



Recreational Fishing and Camping Facilities Program

Recreational Fishing and Camping Facilities Program – Expressions of Interest

In this Expression of Interest, you will find the program funding objectives, eligibility criteria and application process. Contact the Department of Primary Industries Fisheries if you have questions or require guidance.

Overview

The Recreational Fishing and Camping Facilities Program, funded by the Australian Government in partnership with the NSW Government, is designed to support local councils to deliver new or renewed infrastructure directly related to recreational fishing, boating and camping, including but not limited to: projects that improve access to recreational fishing, boating or camping areas, and improved infrastructure and facilities at recreational fishing, boating or camping areas or marine rescue.

Eligible applicants

Funding is available to NSW Local Councils only.

Grant Funding

Up to \$2.1 million is available under the Recreational Fishing and Camping Facilities Program (the Program) in this round.

There are two streams of funding available to applicants:

1. Small grants of up to \$50,000 (exclusive of GST); and
2. Large grants of more than \$50,000 (exclusive of GST).

Eligible projects

The Recreational Fishing and Camping Facilities Program is designed to provide Australian tourists with more and improved amenities as they travel throughout NSW.

Projects seeking funding from the Program must address one or more of the following:

- directly related to the provision of new or renewed infrastructure for recreational fishing, boating or camping
- improve access to recreational fishing, boating or camping areas
- improve infrastructure and facilities at recreational fishing, boating or camping areas or marine rescue.

Wherever possible, projects should support local procurement, job creation and skills development.

Examples of eligible infrastructure projects include:

- fishing platforms
- fish cleaning stations
- boat ramps
- marine rescue facilities
- toilet blocks
- camping facilities
- other infrastructure directly associated with recreational fishing, boating, or camping.

Projects must be underway before 30 June 2022.

Applicants may apply for more than one project, however, a separate application form must be submitted for each project.

Applications

All applicants must:

- demonstrate they meet the NSW Local Council requirement
- provide evidence of relevant consents for the proposed infrastructure/upgrade
- demonstrate ability to deliver the proposed project
- demonstrate need for the proposed infrastructure
- provide a budget, including quotes, and details on the proposed procurement process to be followed
- provide information on how the infrastructure will be maintained post-completion
- provide evidence of local support for the proposed infrastructure.

How to Apply

Applicants must complete the application form available on the DPI Fisheries website (https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/word_doc/0006/1379175/Recreational-Fishing-and-Camping-Facilities-Program-funding-application-form.doc).

Applications close at 5pm, 31 January 2022

Successful Applicants

Successful applicants will be required to enter into a funding deed with Department of Regional NSW on behalf of Department of Primary Industries.

Local Councils must not make financial commitments for funded activities until funding agreements have been executed.

The funds must be spent on items or costs directly related to the project as specified in the application and funding agreement. Payment will be made upon execution of the funding deed by all parties and regular progress reporting is required.

Requests for variations or changes to the project must be submitted in writing to Department of Regional NSW which will consider the request. Changes or variations may be rejected or accepted subject to certain conditions.

Information about projects may be used for material prepared by the NSW Government.

Summary information about each successful project will be published on NSW Government and Australian Government websites.

More information

For more information please contact Department of Primary Industries on (02) 4916 3835 or gofishing.nsw@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

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