

Traditional Owner Healing Country Grants Program 1.0

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Spirit, one voice. And heal.'*

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The Great Barrier Reef Foundation extends its deepest respect and recognition to all Traditional Owners of the Great Barrier Reef and its Catchments as First Nations Peoples holding the hopes, dreams, traditions and cultures of the Reef.



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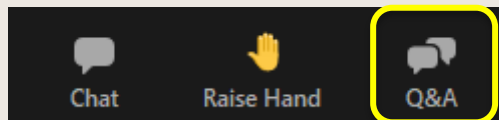
The symbol represents the thriving ideals of a restored reef, the growth in coral and sea life, and the growth from what it is now to the hopeful future (the 3 circles). The dots represent the thriving life that a restored and healthy reef brings. The symbol also subtly looks like a caring hand helping the reef to grow.



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What will be discussed today?

- Context of the Healing Country Grant Program
- Key details of the grant guidelines and application form
- The application process
- Questions & Answers? - please use the Q&A function



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Setting: The Reef Trust Partnership

- Agreement between the Australian Government and the Great Barrier Reef Foundation
- \$443.3 million over 6 years, 2018–2024.

Main Objective:

- To achieve significant and measurable improvement in the health of the Great Barrier Reef.

Expected Outcomes:

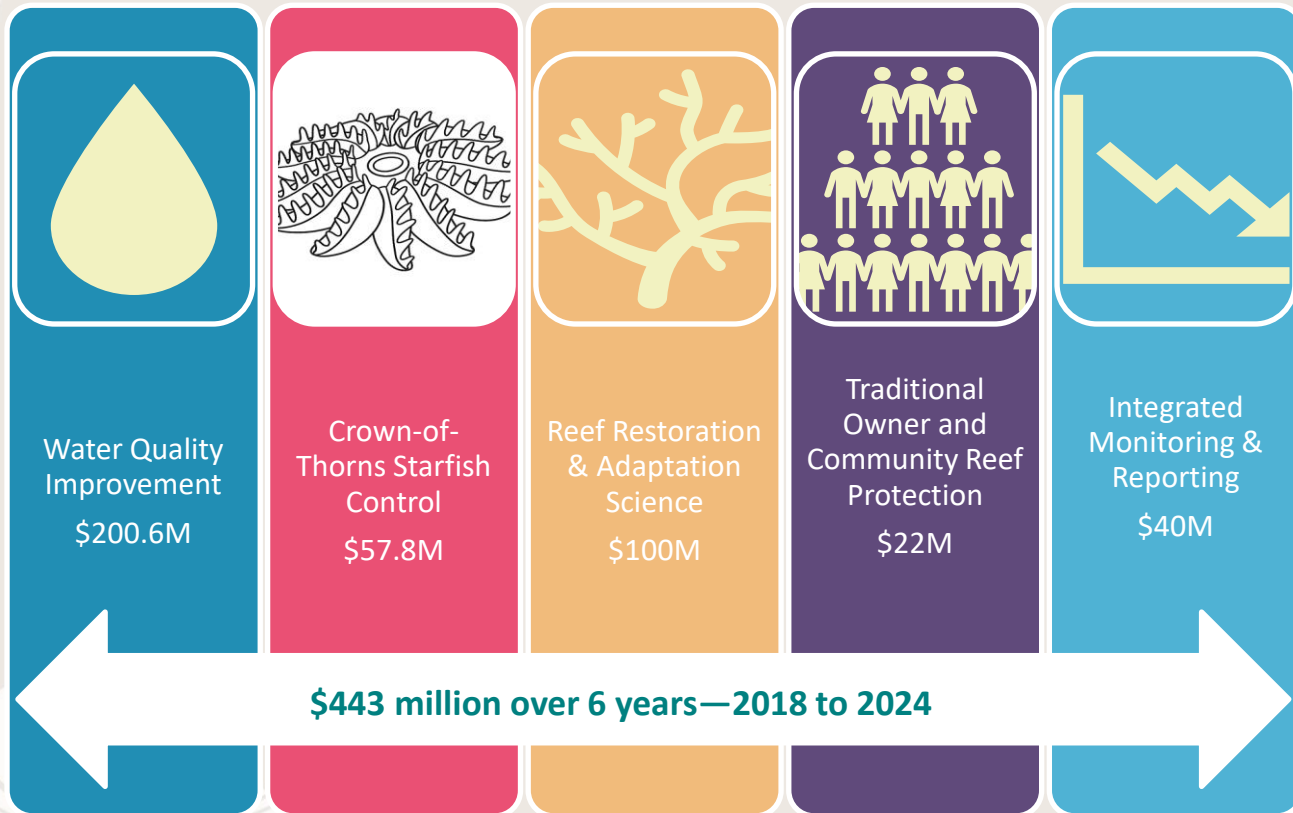
- to see **improved management** of the Great Barrier Reef
- the **protection of attributes** that contribute to the Outstanding Universal Value of the Great Barrier Reef
- the **management of key threats** to the Great Barrier Reef

See more about the context on page 4 of the guidelines



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Components of the Reef Trust Partnership



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Traditional Owner Reef Protection

Purpose:

to improve the engagement of Traditional Owners in the protection of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area.



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- Competitive grants program
- \$3M available to eligible Traditional Owner groups
- Aim to facilitate collaboration and leadership in activities that reflect Traditional Owner aspirations and obligations to care for, heal and restore Country

See more about the program on page 5 of the guidelines



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A Traditional Owner co-designed grant program

- Co-designed BY Traditional Owners FOR Traditional Owners
- Drew on lived experience of Traditional Owners to remove blockages and better facilitate their leadership and inclusion
- Underpinned by the [Heart of the Reef Healing Country statement](#)
- Program aims to provide opportunity and flexibility across broadest range of Traditional Owner groups



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Objectives of the Healing Country Grant Program

To achieve benefit to the Great Barrier Reef and Traditional Owners by:

- creating **foundations for long-term success** in building Reef resilience, a healthy reef and therefore healthy communities
- **supporting a United Voice**—one mob, one Country, one Spirit approach—through connection and collaboration
- **contributing to business readiness**, building on or gaining new skills and training enhancement



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See more about objectives on page 6 of the guidelines

Available funding

Funding is available across three levels:

Level 1 – up to \$25,000

- projects run up to 12 months
- For groups getting started, or beginning to plan a project or run projects that start and end within 12 months

Level 2 - \$25,000 to \$150,000

- for projects to run up to 2 years (to 31 May 2024)
- for implementing small-medium projects already planned or build relationships with partners through on-Country learning and exchange opportunities.

Level 3 - \$150,000 to \$300,000

- for complex, partnership-ready projects to run up to 2 years to 31 May 2024
- Large two-year projects where applicants demonstrate a strong track record of good project management, partnerships and delivery.



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Level 1 – up to \$25,000

- consultants to plan healing Country aspirations for a future project
- cultural mapping /camps about healing Country for Elders, youth and community
- planning workshop(s) to discuss and develop future projects
- training or building capacity to commence a healing Country project

Level 2 – \$25,000 to \$150,000

- activities that involve the identification, conservation, protection, management and promotion of culture and heritage
- participate in or co-lead reef restoration activities eg: replanting coral or mangroves
- on-country activities that help heal, restore and improve the Reef's resilience

Level 3 – \$150,000 to \$300,000

- activities with several Traditional Owner groups working together demonstrating a regional approach to healing Country and improving the resilience
- applications must show collaboration, established partnerships and in-kind support
- must have well developed project plans and clear, detailed budgets

Further example activities can be found on pages 6 & 7 of the guidelines

Key dates

Applications open	Monday 14 March 2022
Online information session	Monday 28 March 2022
Applications close	11.59pm, Wed 27 April 2022
Successful* applicants announced	Friday 3 June 2022
Contract negotiated	Early June 2022 onwards
Projects start	Late June onwards
Last possible project end date	Friday 31 May 2024

*Final approval will depend on due diligence checks (insurances, workplace health and safety requirements etc.) and successful contract negotiation

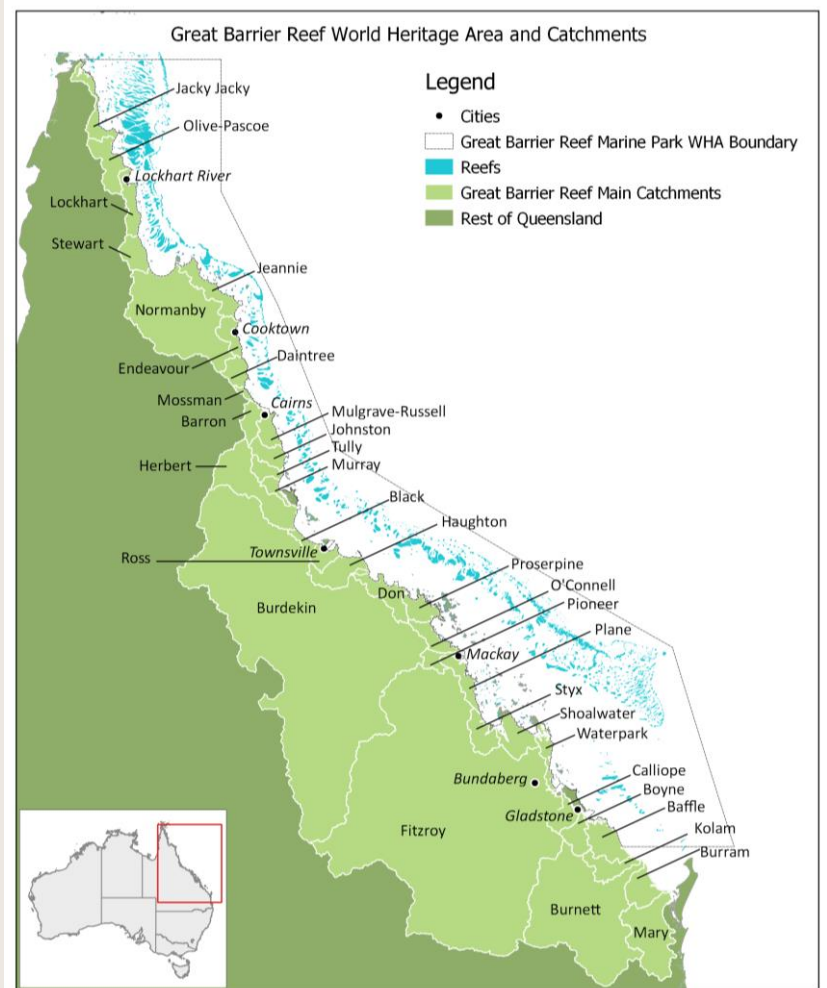


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Who can apply?

Great Barrier Reef Traditional Owner groups and Traditional Owner groups within the Great Barrier Reef Catchment that can demonstrate project outcomes will benefit a healthier Reef.

Map:



<https://www.reefplan.qld.gov.au/reef-regions#gallery>

Who is not eligible to apply?

The following groups or organisations are **not eligible** to apply:

- ✘ regional natural resource management organisations (*unless auspicing a Traditional Owner group(s)*) eg: Terrain NRM
- ✘ peak industry groups or umbrella bodies (*unless auspicing a Traditional Owner group(s)*)
- ✘ all levels of government

The following are also **not eligible to apply** for a grant and **not eligible to auspice** a project:

- ✘ Individuals
- ✘ organisations that have at the application closing date, any overdue final reports or acquittals for other Foundation grant programs.



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Please read pages 9 & 10 of the guidelines for full detail on eligibility

Can another entity auspice a grant?

Yes, however the project MUST be Traditional Owner led including conception, design and implementation.

- the auspicating body will be legally responsible for the contract
- Traditional Owner groups should negotiate an agreement with the auspicating body about roles and responsibilities for the project and ensure project addresses Traditional Owner aspirations and goals

Who can auspice a grant?

- Regional natural resource management organisations
- Peak industry groups or umbrella bodies
- Other Traditional Owner groups that have a registered entity



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Project eligibility criteria?

Applicants **must** meet all 8 criteria:

- ✓ be a Traditional Owner legal entity OR auspiced by a legal entity
- ✓ be a Traditional Owner group for the area where the work is proposed
- ✓ have legal access to where the project/activities will take place
- ✓ accept the terms of the application and those in the contract template
- ✓ declare all conflicts of interest
- ✓ hold or be willing to hold required insurances
- ✓ have comprehensive WHS policies and procedures in place for the project
- ✓ have a project ready to start by mid June 2022



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Which expenditures are eligible?

- project management costs
- project delivery costs including staff, Elders, contractors, consultants, materials and appropriate travel and accommodation
- monitoring and evaluation, data analysis and synthesis
- communication and engagement including workshops, cultural camps etc.
- administrative costs* to deliver the project (which must not exceed 10% of the funding allocation)

**Administrative costs include but are not limited to, planning, training, insurances and audit costs*



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More information on eligible expenditures can be found on page 10 of the guidelines

Which activities are ineligible?

- asset purchases over \$10,000
- repatriation of human remains and significant objects from museums and institutions
- Native Title and Cultural Heritage work
- activities that are completed or have commenced
- activities that are normally a government's responsibility



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A more comprehensive list of ineligible expenditures can be found on page 10 of the guidelines

Could a project be ineligible for funding?

Yes, when:

- the assessment panel cannot relate the project to the objectives of the Grant Program
- major construction work or an acquisition of land
- outside the Great Barrier Reef Region or will have an adverse environmental impact
- is a duplication of funding with other investors for the same activities by the same applicant



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A more comprehensive list of ineligible expenditures can be found on page 11 of the guidelines

Developing an application

- **Answer every question** in the application form
- Assume that people reading your application do not know anything about your group or work, so **make sure the application is clear, comprehensive and concise**
- **Use the assessment criteria** to guide what you include and how you ‘tell the story’ of the project in your application (*see pages 12–14 of the guidelines for assessment criteria*)
- Consider the **project running period** for each of the funding levels as projects cannot finish later than 31 May 2024
- The start date for the project should take project preparation time into account
- Organise **support letters as early** as possible



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More detail about how to apply can be found on pages 15–17 of the guidelines

Developing an application (cont'd)

- Applicant should own the bank account into which the grant will be paid.
- Successful applicants will enter into a funding agreement with the Foundation ([example grant agreement](#))
- Persons signing applications and funding acceptance forms must be duly authorised to do so by their group or organisation.
- The amount applied for should be **exclusive of GST**.
- False or misleading information may exclude an application from assessment
- Ensure any insurances are current and you can access certificates of currency



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How applications are assessed

An assessment panel will assess applications against the following six criteria:

- ✓ that **project is Traditional Owner-led** (20% weighting)
section 3.3 of application form, page 13 of guidelines
- ✓ has demonstrated **need for the project**, potential benefits of the project and its outcomes (16% weighting)
section 2.3 of application form, page 13 of guidelines
- ✓ that the project **plan outlines stages of the project**, activities and resources required (16% weighting)
section 3.1 of application form, page 14 of guidelines

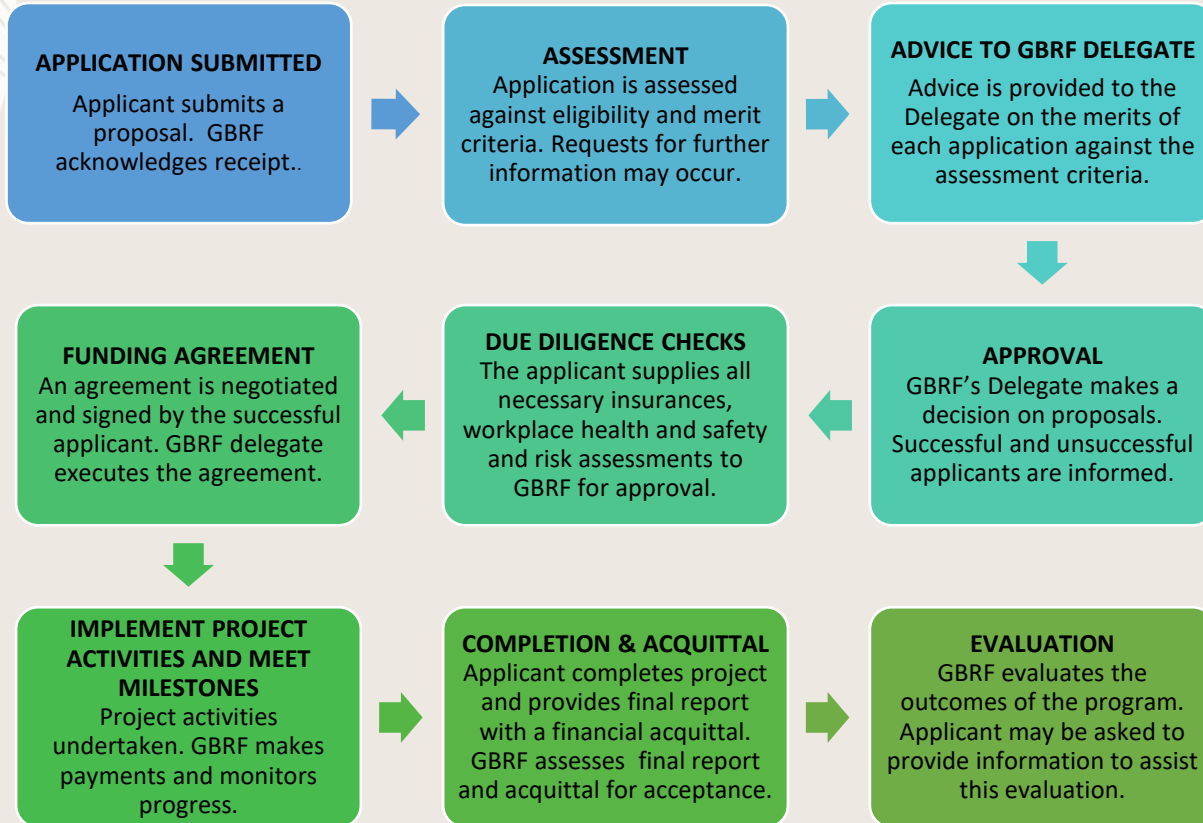


How applications are assessed (cont'd)

- ✓ that the **budget matches size and nature of project** and represents value for money (16% weighting)
section 3.4 of application form, page 14 of guidelines
- ✓ your **capacity to deliver** has been demonstrated (16% weighting)
section 4.1 of application form, page 14 of guidelines
- ✓ your **ability to communicate outcomes** with Traditional Owners and broader community is demonstrated (16% weighting)
section 5.1 of application form, page 14 of guidelines



Assessment, contracting and implementation



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Questions

Download the following from the Foundation's website:

- ✓ Healing Country Grant Application form
- ✓ Healing Country Grant Guidelines
- ✓ A risk management template
- ✓ An example contract agreement

<https://www.barrierreef.org/what-we-do/reef-trust-partnership/grant-rounds#traditional-owner-healing-country-grants-1-0>

Any questions after this webinar should be emailed to:
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Thanks for tuning in!



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Questions & Answers



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