



Aboriginal Tourism Grant Program Guidelines

Program overview

The Department of Tourism, Sport and Culture's Tourism NT is providing \$200,000 of grant funding in the 2019-20 financial year.

To be eligible for the Aboriginal Tourism Grant Program (ATGP) the tourism businesses must be Aboriginal owned (greater than 50% Aboriginal owned) and operating in the Northern Territory.

One-off funding of up to \$20,000 (excluding GST) is available per business.



Successful projects must:

- a. Deliver benefits to an individual business, multiple businesses or to a region; and
- b. Be able to be completed by 26 February 2021.

These grants will complement the business focused grants offered and administered by the NT Department of Trade, Business and Innovation.



Available funding

A total pool of \$200,000 (GST exclusive) has been allocated for the program. Priority will be given to projects that meet the activities or outcomes specified in the Northern Territory Aboriginal Tourism Strategic Plan and the Northern Territory's Tourism Industry 2030 Strategy.

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Should an applicant co-contribute to the total cost of the project the amount should be identified in the nomination form as part of the total project value.

Applications under this program will be considered with reference to other NT Government funding which you may have previously accessed or qualified for. Applicants should provide evidence that local NT suppliers and local content will be used to deliver the project.

Eligible applicants

This program is primarily designed to support Aboriginal owned (greater than 50% Aboriginal owned) and operated tourism business enterprises. To be supported through this program, businesses must:

- have a significant tourism focus;
- be legally constituted;
- be Australian registered; and
- currently operate in the NT and employ resident Territorians.

Local Government, for profit and not for profit organisations are eligible to apply.

Agencies of Government and Regional Tourism Organisations are not eligible to apply.

Eligible projects and activities

As a guide, examples of projects and activities may include (but are not limited to):

1. Small infrastructure development upgrades which enhance the Aboriginal tourism offering;
2. Contributions towards planning documentation (i.e. business plan, feasibility plan, master plan); or
3. Interpretation development projects and activities (i.e. signage, interpretation plan, guiding manuals). Any road signage must align to national standards and requirements of the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.

Ineligible activities

Applications will not be accepted for:

- Activities that have commenced before the grant has been approved;
- Upgrading or developing facilities predominantly for local community use or where there is no clearly defined visitor benefit;
- Marketing, advertising, product promotion activities, regular repairs and maintenance or regular travel;
- Administrative or running costs that are normally the responsibility of a business (e.g. rent, insurances, auditing and finance costs etc.), state or territory administration or local council;
- Wages or salaries for an applicant's employees;
- The purchase or lease of mobile/ portable assets including, but not limited to, computers (e.g. desktops or laptops), motor vehicles (e.g. cars, buses or motorcycles), and boats; and
- Purchase or lease of real estate of any type.

Applications will not be accepted where an applicant has not fully acquitted any previous funding from Tourism NT.

Application dates

Applications will be received 3 February 2020 until 8 May 2020. (New closing date)

All projects must be completed before 26 February 2021. (New completion date)

Nomination process

We encourage you to contact the Aboriginal Tourism Sector team to discuss your application or seek further details and information on **08 8951 8518**.

All applications to be submitted via the Grants NT portal only. Businesses can register online via: grantsnt.nt.gov.au

Handwritten submissions will not be accepted.

Appropriate approval of the land management authority must be provided as part of the application.

Quotes detailing the cost of the proposed project and/or activity to be included as part of the application.

Further discussions with applicants may be required to confirm details in the nomination form and/or supporting documents. The NT Government may conduct credit checks and other due diligence processes as part of the assessment process.

An email confirmation will be sent within two working days of receipt of each application. Should confirmation not be received, applicants are encouraged to phone **08 8951 8518** to check progress of the nomination form.

Assessment criteria

Eligibility of projects will be assessed based on alignment with the criteria detailed at section 1 on the nomination form. Applicants must be able to demonstrate how the nominated project or activity will meet the outcomes specified in the Northern Territory's Aboriginal Tourism Strategic Plan and the Northern Territory's Tourism Industry 2030 Strategy.

In accordance with its Buy Local policy, the NT Government is committed to the development of business and industry in the NT and supporting Territory enterprises. Except where it is impractical for technical reasons, projects should use labour available within the NT and source services, supplies and materials from within the NT.

Funding agreement

A legally binding funding agreement will be entered into between the Northern Territory Government and successful applicants. The terms and conditions of the agreement will be determined based on the nature of the activity proposed. The agreement will set out:

- The rights and obligations of the Northern Territory Government and the funding recipient.
- Requirements with respect to "buy local" provisions and cash co-contribution, noting if these conditions (where applicable) are not met during project acquittal, applicants will be required to repay grant funding to the Department.
- Quote/s detailing the cost of the activity or project as outlined in the grant funding application.
- Reporting and funding acquittal requirements.

- Requirements for recognising NT Government support and promotional obligations arising from receipt of funding. Applicants should note details of successful funding recipients will be advised publicly and recorded in the Department of Tourism, Sport and Culture's annual report.
- Professional indemnity insurance requirements.

Note: If successful, 50% of grant funding will be provided on receipt of the signed funding agreement. Remaining 50% of grant funding will be provided on acquittal of activity or project.

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For further information please contact the Aboriginal Tourism Sector team at tourism.development@nt.gov.au or telephone **08 8951 8518**.

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

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