribution. *

Attach a file:

Request for exemption from mandatory co-contribution

Important: Before making an exemption request, applicants must be aware that applications supplying the mandatory 20% financial co-contribution will be preferred through the assessment process.

This section is required to be completed as the amount calculated for financial co-contribution is less than 20% of the total project cost.

Requests for an exemption from part or all of the 20% financial co-contribution requirement may be considered for reasons related to exceptional circumstances.

- Exceptional circumstances that may be considered include, but are not limited to, impacts from natural disasters and major weather events, recent investment in infrastructure and/or equipment that is related to the project proposed within the funding application, other financial circumstances.
- In-kind contributions must be eligible costs. Applicants with approved in-kind contributions will be required to report on and acquit these expenses during project delivery.

Please provide itemised details of any in-kind contributions you propose to provide. Ensure you provide details such as the value of each in-kind contribution and how you have calculated its value. *

If you do not propose to make any in-kind contributions please state 'not applicable' at this question.

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To request an exemption to the mandatory 20% financial co-contribution please provide details of your exceptional circumstance/s. *

Income

Please outline details of any other funding that you are seeking as part of the project, whether it has been confirmed or not.

Please note, do not include the amount requested under this grant.

Income description	Income type	Income status	Income amount	Notes
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			\$	
			Must be a dollar amount.	

Other Inputs

Please detail any other, non-financial inputs that you will require in order to deliver the project, including the confirmation status of the input.

If you have made a request for exemption from the mandatory 20% financial contribution do not include any inputs that you have already included at the in-kind contributions question.

Input description	Input status
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Non-financial inputs could include staff/volunteers time/expertise, equipment, facilities, pro bono or in-kind contributions, advocacy, and other types of support.	

Merit-based Criteria

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Applications that meet the compliance, eligibility and project feasibility criteria will be assessed based on the following merit-based assessment criteria:

- Strategic alignment
- Value for money
- Economic benefit

Applicant should read the [Program Guidelines](#) for full details on each of the merit-based criteria.

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Please provide as much specific information and detail as possible in your responses to demonstrate how well the project addresses the criteria.

CRITERIA: Strategic alignment

* indicates a required field

Program Purpose: compliance with the Regional Development Act 2004

The project must demonstrate compliance with the *Regional Development Act 2004* (the Act).

Applicants must detail how the project is compliant with the Act (see below) and identify which of the purposes the project delivers.

Which of the purposes in the Act does this project deliver? Please select all that apply. *

- (a) To promote economic and employment growth in regions in accordance with the principles of ecologically sustainable development
- (b) To support sustainable economies, a healthy environment and resilient communities in regions
- (c) To support place-based solutions, targeted to the development problems of particular locations and developed in collaboration with the local community, that promote improved economic, environmental and social outcomes in regions
- (d) To assist communities in regions to capitalise on regional strengths by supporting the diversification, adaptation and resilience of regional economies, including in relation to established and emerging primary and other industries
- (e) To support the transition of communities affected by economic, environmental and social change
- (f) To facilitate the economic and social development of Aboriginal communities and Aboriginal enterprises in regions
- (g) To encourage cooperation in relation to the matters in paragraphs (a)–(f) among all tiers of government, including local government, the private sector and not-for-profit organisations

At least one purpose must be selected

How does your project meet the purpose/s of the Act you selected in the above question? *

Program Objectives

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- leverage opportunities associated with environmental and market changes to position NSW as the market leader in sustainable seafood and marine bioproducts.

The objective can be delivered by, either:

- **Stream 1:** Productivity improvements - Infrastructure and equipment improvements and upgrades that enable growth or productivity improvements

or,

- **Stream 2:** Sustainability - Projects that lower carbon outputs, increase resilience to climate change impacts or deliver circular economy outcomes.

Note: Eligible applicants may only apply for funding under one stream within their application. Applicants should select the stream most appropriate for their project.

Please indicate which Stream under the program, and explain how your project meets the objective of the Program? *

Please provide evidence to support your response.

Attach a file:

This could include: research, examples, data, case studies, or letters of support that demonstrate the broader applicability and potential impact of your project.

Regional Development Trust - Key Focus Area

The program aligns to the Regional Development Trust Key Focus Area 'Sustainable regional industries' that aims to enable regional industries to grow and adapt with structural and environmental change.

See the [Regional Development Trust Investment Strategy and Governance Framework](#) for more information on the 'Sustainable regional industries' Key Focus Area.

Please explain how your project is strategically aligned to the 'Sustainable regional industries' Key Focus Area. *

Alignment with relevant government strategies and priorities

How does your project align with other relevant NSW Government priorities, regional or local strategies, policies and plans? *

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Including industry specific examples such as the NSW Aquaculture Vision Statement and NSW Marine Estate Management Strategy.

If your project is aligned to a regional or local strategy, policy or plans, please provide a copy of the relevant document.

Attach a file:

Please ensure the relevant content within any document you upload is clearly linked to your answer above.

CRITERIA: Value for money

A key principle of any grant program is to achieve value for money. This is important to ensure that the benefits of the grants are maximised for the people of NSW.

As outlined in the [Program Guidelines](#), applicants are required to demonstrate how they will contribute to delivering value for money by providing evidence that they have:

- considered the most efficient and innovative means of carrying out grant activities
- considered how government objectives and the applicant's identified needs can be mutually achieved
- adopted an effective approach to identifying and managing risks, including adopting measures to regularly monitor the project budget and manage costs
- considered value management through the design and delivery of the project
- provided a financial and/or in-kind co-contribution towards the project
- demonstrated support for the project (this may include support from relevant businesses, industry, research sector and community)
- demonstrate their capacity to maintain any capital works and upgrades as part of their application.

How will you contribute to delivering value for money? Use the list above to structure your response. *

Please provide evidence to support your response.

Attach a file:

This could include: research, examples, data, case studies, or letters of support that demonstrate the broader applicability and potential impact of your project.

CRITERIA: Economic benefit

Applicants are required to demonstrate how they will contribute to creating economic benefit through productivity improvements, value add and/or by addressing impediments to regional economic growth.

Examples of economic benefit:

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- identifying industry benefits, such as how the project delivers productivity improvements to the aquaculture industry or commercial fishing
- demonstrating how the project will improve sustainability of the aquaculture or commercial fishing industries
- producing positive impacts on aquaculture or commercial fishing's contribution to the economy of regional NSW and NSW as a whole
- creation of new or additional jobs/employment opportunities as further examples of economic benefit
- identifying long term economic benefits and/or how the project addresses barriers to regional economic growth.

Please see the [Program Guidelines](#) for more details on the Economic Benefit criteria.

Important: In considering economic benefit, projects involving any element of research must lead to outputs that can be directly applied by industry.

How will you contribute to delivering economic benefit? *

Please upload any supporting documents and evidence to support your response on the economic benefit criteria.

Attach a file:

Outcomes

Outcomes

Please tell us about the outcomes you expect to result from your project. Outcomes are the changes you expect to occur for the beneficiaries (direct, indirect and/or intermediaries) of your project. Generally, outcomes can be framed as an increase or decrease in one or more of the following:

- Skills, knowledge, confidence, aspiration, motivation (these are generally immediate or short-term outcomes)
- Actions, behaviour, change in policy (these are generally intermediate or medium-term outcomes)
- Social, financial, environmental, physical conditions (these are generally long-term outcomes)

Your outcomes

How does your intended outcome link to the Program outcomes?

Explanatory notes

Your outcomes	How does your intended outcome link to the Program outcomes?	Explanatory notes
What changes do you expect will occur as a result of your project (e.g. Enhanced physical fitness)? Please be brief. One per row.	Please explain how your intended outcome helps contribute to the Program Outcomes.	Add notes if you need to provide more context.

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Declaration and Authorisation

* indicates a required field

Declaration

The Applicant represents and warrants that this application has been submitted by an authorised representative of the Applicant (e.g. CEO, Chief Financial Officer, General Manager, Director, Chair of the Board, President, authorised manager etc).

Where this Application is submitted in the course of employment by a representative of any kind (e.g. authorised representative or agent) of the Applicant, you: (i) acknowledge and agree that the Applicant is deemed to be jointly and separately bound by this application; and (ii) represent and warrant that you have the authority to represent and bind the Applicant as contemplated by this provision.

By submitting this application form I hereby declare that:

- I agree for my project to be automatically considered in other NSW funding programs;
- I have read and understood each of the acknowledgements, agreements, representations and warranties provided above, and that each of these are true and correct;
- All information provided including the responses to each question in the relevant sections of this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge;
- Any information contained in this application may be disclosed to other Government agencies, staff administering the program, and to external stakeholders (including consultants, lawyers and other advisers) as part of the assessment of this application;
- I am authorised to submit this application on behalf of, and have the authority to represent and bind the Applicant;
- I understand that a false or misleading application (or the information in connection with this application) may render this application ineligible/invalid, and potentially incur penalties under the *Regional Development Act 2004*;
- The Applicant is aware that no project costs can be incurred until a funding deed has been entered with the department;
- I acknowledge that if this application is successful the Applicant will be required to respond to requests for data, and participation in program evaluation activities;
- All relevant conflicts of interest have been declared; and
- The Applicant is not aware of any issues which could cause reputational or other risks to the NSW Government.

Authorisation

I agree *

Yes

Name of authorised person *

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Must be a senior staff member, board member or appropriately authorised volunteer

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Position *

Position held in applicant organisation (e.g. CEO, Treasurer)

Phone number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

We may contact you to verify that this application is authorised by the applicant organisation

Email *

Must be an email address.

Please review your application before clicking the **SUBMIT** button to finalise and submit your application.

Applicant Feedback

As part of the evaluation of this program we invite you to provide feedback on your experience of developing and submitting this application by completing a short survey. All responses will remain anonymous. Your responses will be used to inform an evaluation of our processes and continuously improve our programs. Any questions about this survey or how the data is used can be sent to rd.rpp.evaluation@dpiird.nsw.gov.au.

Please click on the link below to complete the survey:

https://regionalnsw.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4Z2rsjldJ8vUG2y?Prog=TRUST-AquacultureIDP&Rd=1&Aud=SUB

I can confirm I have completed and submitted the applicant experience survey: *

Confirm

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