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Unlocking Aboriginal Tourism Development Funding Round 4



Program Guidelines





Program overview

Tourism NT is providing a total of up to \$14,500 (excluding GST) in consultancy services to Aboriginal majority owned businesses and organisations to help access opportunities and unlock potential funding.

There is a broad range of Australian Government, NT Government and philanthropic funding opportunities (funding opportunities) for the Aboriginal tourism sector.

To support the development of bookable experiences and quality of tourism experiences and product there is a need to assist Aboriginal Territorians and majority owned Aboriginal businesses and organisations to access services to navigate, understand and identify tourism development funding opportunities.

Many Aboriginal majority owned tourism businesses and organisations have tourism plans and ambitions but need access to additional support and funding to bring these plans to fruition.

Navigating and accessing potential funding opportunities can be challenging and an intensive time consuming activity.



Eligible applicants

The Program is designed to support NT Aboriginal owned businesses and organisations.

Eligible applicants must:

- Be greater than 50% Aboriginal owned (may be required to provide one of any of the following) situated and operating in the NT
 - › Registered with the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporation
 - › Northern Territory Indigenous Business Network certified member
 - › Supply Nation registered or certified member
 - › Aboriginal individuals may be required to provide confirmation or certificate of Aboriginality
- Be legally constituted
- Be Australian registered
- Have approvals of the relevant Land Council or other land management authority for current tourism activities (not required for development planning activities).

If the applicant is an actively trading Aboriginal owned tourism business (as defined in the NT Aboriginal Tourism Strategy 2020-203), the following criteria apply:

- Have a current Australian Tourism Data Warehouse (ATDW) listing or have applied for one at time of engaging with the Consultant (if appropriate)
- Be a member of a peak industry body, such as Tourism Central Australia, Tourism Top End or Hospitality NT or have applied for one at time of engaging with the Consultant (if appropriate).

Aboriginal individuals may be required to provide a letter of confirmation of Aboriginal heritage or certificate from the relevant (locality) incorporated Aboriginal association or land council. It must be stamped with the association's common seal.

An Aboriginal individual is defined as someone who: is of Australian Aboriginal descent; has previously and consistently in day to day life been known to be and/or identified as an Australian Aboriginal and is accepted as an Aboriginal in the community in which they live or have lived.

Eligible activities

To access support, the applicant will identify the business need that requires funding.

The initiative will focus on support for tourism related business development needs for new or enhanced existing product offerings and experiences, including:

- new and existing product and experience development
- enhanced visitor experiences including infrastructure improvements
- workforce development
- strategic marketing development.

Consultancy service opportunity

- There are two levels of consultancy services available to help access opportunities and unlock potential funding.
 - › Level 1 - advice and initial assistance about potential funding availability up to a maximum 2 hours.
 - › Level 2 - funding application preparation service including assistance in writing submissions up to a maximum 16 hours.

* Level 2 service opportunity is not in the initiative's scope for Tourism NT / Department of Tourism and Hospitality grant programs.

The following consultant is available for applicants to work with them:

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Applicants should note that details of approved application recipients will be advised publicly and recorded in the Department of Tourism and Hospitality corporate website and annual report.

Indicative dates

Closing date

6 February 2026, or sooner if total allocated funding pool is exhausted.

Consideration of applications

As they are received

Service completion

Within 30 days of being funded

Note: this is an open non-competitive initiative and applications will be assessed as received.

Dates are indicative only and if funding is fully subscribed the initiative may close earlier.

A copy of these guidelines is available at www.tourismnt.com.au/en/industry-resources/grants-and-funding

Tourism NT's corporate website www.tourismnt.nt.gov.au is a valuable resource for accessing information to support applications, including tourism research and strategies.

or go to www.tourismnt.com.au



Top image: Bush Medicine Workshop at Bush Balm
Bottom image: Kakadu Billabong Safari Camp