

Regional Economic Development & Community Investment Program

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The Regional Economic Development and Community Investment Program (the program) is open to initiatives that promote regional economic development and support employment creation and retention.

A total of up to \$50 million is available for projects that are aligned with the Regional Development Trust's Key Focus Areas. Applicants will be required to select which Key Focus Area they are applying for.

Key focus area

Objectives

Priorities

Outcomes

Sustainable regional industries

Enabling regional industries to grow and adapt with structural and environmental change.

- Supporting opportunities for emerging and engine industries
- Enabling industry with the right workforce
- Growing domestic manufacturing and supply
- Building climate adaptation and resilience
- Increased employment and/or job retention for businesses
- Creating employment opportunities in industries demonstrating a skills shortage

Aboriginal economic development and enterprise

Delivering sustainable Aboriginal economic, social, and cultural wellbeing by encouraging Aboriginal business development, enterprise and strengthening on-Country connections.

- Enabling Aboriginal business development and economic participation
- Leveraging Aboriginal-owned assets
- Supporting community-based enterprise
- Increasing employment opportunities for Aboriginal people working in or operating an Aboriginal-owned business
- Increased education and training outcomes for Aboriginal people living and working in regional NSW.

Community connection and capacity building

Empowering regional communities to maximise the potential of their people, infrastructure and environment.

- Activating community infrastructure to ensure regional NSW is a great place to live and work
- Building community resilience, with a focus on economic adaptability.

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- Improved liveability outcomes demonstrated by growth or stabilisation in population for regional and rural areas measured over a 5 year period
- Increase in availability of key workers in areas demonstrating a critical shortage.

Improving regional service delivery

Increasing access, quality, and sustainability of services to better meet the needs of people in regional NSW.

- Growing the local workforce
- Improving service delivery and access to quality services to maintain and grow regional communities.
- Improving workforce participation in regional NSW measured by the workforce participation rate
- Creating jobs in key sectors of the workforce where there is an identified need.

Within each focus area, applications may be submitted for the following project types:

Project type

Minimum funding (GST exclusive)

Maximum funding (GST exclusive)

Infrastructure

\$500,000

\$5 million

Services and program delivery

\$250,000

\$1 million

Which key focus area?

Which key focus area is this application for? *

- ☐ Sustainable regional industries
- ☐ Aboriginal economic development and enterprise
- ☐ Community connection and capacity building
- ☐ Improving regional service delivery

Instructions for applicants

Applications must be submitted before the closing date and time outlined in the Program Guidelines.

- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Acceptance of late submissions will be at the sole discretion of the Department.
- If you require assistance completing this application, please contact [the Department](#) and quote the application ID number in the email subject line.
- Before completing this application form, you must read the **Program Guidelines** available on the Program webpage.

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- Applicants are permitted to submit a maximum of 2 applications - 1 for an infrastructure project and 1 for a services and program delivery project.
- All applications must have a co-contribution amount.

Application Number

This field is read only.

Grant Program Name

This field is read only.

The program this submission is in.

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.

Applicant Details

Applicant *

☐ Individual ☐ Organisation

Organisation Name

Title First Name Last Name

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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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.

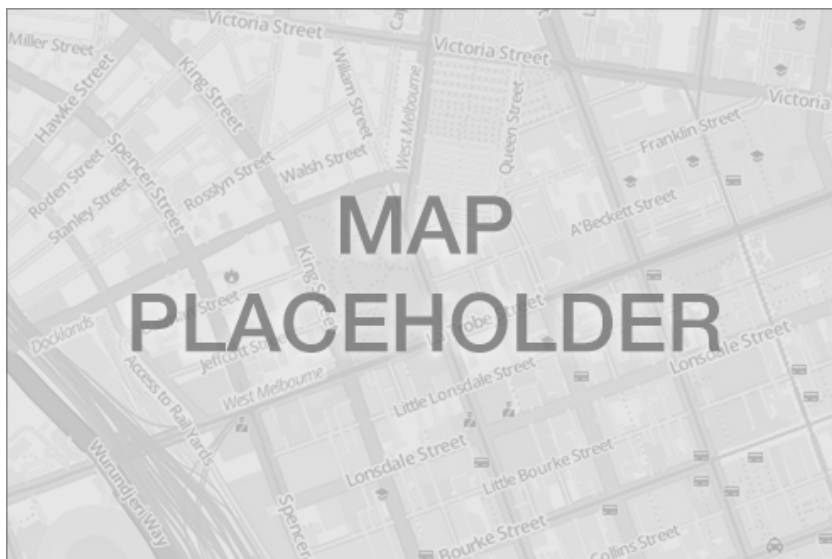
Applicant Primary Address

Address

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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.

Primary Contact Details

Primary Contact *

Title First Name Last Name

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

Primary Contact Position *

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

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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.

Conflict of interest

Applicants and any partner organisations (if relevant), and their respective officers and staff must declare any perceived, potential or real conflicts of interest in respect of the Regional Economic Development and Community Investment Program. Where there is a conflict of interest, applicants must put mitigation measures in place.

Are you and/or your officers and staff, or the officers and staff of any partner organisations (if relevant), aware of any perceived, potential, or real conflicts of interest in respect of this grant opportunity? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

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

Applicant organisation

* indicates a required field

Applicant organisation details

Please provide a brief description of your organisation. *

Please include details of the core activities of the organisation.

What type of entity is your organisation? *

- ☐ a company incorporated in Australia

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- ☐ an incorporated association or co-operative
- ☐ Local Government organisation (Committees under section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) must apply via the relevant council)
- ☐ a NSW Joint Organisation of Councils or a NSW Regional Organisation of Councils
- ☐ a Regional Development Australia Committee
- ☐ an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation incorporated under the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006
- ☐ a Local Aboriginal Land Council
- ☐ the Lord Howe Island Board or an Unincorporated Far West Group including RDA Far West (in their capacity as service providers for eligible locations not covered by a local government entity)
- ☐ an Australian university

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

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Applicant 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.

Incorporation information

Please confirm your organisation's entity type.

If known, please describe the legal status of your organisation i.e. Company Limited by Guarantee; Company Limited by Shares; Incorporated Non-government; Registered Association under an Act of Parliament; Registered Co-operative under an Act of Parliament.

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Please enter your organisation's ACN, AIN, Association Number, or other identifying information here.

Aboriginal owned business

An Aboriginal owned business under this program is defined as having a minimum of 50% Aboriginal ownership that can be demonstrated through recognition from an appropriate organisation, such as:

- NSW Indigenous Chamber of Commerce
- Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC)
- Supply Nation

Aboriginal owned businesses can also choose to provide a statutory declaration to demonstrate a minimum of 50% Aboriginal ownership. A statutory declaration template is available [here](#). Please note this must be signed by a Justice of the Peace, legal practitioner or notary public.

Is your organisation an Aboriginal owned business? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please attach evidence demonstrating a minimum of 50 per cent Aboriginal ownership. *

Attach a file:

Does the applicant organisation have an Indigenous Corporation Number or a Registrar of Indigenous Organisations (ORIC) registration number?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Indigenous Corporation Number

Must be a number.

Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Organisations (ORIC) registration number

Must be a number.

Co-contribution determination

Under the program a co-contribution is required:

- for profit entities - a minimum of 50% of the requested funding
- all other applicants - a minimum of 20% of the requested funding.

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What type of entity is your organisation? *

- ☐ a for profit entity
- ☐ all other applicants

Please upload evidence of your organisation's not-for-profit status.

Attach a file:

Applicant organisations that are not-for-profit organisations must demonstrate their not-for-profit status. This may include: current Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission's (ACNC) registration; state or territory incorporated association status; constitutional documents and/or Articles of Association, or other materials that demonstrate the not-for-profit character of the organisation.

Public liability insurance

Does the applicant organisation have at least \$20 million in public liability insurance, or is willing to obtain \$20 million in public liability insurance? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No, but willing to obtain if successful

Applicants are required to hold at least \$20 million public liability insurance in order to enter into a funding deed with the NSW Government.

Please provide evidence that the applicant organisation holds public liability insurance. *

Attach a file:

Financial viability

Is the applicant organisation financially viable? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Your organisation must be financially viable and able to demonstrate that it is likely to remain so over the duration of the project.

Is the organisation subject to any ongoing or threatened legal proceedings? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please outline the details of the legal proceedings *

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Please upload a copy of the organisation's financial statement for the last full financial year, including a profit and loss statement and balance sheet. *

Attach a file:

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Partnerships, collaborations and alignment with the Act

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Projects that incorporate a collaborative or partnership approach are encouraged. Evidence of a partnership or collaborative delivery model will contribute to the project score in the merit assessment process.

Applications for projects 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.

Are you delivering the project in a partnership or collaboration? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

Partner organisation name *

Organisation Name

Please use the organisation's full name. Make sure you provide the same name that is used for 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	

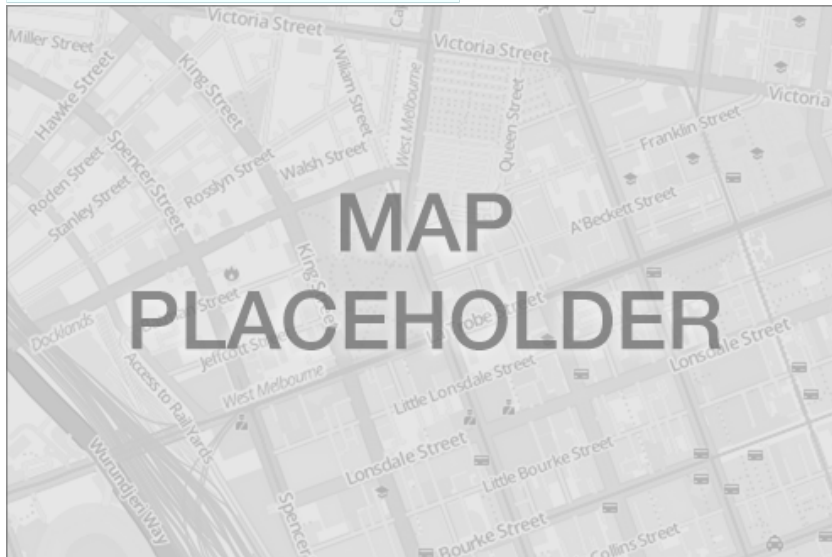
Must be an ABN.

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Partner organisation address *

Address



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

Please attach evidence of the commitment of the parties to the project in the form of an agreement, memorandum of understanding or letter signed by the parties. *

Attach a file:

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

Is the partner organisation financially viable? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If the partner organisation is subject to any ongoing or threatened legal proceedings, please outline details. *

Please enter N/A if appropriate

Please upload a copy of the partner organisation's most recent annual report, financial statements, profit and loss statement or balance sheet *

Attach a file:

Compliance with the Regional Development Act 2004

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Funding will only be provided for a purpose that is consistent with the objects of the Act.

Which purpose/s of the Regional Development Act does your project align with?

- ☐ (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

Multiple purposes from the Regional Development Act can be selected.

Project type

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Examples of the types of projects that might be applied for:

Example infrastructure projects

- Upgrading utilities and services to facilitate the expansion of business activities at an industrial precinct servicing regional needs
- Infrastructure to enable land activation for a Local Aboriginal Land Council
- Expansion of conference and event facilities to meet regional needs
- Enabling infrastructure to facilitate the activation of short-term housing where there is evidence it will help to address critical workforce needs of a key regional industry.

Example services and program delivery projects

- Delivery of a development program for an industry aligned with regional specialisations that facilitates business collaboration and matches businesses with investors
- A collaboration between Aboriginal organisations and registered training organisations to provide opportunities for Aboriginal businesses in a targeted area
- Initiatives at a regional scale to support the attraction and retention of key workers into regional NSW
- Employment of a coordinator to deliver community and health outreach services in rural and remote areas, to meet a critical regional need.

Which type of project is this application for? *

- ☐ Infrastructure project
- ☐ Services and program delivery

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Applicants may submit a maximum of one application for an infrastructure project and one application for a services and program delivery project. If you are applying for both project types, a separate application form must be completed for each one.

Infrastructure projects must provide evidence that the project is investment ready by submitting a completed business case. This business case can be completed using either the [template provided](#), or in another format on condition that the necessary information is included.

Please upload a completed business case for your project. *

Attach a file:

A minimum of 1 file must be attached.

The business case can be completed using the template provided or in another format that includes all necessary information.

Please upload all necessary project /activity and planning approvals for your project. *

Attach a file:

A minimum of 1 file must be attached.

If all necessary project/activity/planning approvals are not in place at the time of submitting the application, applicants may attach a letter confirming that action to secure the required approvals has commenced and that the project can be delivered within the specified time frame.

Please include any explanatory notes regarding approvals.

Landowner consent

Does this project involve the use of land in a way which requires authority or consent from the landowner? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Land ownership

Is the applicant the owner of the land which will be used for the project? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Does the applicant have landowner's consent for the project? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Applicants may use the [template provided](#) or another format.

Please attach evidence of your ownership or control of the land or confirmation of the landowner's awareness of or support for the project. *

Attach a file:

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The document attached must be in the land owner consent template provided within the Program resources.

Project Details

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Projects must be located in one of the 95 regional NSW Local Government Areas, the Unincorporated Far West region or on Lord Howe Island. See Appendix A of the Guidelines for a list of eligible locations. Projects located in the Sydney metropolitan area are ineligible.

Title *

Word count:

Must be no more than 25 words.

Provide a name for your initiative. Your title should be short but descriptive.

Brief description *

Word count:

Must be no more than 50 words.

Include a brief summary of who will benefit from this initiative, what activities you will do and what outcomes you expect from your activities.

Anticipated start date *

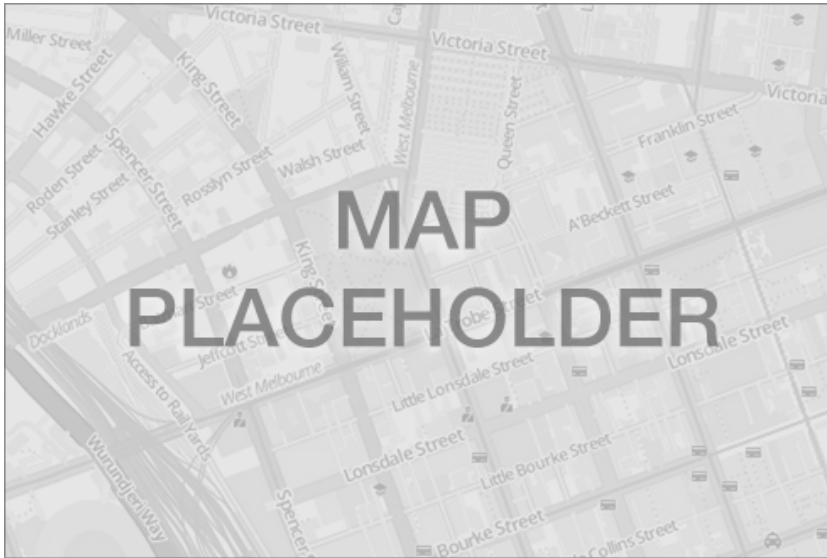
Anticipated end date *

Primary location of your initiative

Address

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Any, but at least one field is required.

Primary location does not need to be a specific address, and can be postcode, suburb, state, etc. If delivered online, please specify the area of focus for delivery.

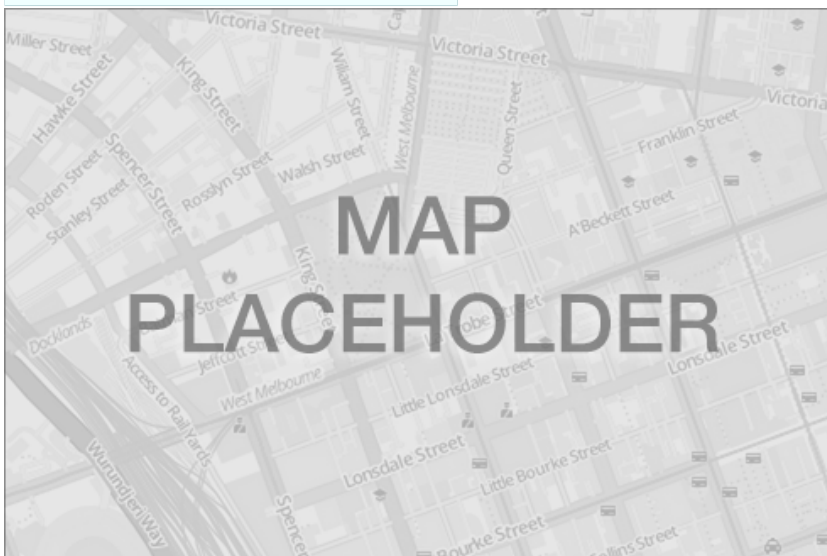
Will your project be delivered across more than one location? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

Additional Location/s

Additional locations

Address



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Regional significance

Projects must deliver regionally significant outcomes, with 'regionally significant' defined as improving outcomes in two or more Local Government Areas. Exceptions can apply to remote and very remote areas or on a case-by-case basis. Please see Appendix A in the Program Guidelines for a full list of remote and very remote areas.

Please select the LGAs that will benefit from this project. *

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Albury | <input type="checkbox"/> Forbes | <input type="checkbox"/> Narromine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Armidale Regional | <input type="checkbox"/> Gilgandra | <input type="checkbox"/> Newcastle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ballina | <input type="checkbox"/> Glen Innes Severn | <input type="checkbox"/> Oberon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Balranald | <input type="checkbox"/> Goulburn Mulwaree | <input type="checkbox"/> Orange |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bathurst Regional | <input type="checkbox"/> Greater Hume Shire | <input type="checkbox"/> Parkes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bega Valley | <input type="checkbox"/> Griffith | <input type="checkbox"/> Port Macquarie-Hastings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bellingen | <input type="checkbox"/> Gunnedah | <input type="checkbox"/> Port Stephens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Berrigan | <input type="checkbox"/> Gwydir | <input type="checkbox"/> Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bland | <input type="checkbox"/> Hay | <input type="checkbox"/> Richmond Valley |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blayney | <input type="checkbox"/> Hilltops | <input type="checkbox"/> Shellharbour |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bogan | <input type="checkbox"/> Inverell | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoalhaven |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bourke | <input type="checkbox"/> Junee | <input type="checkbox"/> Singleton |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brewarrina | <input type="checkbox"/> Kempsey | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowy Monaro Regional |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broken Hill | <input type="checkbox"/> Kiama | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowy Valleys |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Byron | <input type="checkbox"/> Kyogle | <input type="checkbox"/> Tamworth Regional |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cabonne | <input type="checkbox"/> Lachlan | <input type="checkbox"/> Temora |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carrathool | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Macquarie | <input type="checkbox"/> Tenterfield |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Coast (NSW) | <input type="checkbox"/> Leeton | <input type="checkbox"/> Tweed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Darling | <input type="checkbox"/> Lismore | <input type="checkbox"/> Upper Hunter Shire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cessnock | <input type="checkbox"/> Lithgow | <input type="checkbox"/> Upper Lachlan Shire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clarence Valley | <input type="checkbox"/> Liverpool Plains | <input type="checkbox"/> Uralla |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cobar | <input type="checkbox"/> Lockhart | <input type="checkbox"/> Wagga Wagga |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coffs Harbour | <input type="checkbox"/> Lord Howe Island | <input type="checkbox"/> Walcha |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coolamon | <input type="checkbox"/> Maitland | <input type="checkbox"/> Walgett |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coonamble | <input type="checkbox"/> Mid-Coast | <input type="checkbox"/> Warren |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional | <input type="checkbox"/> Mid-Western Regional | <input type="checkbox"/> Warrumbungle Shire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cowra | <input type="checkbox"/> Moree Plains | <input type="checkbox"/> Weddin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dubbo Regional | <input type="checkbox"/> Murray River | <input type="checkbox"/> Wentworth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dungog | <input type="checkbox"/> Murrumbidgee | <input type="checkbox"/> Wingecarribee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Edward River | <input type="checkbox"/> Muswellbrook | <input type="checkbox"/> Wollongong |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eurobodalla | <input type="checkbox"/> Nambucca Valley | <input type="checkbox"/> Yass Valley |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Far West NSW | <input type="checkbox"/> Narrabri | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federation | <input type="checkbox"/> Narrandera | |

Exemptions to the criteria of regional significance can apply to remote and very remote areas or on a case-by-case basis. Do you wish to apply for an exemption?

*

☐ Yes

☐ No

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Please explain your project's regional significance.

Please upload any supporting information for regional significance.

Attach a file:

Regional Significance exemption

Please explain the basis on which you are requesting a regional significance exemption? *

I confirm that this project is not already funded or expecting to receive NSW Government funding, with the exception of new stages of a previously funded project or activity. *

☐ I confirm

Project feasibility

*** indicates a required field**

All eligible projects will be assessed to ensure the project is feasible and able to be delivered. Project feasibility will be assessed against the following criteria:

- provision of a realistic project budget with quotes, and/or detailed cost estimates
- provision of a detailed and realistic project management plan demonstrating the project can be completed in the required timeframe
- provision of a feasible and sustainable proposed operating model
- demonstrated project management experience and capacity (or ability to access the necessary expertise and support) to deliver the project
- provision of a detailed risk management plan with risk mitigation strategies.

Only projects that score over 70 per cent on the feasibility assessment will undergo merit-based assessment.

For applications for infrastructure projects, please include information about the adequacy of current services (such as power, waste or waste water) at the proposed project location to meet the requirements of your project.

Please provide details of the scope of your infrastructure project or program/ service and how it will be delivered. *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 400 words.

Focus on what you will build or deliver and the process you will undertake to deliver it. This section should focus on outputs rather than outcomes.

Project management plan

Applicants must provide a detailed and realistic project management plan demonstrating that the project can be completed in the required timeframe. Projects must commence within 6 months of the commencement date of the funding deed and be completed within 4 years for infrastructure projects and within 2 years for the delivery of services and programs.

This project management plan can be completed using either the [template provided](#), or in another format provided the necessary information is included.

Please upload the project management plan *

Attach a file:

Operating model

What is the proposed operating model for this project? *

Following project completion as described in this application, who will be responsible for the ongoing project. Consider matters such as ownership, management and ongoing cost responsibility as relevant.

Key personnel

Applicants must demonstrate project management experience and capacity or that they can access the necessary capacity and experience 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.

If it is proposed to use external project management services to deliver the project, details should be included below.

Name *

One per row. Add more rows if you want to list additional key project personnel.

Organisation *

Role *

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Experience *

CV/Supporting document

Attach a file:

Please provide a CV or any supporting documentation, where relevant.

Notes *

Please provide any further details.

Risks and dependencies

Please identify risks or uncertainties associated with delivery of the project and how each of these will be managed.

Please include only one risk or dependency per row. Add more rows if you want to list additional risks or dependencies.

Risk or dependency description

How the risk or dependency will be managed

For example, you may require approval, have stretched resources, or time constraints for delivery.	You should provide an explanation of how you will prevent or treat the risk or dependency.
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Project budget

* indicates a required field

GST information

Things to consider when requesting your funding:

Councils: GST is not payable on grants due to payments being between government related entities. Please *exclude* GST when entering your Total Project Cost and Total Amount Requested.

Organisations registered for GST: When applying for funding please *exclude* GST when entering your Total Project Cost and Total Amount Requested. GST will be paid to your organisation if successful, for each instalment.

Organisations not registered for GST: When applying for funding please *include* GST when entering your Total Project Cost and Total Amount Requested. Please ensure that quotes you receive are inclusive of GST that will be charged to deliver the work.

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Total Project Cost: This is the entire cost of your project. This figure will include your cash co-contribution, any in-kind contributions, and any other income that you are seeking as part of the project.

Total Amount Requested: This figure is the total financial support you are requesting under this grant. At the bottom of this page, your expenses, project management and contingency costs will be calculated and they **MUST equal this amount or your application form will not be able to be submitted.**

Total Project Cost *

\$

What is the total budgeted cost (dollars) of your project?

Total Amount Requested

*

\$

What is the total financial support you are requesting under this grant?

Expenditure

Eligible project costs are outlined in the Program Guidelines and include:

- construction costs for infrastructure development, expansion or upgrades that would not be considered business-as-usual activities and operations
- the purchase of equipment that relates specifically to the delivery of the service or program
- the employment of staff or service providers to deliver the service or program only for the duration of the project
- contingency costs of up to 25% of the total eligible project costs being claimed under the grant to allow for any cost escalations . **Contingency costs will be entered at the next question**
- project management and project assurance support, including employment of project managers either directly or through outsourcing to an external organisation up to 10% of the total eligible project costs being claimed under the grant (the total of all eligible project costs, project management and contingency costs being claimed must be within the maximum grant amount for the project type). **Project management costs will be entered at the next question.**

Please list all expenditure items that you are seeking to fund under this Program.

Expenditure items should be accompanied by quotes or detailed cost estimates.

Your **total grant amount** will be a calculation of all expenditure items, plus contingency, plus project management.

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

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Please attach quotes or detailed cost estimates for expenditure.

Attach a file:

Please name the file the name of the provider and REDCIP - xxxx quotes or expenses

Contingency expense component

Applicants can include a contingency amount of up to 25% of the total eligible project costs requested under the grant. This allows a buffer for any increase in costs over the period of this grant.

Total of expenditure table (excluding GST)

This number/amount is calculated.

Please enter the dollar amount of contingency you are including for this project.

Must be a dollar amount.

Please round up to the nearest dollar.

Contingency%

This number/amount is calculated.

Please ensure that this number is 25% or less of the total of your expense table, or your application may be deemed ineligible.

Project management expense component

Eligible project costs include the project management and project assurance support, including employment of project managers either directly or through outsourcing to an external organisation of up to 10% of the total eligible project costs being requested under the grant.

Total of expenditure table (excluding GST)

This number/amount is calculated.

Please enter the dollar amount of project management costs you are including for this project.

Must be a dollar amount.

Please round up to the nearest dollar.

Project management%

This number/amount is calculated.

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Please ensure that this number 10% or less of the total of your expense table, or your application may be deemed ineligible.

Total amount requested (project expenditure with contingency and project management)

This number/amount is calculated.

This amount should be within the maximum allowable funding request for the project type.

Difference between Total Amount Requested (at beginning of page) and calculated total amount requested directly above.

This number/amount is calculated.

This figure must equal zero. If this figure does not equal zero, please check that your expense table, contingency and project management costs equal the Total Amount Requested at the beginning of this page.

Co-contribution

Applications must include a cash co-contribution. Co-contributions may include confirmed funding from the Australian Government.

Funding received from the NSW Government and in-kind co-contributions cannot be included as part of the co-contribution requirement with the exception of Aboriginal organisations.

Applicants must include evidence of the confirmed co-contribution as part of their application, or provide reasons why an exemption from the mandatory co-contribution is required.

Applicants should note co-contribution amounts in excess of the mandatory requirement will contribute to the project score in the merit assessment process.

Applicant entity type

Required cash co-contribution

For-profit entities

A minimum of 50% of the requested funding

All other applicants

A minimum of 20% of the requested funding

For Aboriginal organisations

A minimum of 20% of the requested funding either in cash or in-kind

Total cash co-contribution amount

Must be a dollar amount.

This is the cash co-contribution that the applicant is providing. Whole numbers only.

Co-contribution %

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This number/amount is calculated.

This is the percentage of cash co-contribution that the applicant is providing.

Please upload supporting evidence of the co-contribution amount *

Attach a file:

This may be in the form of a letter of support from the Senior Finance Officer of your organisation or from one of your partner organisations..

Please explain why your co-contribution is less than 20% of the total requested funding amount? *

Word count:

Not-for-profit organisations must provide a minimum of 20% cash co-contribution.

Please explain why your co-contribution is less than 50% of the total requested funding amount? *

For-profit organisations must provide a minimum of 50% cash co-contribution.

Co-contributions for Aboriginal enterprises

Will you be providing an in-kind co-contribution as part of your 20% mandatory co-contribution? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Aboriginal enterprises

Please describe the in-kind co-contribution *

Please detail any in-kind contributions the applicant will be making to the project.

What is the estimated value of the in-kind contribution? *

Must be a dollar amount.

Please note the value of the cash co-contribution above and the estimated in-kind co-contribution will be calculated below as a total co-contribution.

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Please provide detailed information on how you have quantified the estimated value? *

Successful applicants will be required to provide evidence of in-kind contributions as part of the funding acquittal.

Total of cash and in-kind contributions for Aboriginal owned organisations

This number/amount is calculated.

Co-contribution %

This number/amount is calculated.

This is the percentage of cash and in-kind co-contribution that the applicant is providing. It must be at least 20% of the total requested funding amount.

Aboriginal owned enterprises co-contribution

Please explain why the total of your cash and in-kind contributions is less than 20% of the total requested funding amount? *

Income

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

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 provide details of any other, non-financial inputs needed to deliver the project and whether the inputs are confirmed.

Input description

Input status

Non-financial inputs could include staff/volunteers time/expertise, equipment, facilities, pro bono or in-kind contributions, advocacy, and other types of support.	
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Merit-based assessment criteria (Strategic Alignment)

* indicates a required field

Key Focus Area: Sustainable regional industries

Your application is being submitted under the sustainable regional industries key focus area. You need to demonstrate that your project aligns with this Key Focus Area, and any further alignment with the other Key Focus Areas.

Please provide information on how your project aligns with the Key Focus Area of sustainable regional industries, and any further alignment with other Key Focus Areas. *

Key Focus Area: Aboriginal economic development and enterprise

Your application is being submitted under the Aboriginal economic development and enterprise Key Focus Area. You need to demonstrate that your project aligns with this Key Focus Area, and any further alignment with the other Key Focus Areas.

Please provide information on how your project aligns with the Key Focus Area of Aboriginal economic development and enterprise, and any further alignment with other Key Focus Areas. *

Key Focus Area: Community connection and capacity building

Your application is being submitted under the community connection and capacity key focus area. You need to demonstrate that your project aligns with this Key Focus Area, and any further alignment with the other Key Focus Areas.

Please provide information on how your project aligns with the Key Focus Area of community connection and capacity building, and any further alignment with other Key Focus Areas. *

Key Focus Area: Improving regional service delivery

Your application is being submitted under the improving regional service delivery Key Focus Area. You need to demonstrate that your project aligns with this Key Focus Area, and any further alignment with the other Key Focus Areas.

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Please provide information on how your project aligns with the Key Focus Area of improving regional service delivery, and any further alignment with other Key Focus Areas. *

Community support

Please describe the need for this project within the identified region and provide a clear explanation of how the project will positively address this need. *

Please include references to evidence or data which supports your analysis.

Please upload evidence of the need for this project. *

Attach a file:

Please detail the community support for this project. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Please upload evidence of community support.

Attach a file:

Alignment with strategies / policies / plans

Detail how the project aligns with relevant NSW Government strategies, policies or plans. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Applicants should provide the name of each strategy or plan, identify specific points of alignment and include references.

Merit-based assessment criteria (Value for Money)

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* indicates a required field

Describe the project's potential to deliver long-term economic benefits. *

Word count:
Must be no more than 250 words.

Is the project likely to proceed without NSW Government investment? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 250 words.
Please provide reasons to support your answer.

Please upload any documentation supporting the long-term economic benefits of the project.

Attach a file:

Merit-based assessment criteria (Economic Benefit)

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How does your project facilitate productivity improvements for new or existing industry or other economic benefits? *

How does your project enable or bring forward investment in regional economic development? *

How does your project address impediments to regional economic growth through investment in capital works and/or programs? *

How does your project encourage regional employment growth or retention? *

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Project focus

* indicates a required field

What are the primary areas of focus for this project/program? *

You may select up to five items. You can select items from any area of the list – all have equal value. Only select sub-categories if you want to be more specific. In this question we want to know about the field of work (e.g. arts, sport, health), rather than the types of people it will affect (e.g. young people, refugees).

Who are the expected primary beneficiaries of this project/program? *

Please choose only the group/s that are at the very core of this project/program. If your initiative is open to everyone, choose the first item, Universal – no particular targeted beneficiaries

Please provide a short rationale for your project. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Explain why your initiative is needed, and why you believe the activities you propose will produce the outcomes you seek.

Evaluation

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

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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.

Your metrics

You may add your own metrics here.

Metrics work best when they:

- Are quantifiable/numeric
- Are clearly defined and succinct
- Contain all the context needed to gauge and compare the result (e.g. unit [e.g. cm, metres, people, people-days, %, etc]; direction of change [increase; decrease; etc.]; timeframe [e.g. per month; per year; etc])
- Have been tested, and/or are in common use, and/or are commonly understood as a relevant and useful indicator of performance in a particular arena
- Are used sparingly - you are much better off to "ask one good question and answer it reliably" than try to track many things at once
- Relate to a clearly articulated outcome or activity.

Metric	Target	Collection method	Explanatory notes
One per row. Add more rows if you want to list additional metrics.	Identify a target for the metric you have chosen - an estimated total for your project. Must be a number.	How will you collect and verify the data? E.g. survey, interviews/case studies, focus groups, administrative data (e.g. case management data), observation/estimation, government or public dataset (e.g. Census), other datasets.	Add notes if you need to provide more context.

Qualitative evidence

Qualitative evidence is a descriptive rather than numeric form of evidence designed to indicate whether or not progress towards an outcome is occurring.

Examples of qualitative data sources include interviews, testimonials, focus group transcripts/summaries, social media posts, media appearances/mentions, and artistic or multimedia depictions such as photographs, videos and audio/podcasts.

Qualitative evidence	Explanatory notes
Select the type of qualitative evidence you will use to help track your progress. One per row. Add more rows if you want to list additional types of qualitative evidence.	Add notes if you need to provide more context.

Acknowledgments and Declaration

* indicates a required field

Acknowledgements

The Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

Application

- it has read the Program Guidelines and has fully informed itself of all requirements when preparing this application
- the decision-maker has discretion to accept or reject this application
- the Applicant bears the costs of preparing and submitting this application and the Department is not liable for such costs, whether or not this application is successful
- this application is being submitted by an authorised representative of the Applicant (e.g., CEO, Chief Financial Officer, General Manager, Director, Chair of the Board, President, authorised manager)

No promise of funding

- submission of this application does not guarantee that funding will be awarded
- there is no promise of funding unless both the Department and the Applicant (if successful) execute a funding deed

Privacy notice

The personal information you provide is collected only to administer the Regional Economic Development and Community Investment Program (program). The program is administered by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD).

We may only use and disclose your personal information in a way that is consistent with this purpose, which includes contacting you in relation to your application for grant funding, assessing applications, decision making in relation to applications and administering the program. This means your personal information may be shared with other government agencies, Ministers and their staff, external stakeholders (including consultants, lawyers and other advisers) and some of your personal information will be made public if your application is successful.

We will not disclose your personal details for any other purpose unless the disclosure is authorised by the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* (NSW). Your consent to disclose personal information for particular purposes may be sought by us, or given by yourself, for a specific purpose. If appropriate consent is not provided, we may not be able to assess your application or provide certain products and services to you or your agents.

We will retain the information you have provided for a period that is appropriate for the purpose for which it was provided. Your information will be archived and disposed of in accordance with our policies and legislative requirements of the *State Records Act 1998* (NSW).

You have the right to access your personal information that is held by us, or have it corrected in certain circumstances (eg if it is incorrect).

You can refer to the DPIRD [Privacy Management Plan](#) for further information, including how you can access your personal information.

Confidentiality and disclosure of information

DPIRD and its employees, agents and officers will utilise information collected as part of the application (if applicable) to review suitability.

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Unless otherwise stated, any commercial-in-confidence information provided by an applicant as part of, or in connection with, an application process will be treated confidentially by DPIRD.

To assess your application, commercial-in-confidence information provided by you may be disclosed to the following parties:

- the Minister or Minister's office
- the NSW Ombudsman and Audit Office of NSW
- advisers
- members of the Assessment Panel
- any agency or body of the NSW Government, or any other organisation or individual considered by DPIRD to have a need or an entitlement to know that information (including any federal, state or territory agency or body), where that need or entitlement to know that information arises out of or in connection with the assessment, verification or due diligence of any aspect of your application where authorised or required by law to be disclosed, to those parties.

If we disclose commercial-in-confidence information to any of the above parties, we will inform the party that the information is strictly confidential. We will otherwise only disclose commercial-in-confidence information provided by you with your consent.

At the conclusion of the application stage of the funding round, DPIRD may publish aggregated and non-identifiable data from the applications received. In addition to this, information pertaining to recipients of grants will be published on the online NSW Government's Grants and Funding Finder including, but not limited to recipient name; recipient location; and funding amount.

We may be required to release information contained in this application under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (NSW) or as otherwise required by law or parliamentary processes.

Declaration

By submitting this application form I declare that:

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- ☐ I am authorised to submit this application on behalf of the Applicant and have authority to represent and bind the Applicant
- ☐ I have read and understood the Program Guidelines
- ☐ All information in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge
- ☐ I understand that any misleading or incorrect declaration may render this application ineligible or invalid, and if a funding deed is executed, may lead to termination of the funding deed or a requirement to repay funds
- ☐ All relevant conflicts of interest have been declared
- ☐ I agree for the project to be automatically considered in other NSW funding programs

At least 6 choices must be selected.

Authorisation

I agree *

☐ Yes

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Name of authorised person *

Title

First Name

Last Name

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

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.

Applicant Feedback

You are nearing the end of the application process. Before you review your application and click the **SUBMIT** button please take a few moments to provide some feedback.

How did you find the online application process?

☐ Very easy

☐ Easy

☐ Neutral

☐ Difficult

☐ Very difficult

How many minutes in total did it take you to complete this application?

Estimate in minutes i.e. 1 hour 60

Please provide us with your suggestions about any improvements and/or additions to the application process/form that you think we need to consider.

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