

Eligibility

Introduction

Council-led projects

The Gold Coast is already home to a diverse and high-quality range of nature-based tourism experiences from rainforest trails and hinterland retreats to island escapes and wildlife encounters. These offerings provide a strong foundation, attracting visitors from around the world while connecting our local community with the region's unique natural environment.

Building on this foundation, there is an opportunity to expand and diversify the City's portfolio of sustainable, nature-based experiences. By doing so, we can create new ways for people to explore, relax and connect with nature, while continuing to protect and celebrate the Gold Coast's environmental and cultural values.

To support this, the City of Gold Coast is seeking ideas from internal stakeholders for potential Council-led nature-based tourism opportunities. These opportunities may be located on selected areas of public land owned or managed by the City and should align with the principles of low-impact design, environmental stewardship, and community benefit.

Assessment Criteria

1. Innovation & Uniqueness - Weight 25%
2. Economic Benefit - Weight 20%
3. Community Benefit - Weight 20%
4. Capability & Experience - Weight 10%
5. Environmental Stewardship - Weight 15%
6. Cultural Appreciation - Weight 10%

Timings

Internal EOI open: 20/04/26 - 01/05/26

Triage by NBT project team: 04/05/26 - 08/05/26

Delivery partner SME assessment: 11/05/26 - 22/05/26

Assessment pack creation: 24/05/26 - 26/05/26

NBT assessment panel prioritisation: 27/05/26 - 09/06/26

NBT Panel meeting- recommendation to CEO: 16/06/26

Contact Details

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Applicant Details

Applicant *

Individual Organisation

Organisation Name

Title First Name Last Name

Make sure you provide the same name that is listed in official documentation.

Applicant email address *

Must be an email address.

Project Details

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Project Title *

Must be no more than 100 characters.

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

Please provide a short summary of your initiative *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

What are the anticipated economic and community benefits of this project for the Gold Coast

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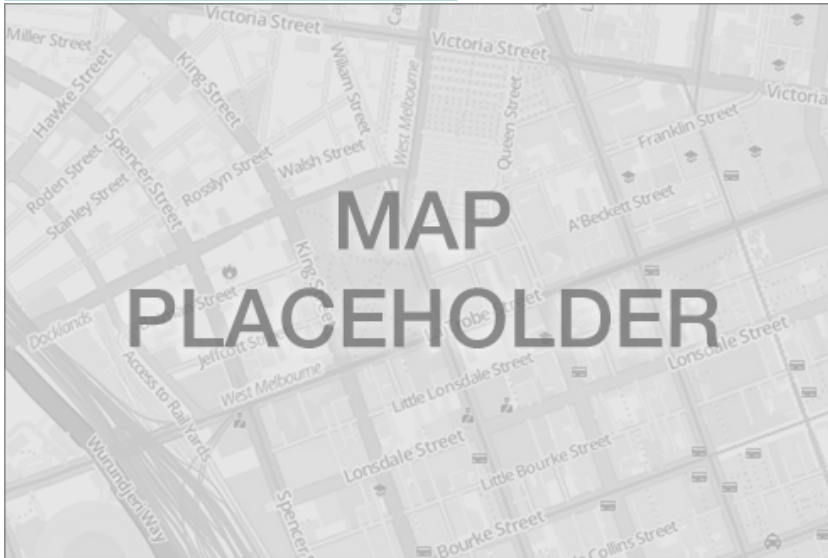
What is the indicative budget for the delivery of this proposal?

Nature Based Tourism - Council Led Projects Application Form 2026

Form Preview

Primary Project Location (Must be in the Gold Coast Local Government Area)

Address



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

Land tenure (if known):

- Private Land
- Council-Owned Land
- Trust Land
- State-Owned Land

Anticipated start date *

Anticipated completion date *

Additional information

Please upload supporting visualisations, sketches, renderings, pitch decks or other related documents.

Attach a file: