

Economic Development Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions

What sort of grants are available under this program?

1. **Quick Response Grants** for smaller projects
2. **Project Partnership Grants** for one off projects completed within 1 year of commencement
3. **Multi Year Partnership Grants** for projects that run for longer than 12 months

How much can I apply for?

- Quick Response Grants - less than \$2000
- Project Partnership Grants & Multi Year Partnership Grants - There is no minimum or maximum amount per application as all applications are assessed on a case by case basis.

Who can apply*?

- Business Representative groups such as a Chamber of Commerce, Business and Industry associations
- Private Businesses
- Consortiums of businesses and/or organisations

*other eligibility criteria applies. Please check Economic Development Grant Guidelines [here](#) for further details

When can we apply?

Now. The Grant Program runs from 1 July – 30 June annually and closes only when all funds have been allocated.

What sort of projects does this Grant program fund?

The Program was developed to assist the business community deliver outcome focused projects that benefit the business community and support the Noosa Local Economic Plan. It is a good idea to be familiar with the document which you can read [here](#).

The grants program will support projects that:

- Connect local businesses
- Encourages innovation
- Builds business capacity and skills
- Make doing business easier
- Encourages partnerships and collaboration
- Assist in promoting Noosa as a business location
- Attract additional funding to Noosa
- Develop new business/industry in Noosa

Can I apply for a grant to fund my idea for a new business in Noosa Shire?

No. Projects cannot be funded when they are run for the direct commercial benefit of one individual business.

Can I apply for a grant for a project for my private business based in Noosa?

No. Projects cannot be funded when they are run for the direct commercial benefit of one individual business.

I have an idea for a grant application - who can I discuss this with?

Speak to Carolyn Bullen, Economic Development on 5329 6108 to further discuss your project.

Will projects already underway be eligible for grant funding?

No. Projects that are already underway are not eligible to be funded under this program.

How do I apply?

You must first speak to a member of the Economic Development team at Council to confirm your idea is a good fit with the program. Following advice from the Economic Development Officer, you can apply online [here](#).

How will applications be assessed?

Applications will be assessed against the program's assessment criteria listed in the [Grant Guidelines](#) on page 3.

When will I be notified about the outcome of my application?

1. Quick Response Grants - within 10 days of application submission
2. Project Partnership Grants & Multi Year Partnership Grants – within 6 weeks of application submission

When can I start my project?

Successful grant applicants can start their projects once they have signed a Funding Agreement with Council.

If successful, when will the grant monies be received?

Usually within 30 days of:

- Being notified that your application was successful and
- After you have submitted your Funding Deed of Agreement and
- Submitted a valid invoice in order to pay the grant.

What do I have to do after my funded project has completed?

Recipients must provide a Final Report on their project within 30 days of the project's completion using Council's [Acquittal Form](#). (Multi Year Projects within agreed timeframe)

Where can I get more information?

Visit Noosa Council's website: <https://www.noosa.qld.gov.au/economic-development-grant>