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Introduction - Regional Investment Activation Fund - Stream Two

The Regional Investment Activation Fund (RIAF) grant fund is a key component of the Regional Investment Activation Program (RIAP) announced in the 2022-23 NSW Budget. RIAP is a \$145 million program that aims to make regional NSW the location of choice for investors and activate the economic potential of priority precincts and key industries in alignment with the 20-Year Economic Vision for Regional NSW Refresh.

RIAF will co-invest with eligible entities in catalytic projects that will deliver significant economic, social and/or environmental benefits for a priority industry or location.

The objectives of RIAF are to:

- support the growth of existing industries and the establishment of new/emerging industries where regional NSW has a strong actual or potential competitive advantage
- activate the economic potential of Special Activation Precincts, Regional Job Precincts, Renewable Energy Zones, hydrogen hubs and other priority locations through increased private sector investment
- create new high quality employment opportunities
- support the shift towards higher-value-added activities and participation in global value chains and supply chains
- promote collaboration between businesses, education and research institutions and other parties through sharing of knowledge, resources and infrastructure.

The 20-Year Economic Vision for Regional NSW Refresh (the Vision) sets out the key investment priorities and opportunities to drive sustainable, long-term economic growth in regional NSW. The Department of Regional NSW (DRNSW) is the central agency for regional issues in NSW and is responsible for delivering the Vision. This includes creating the conditions to support private sector investment in key industries, locations, infrastructure and technologies that will ensure regional NSW continues to be a great place to live, work, visit and do business.

The \$110 million Regional Investment Activation Fund (RIAF) aims to activate the economic potential of key industries and locations in alignment with the Vision and other NSW Government strategies and priorities. It will deliver sustainable employment opportunities, activate new industries, promote cluster development, and drive increased productivity, innovation and competitiveness of businesses in regional NSW.

The NSW Government has designed the RIAF to unlock private sector investment through two targeted funding streams:

- **Stream One** – an open, competitive grants program with a two-stage application and assessment process (Expression of Interest followed by Detailed Application). Eligible applications will be assessed on their comparative merits against the nominated eligibility and assessment criteria.
- **Stream Two** – an open, non-competitive grants program where applicants can contact the Department to apply for funding. Applications will be assessed individually, without reference to the comparative merits of other applications. Stream Two aims to provide increased flexibility to secure investments that are time-sensitive and strategically significant for a priority industry or location.

This Expression of Interest relates to **Stream Two only**.

In Stream Two, DRNSW is seeking to identify projects that, if assessed as suitable, may be recommended to the NSW Government for funding support under RIAF.

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DRNSW is responsible for administering RIAF on behalf of the NSW Government.

Submitting your application

- Your Expression of Interest (EOI) is not officially submitted for consideration until you **'Review and Submit'** at the end of this form and receive a confirmation email. Once submitted, your EOI cannot be varied.
- **Allow enough time to complete your application**, considering the time to upload files.
- Successful applicants will be invited to submit a Detailed Application within seven business days of the EOI submission.
- Save your application regularly to avoid losing any information. This can be done at the bottom of each page.
- For queries about the guidelines, deadlines, or completing this EOI form, please contact us on 1300 679 673 from 8:30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday or email regionalsw.business@regional.nsw.gov.au and quote your RIAF2 ID (this is the *Submission Number* sent to you by email when you started the EOI - RIAF2-xxx).

Applicant Details

* indicates a required field

Eligible applicants

To be eligible for funding, applicants must:

- have an Australian Business Number (ABN)
- be one of the following:
 - a company incorporated in Australia
 - a company limited by guarantee
 - an incorporated trustee on behalf of a trust
 - an incorporated association or co-operative
 - an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Corporation registered under the [Corporations \(Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander\) Act 2006](#).
- be registered for GST
- be financially viable and able to demonstrate that they are likely to remain so over the duration of the project
- have at least \$20 million public liability insurance or be able to secure before entering into a funding deed if successful.

Applicants can be based internationally, interstate or in either metropolitan or regional NSW so long as they satisfy the eligibility requirements. International businesses will need an ABN, be registered for GST, have at least \$20 million in public liability insurance and be an eligible entity (as listed above), to enter into a funding deed if they are successful.

Project contact details

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1. Applicant Contact Name *

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

2. Applicant Position held within Organisation *

3. Applicant Contact Primary Email *

Must be an email address.

4. Applicant Contact Primary Phone Number *

Applicant Organisation Details

Applicants are requested to ensure they use the correct organisation name and details when applying as this cannot be changed once the project has been assessed. This includes organisation and ABN details.

If this is a joint application, please use the lead applicant details in the EOI form. Joint applicant details will be collected at question 27.

5. Organisation name *

Organisation Name

If this is a joint application, this should be the lead applicant's details.

6. Organisation street *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

6a. If you cannot find your organisation address, please manually enter here

7. Organisation postal address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

7a. If you cannot find your postal address, please manually enter here

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8. Organisation phone *

9. Organisation email *

Must be an email address.

About your organisation

The following questions are you used to determine your organisations eligibility for the Regional Investment Activation Fund - Stream Two.

10. Does your organisation have an ABN? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No, I am an international business without an ABN

An ABN is required for all successful applicants prior to entering into a funding deed.

ABN Eligibility

To be eligible to receive funding applicants must have an Australian Business Number (ABN) and be registered for GST. Please ensure the ABN details entered at question 11 relate to the lead applicant.

11. Please enter your organisation ABN *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity name	
ABN status	
Entity type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main business location	

Must be an ABN.

12. Is your organisation registered for GST? *

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Applicants must be registered for GST.

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13. What kind of entity is your organisation? *

- ☐ a company incorporated in Australia
 - ☐ a company limited by guarantee
 - ☐ an incorporated trustee on behalf of a trust
 - ☐ an incorporated association or co-operative
 - ☐ an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Corporation registered under the Corporations (Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006
- International businesses chose the 'other' option.

14. Please attach a copy of your corporate legal structure *

Attach a file:

i.e. entities within the group. Please name all documents e.g. RIAF2 - xxx - corporate legal structure

15. If your entity type is a trust of some form, please upload a copy of the trust deed *

Attach a file:

Please ensure the trust deed is the most recent signed version. Please name all documents e.g. RIAF2 - xxx - Trust Deed

16. Please enter the country where your business is registered *

17. What industry sector does your organisation participate in? *

18. Please enter your ANZSIC code *

19. Please describe the primary activities of your organisation. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

20. Is your project in a different industry than your organisation? *

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

21. If the project is in a different industry than your organisation, please describe the project's industry. *

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22. Do you currently hold at least \$20 million public liability insurance? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Applicants are required to hold at least \$20 million public liability insurance in order to enter a funding deed with the NSW Government. Evidence of valid and current insurance will be required at the detailed application stage.

23. If you do not currently hold at least \$20 million public liability insurance, please explain why. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

It is a condition of funding that all applicants have at least \$20 million public liability insurance or be able to secure before entering into a Funding Deed if successful.

Financial Capacity

24. Please upload financial statements (trading, profit & loss statements and balance sheets) for three continuous years starting from the latest available year or other evidence of financial viability if statements are not available *

Attach a file:

If financial statements are not available, other evidence of financial viability may include a signed letter from an external accountant and/ or the financial position of principal investors/ major shareholders. Please name all documents e.g. RIAF2 - xxx - Financial Statements

25. Is your organisation financially viable and likely to remain so over the duration of the project? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

26. Is this a joint application? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

A joint application is two or more organisations who are working together to combine their capabilities when developing and delivering a project.

Joint Applications

27. Number of entities that form the joint application *

Must be a whole number (no decimal place).

This should not include the lead applicant i.e. if there is one joint applicant working with the lead applicant this response should be 1

Joint Applicant 1

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28. Organisation name *

28.1. Entity type *

- ☐ A company incorporated in Australia
- ☐ A company limited by guarantee
- ☐ An incorporated trustee on behalf of a trust
- ☐ An incorporated association or co-operative
- ☐ An Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Corporation registered under the Corporations (Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006.

28.2. ABN

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity name	
ABN status	
Entity type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main business location	

Must be an ABN.

28.3. Organisation address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

28.4. Organisation phone number *

28.5. Organisation email *

Must be an email address.

28.6. Is the joint applicant organisation solvent? *

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

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28.7. Describe the primary activities of the organisation *

Word count:

Must be no more than 50 words.

28.8. Organisation's role in the project *

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Joint Applicant 2

29. Organisation name *

29.1. Entity type *

- ☐ a company incorporated in Australia
- ☐ a company limited by guarantee
- ☐ an incorporated trustee on behalf of a trust
- ☐ an incorporated association or co-operative
- ☐ an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Corporation registered under the Corporations (Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006

29.2. ABN

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity name	
ABN status	
Entity type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main business location	

Must be an ABN.

29.3. Organisation address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

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29.4. Organisation phone number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

29.5. Organisation email *

Must be an email address.

29.6. Is the joint applicant organisation solvent? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

29.7. Describe the primary activities of the organisation *

Word count:

Must be no more than 50 words.

29.8. Organisation's role in the project *

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Joint Applicant 3

30. Organisation name *

30.1. Entity type *

- ☐ a company incorporated in Australia
☐ a company limited by guarantee
☐ an incorporated trustee on behalf of a trust
☐ an incorporated association or co-operative
☐ an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Corporation registered under the Corporations (Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006

30.2. ABN

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity name	
ABN status	
Entity type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information

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ACNC Registration
Tax Concessions
Main business location

Must be an ABN.

30.3. Organisation address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

30.4. Organisation phone number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

30.5. Organisation email *

Must be an email address.

30.6. Is the joint applicant organisation solvent? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

30.7. Describe the primary activities of the organisation *

Word count:

Must be no more than 50 words.

30.8. Organisation's role in the project *

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Joint Applicant 4

31. Organisation name *

31.1. Entity type *

- ☐ a company incorporated in Australia
☐ a company limited by guarantee
☐ an incorporated trustee on behalf of a trust
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☐ an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Corporation registered under the Corporations (Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006

31.2. ABN

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The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

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ABN	
Entity name	
ABN status	
Entity type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main business location	

Must be an ABN.

31.3. Organisation address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

31.4. Organisation phone number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

31.5. Organisation email *

Must be an email address.

31.6. Is the joint applicant organisation solvent? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

31.7. Describe the primary activities of the organisation *

Word count:

Must be no more than 50 words.

31.8. Organisation's role in the project *

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

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32. If 5 or more joint applicants, please upload details of the additional members using the same formatting as above. *

Attach a file:

Project Details

* indicates a required field

Eligible Projects

To be eligible for funding, projects must:

- Be located in one of the 93 regional NSW local government areas, the Unincorporated Far West or Lord Howe Island. Projects based in Greater Sydney (including the Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury and Wollondilly), Newcastle or Wollongong Local Government Areas are not eligible
- Demonstrate the project would not occur in regional NSW at all, or in the same timeframe without government investment support
- Be delivered by 30 May 2025. It is recommended applicants have a COVID plan in place to mitigate any potential delays due to COVID-19
- Support sustainable employment opportunities and drive increased productivity, innovation and competitiveness of businesses in regional NSW priority industries and/or in a location of strategic importance
- Deliver significant economic, social and/or environmental benefits for a priority industry or location
- Provide proof of \$20M of public liability insurance at time of contracting
- Secure approvals to meet project timeframes
- Confirm secured cash co-contribution
- Not be suitable for financial support under other Australian and/or NSW Government funding programs, or requires a NSW Government funding co-contribution to support an application to another government or industry program.

33. Project Title *

34. Please provide a short description of the project scope *

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

35. Please provide a detailed description of your project scope, including the aim, objectives and deliverables/outputs *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

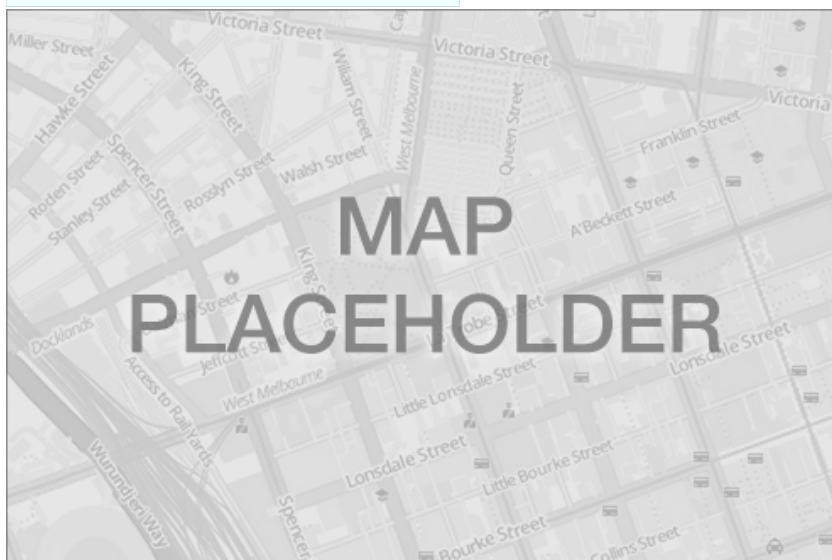
36. Has a project location been confirmed? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Projects must be based in regional NSW. Projects based in Greater Sydney, Newcastle or Wollongong Local Government Areas are not eligible.

37. Please enter the main proposed project location *

Address



Address Line 1 and Suburb/Town are required. State must be NSW.

38. If you cannot find the exact location above, please enter the details here:

39. If your project involves multiple locations, please enter all additional locations:

If your project involves multiple locations, please list using the format: location, name, street address, town/suburb, NSW, postcode.

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40. Principal Local Government Area your project is located in

This is automatically populated based on address provided.

41. Please select the Functional Economic Region (FER) your project is located in:

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If you are unsure of the FER your project sits within, visit the Functional Economic Regions of Regional NSW map - <https://www.nsw.gov.au/regional-nsw-today>

42. If a project location has not been confirmed, please provide details on potential locations/ regions and any other relevant information *

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Project Costing / Funding Request

* indicates a required field

In this section we require information to assess whether the project budget is feasible and represents value for money for the NSW Government.

The minimum grant amount per application is \$1 million. The maximum grant amount per application is \$10 million. All grants are GST exclusive.

All applicants must provide a co-contribution. Co-contributions must be cash and at least 50 per cent of the total project cost. Applicants are required to provide supporting evidence for being unable to meet the threshold requirement.

43. What is the total project cost? *

Must be a dollar amount.

What is the total budgeted cost of your project?

44. RIAF2 Funding Request *

Must be a dollar amount. Grant requests must be between \$1 million and \$10 million

45. Project co-contribution *

Must be a dollar amount.

Co-contributions must be cash and at least 50 per cent of the total project cost.

46. % co-contribution

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This number/amount is calculated.

Project Budget

Grants may be used for capital and other expenses directly related to the delivery of eligible projects. Refer to program guidelines to ensure all listed costs are eligible.

47. Please provide a brief overview of all costs to be funded from the grant. Detailed cost breakdowns and quotes for the total project will be required at the detailed application stage, should your EOI be successful. The total of the cost entries should equal the funding request amount at question 44.

Budget item	Cost (\$) GST exclusive
	\$
	\$
	\$
Outline exactly what the grant funds will be used for i.e. 50% of cost to purchase land	Must be a dollar amount.

Co-contribution

Co-contributions must be cash and at least 50 per cent of the total project cost, unless there are extenuating circumstance. Applicants invited to submit a Detailed Application will be required to provide evidence that the co-contribution is secured and confirmed, noting that applicants are expected to have access to their nominated co-contribution available through the delivery of the project.

48. Is your co-contribution less than 50 per cent of the total project cost? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please refer to question 46 for the co-contribution %

49. If the cash co-contribution is less than 50 per cent of the project request, please outline the extenuating circumstances that should be considered, your proposed co-contribution and key reasons you are unable to meet the threshold requirement *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

50. Please confirm the project cash co-contributions, including from your organisation and any other non-NSW Government sources.

Co-contribution source	Co-contribution amount
	The total of these entries should equal the amount entered at question XX Must be a dollar amount.
	\$

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	\$
	\$

Uniqueness

* indicates a required field

In this section we require information to assess unique attributes of the project that make it time-sensitive and demonstrate that it is strategically significant for a priority industry or location.

51. Outline the reasons why the project is time-sensitive and can only proceed if program funds are provided outside standard funding cycles, for example:

- Projects where regional NSW is in competition, or has the potential to be in competition, with interstate or international locations
- Projects where a NSW Government funding co-contribution is required to support an application to another government or industry program
- Projects in a strategically important industry or location where a NSW Government funding co-contribution is required to prevent facility closure.

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Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

52. Outline how your project is strategically significant: *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Please be as specific as possible. For example, how will the project deliver wider economic benefits to a priority industry or location that cannot be achieved by other comparable businesses in NSW.

53. Please explain why your project is not suitable for any other NSW Government funding opportunities, that are open or expected to open *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

54. What are the barriers to undertaking the project and why is government assistance critical to the project proceeding? *

Word count:

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Must be no more than 200 words.

Please be as specific as possible. For example, provide details on how the extent to which government assistance will allow the project to proceed in regional NSW when it would otherwise not, and/or allow it to proceed at the required scale.

55. If NSW Government assistance is not provided, what will happen to the project and its intended outcomes? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Please be specific as possible in your response. For example, would the location of the project change, how would the project scope change if funding was not received, or could the project proceed in its current form but be delayed.

56. Upload any additional supporting documents and/or evidence relevant to the uniqueness of the project:

Attach a file:

For example, evidence of other State Government or Territories seeking to attract the project to their jurisdiction. Please name all documents e.g. RIAF2 - XXX - Supporting documents

Project Delivery and Feasibility

* indicates a required field

In this section we require information to assess the capability of the applicant organisation to deliver the project and whether the project is deliverable within the specified program timeframes.

57. Expected Project Start Date *

Must be a date.

58. Expected Project End Date *

Must be a date and no later than 30/5/2025.

59. Does your project require development approval, landowner consent or any other regulatory approvals to proceed? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

60. Please outline the approvals required and the timeline to acquire these *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

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Development and landowner consent (if applicable) will be required before the funding deed can be executed and payment released if the detailed application is successful.

61. If your project has already received development, landowner or any other required approvals, please upload

Attach a file:

Please name all documents e.g. RIAF2 - XXX - Approvals

Project Delivery Capability

62. Provide details of the experience and capability of the key project personnel (including external project management service provider) delivering the proposed project, such as their previous experience in delivering projects similar in size and scope *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Please name the key personnel, their role in relation to the project and relevant experience.

63. Provide details of the governance arrangements in place to manage the project, including the roles and responsibilities of project partners *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Please name the key personnel, and their role and responsibilities in relation to the project.

64. Please attach any additional evidence that demonstrates the capability and capacity of your organisation and any joint applicants organisations to deliver the project

Attach a file:

Please name all documents e.g. RIAF2 - XXX - key project personnel

Project Risks

Applicants are required to identify risks, potential consequences and mitigation measures that will be put into place to manage risks.

65. Please complete the risk table with all identified risks and proposed mitigation measures for the project.

Risk description	Mitigation measures/strategies

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Strategic Alignment

* indicates a required field

In this section we are seeking to understand how strongly your project aligns to the fund objectives and the relevant NSW Government strategies, frameworks and plans.

66. Which of the Regional Investment Activation Fund objectives does your project align to? *

- ☐ support the growth of existing industries and the establishment of new/emerging industries where regional NSW has a strong actual or potential competitive advantage
- ☐ activate the economic potential of Special Activation Precincts, Regional Job Precincts, Renewable Energy Zones, hydrogen hubs and other priority locations through increased private sector investment
- ☐ create new high quality employment opportunities
- ☐ support the shift towards higher-value-added activities and participation in global value chains and supply chains
- ☐ promote collaboration between businesses, education and research institutions and other parties through sharing of knowledge, resources and infrastructure

At least 1 choice must be selected.

67. Please demonstrate how your project aligns to the objectives selected for the Regional Investment Activation Fund *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

68. Please demonstrate how your project aligns with the relevant NSW Government strategies, frameworks and plans including, but not limited to:

- Regional NSW-specific policies or strategies such as the 20-Year Economic Vision for Regional NSW - Refresh, and relevant Regional Economic Development Strategy
- State-wide policies or strategies such as the NSW 2040 Economic Blueprint, NSW Trade Statement, Global NSW, Turning Ideas into Jobs, Net Zero Plan Stage 1: 2020-2030, NSW Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy 2041
- Industry development policies or strategies such as NSW Industry Development Framework, NSW Government Defence and Industry Strategy, Critical Minerals and High-Tech Metals Strategy, NSW Visitor Economy Strategy, NSW Hydrogen Strategy, NSW Advanced Manufacturing Industry Development Strategy, NSW Investment Plan, 20 Year R&D Roadmap
- DRNSW Aboriginal Outcomes Strategy 2022-2025, and NSW State Government Aboriginal Procurement Policy

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Word count:

Must be no more than 500 words.

Refer to program FAQs for document links

69. Upload any supporting documents that demonstrate alignment to other relevant policies or strategies

Attach a file:

Please name all documents e.g. RIAF2 - XXX - Alignment

Competitive Impacts

The provision of financial assistance to businesses may require consideration of the impact on NSW competitors and NSW supply chains. Competition issues will be reviewed as part of the assessment process to avoid advantaging or disadvantaging businesses legitimately competing in the same market.

70. Who are your key competitors relative to this project and where are they located? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

if competitor address known, please provide

71. Please upload any supporting documents relevant to competitive impacts

Attach a file:

This may include information on market and supply chain impacts

Sustainable Employment

* indicates a required field

In this section we are seeking to understand how the project will contribute to sustainable employment opportunities and drive increased productivity, innovation and competitiveness of businesses in regional NSW priority industries and/or in a location of strategic importance.

72. Will the project retain existing jobs in regional NSW? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

73. How many existing jobs will the project retain in regional NSW? *

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Must be a number.

74. Please explain how the project will retain existing jobs in regional NSW *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

75. Will the project employ and/or work in partnership with identified priority groups including Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander individuals and communities, young people and people with disability? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

76. Please explain how the project will employ and/or work in partnership with identified priority groups including Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander individuals and communities, young people and people with disability *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

77. Will the project provide high-quality upskilling opportunities for existing regional NSW based workforce? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

78. Please explain how the project will provide high-quality upskilling opportunities for existing regional NSW based workforce *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

High-quality includes; pay and benefits, job design, level of skill or training, and future work prospects.

79. Will the project create high-quality employment opportunities? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

80. How many high-quality jobs will the project create? *

Must be a number.

Number of jobs being created as a result of your project

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80. Please explain how the project will create high-quality employment opportunities *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

High-quality includes; pay and benefits, job design, level of skill or training, and future work prospects

Additional Supporting Documents

81. Upload any additional supporting documents and/or evidence relevant to your application

Attach a file:

Please name all documents e.g. RIAF2 - XXX - Supporting documents

Declaration and Authorisation

* indicates a required field

You represent and warrant that this Expression of Interest (EOI) has been approved by an authorised representative of the Applicant (for example, CEO, Chief Financial Officer, General Manager, Director, Chair of the Board, President, authorised manager etc.).

Where this EOI is submitted in the course of employment by a representative of any kind (for example authorised representative or agent) of the Applicant, you: (i) acknowledge and agree that the Applicant is deemed to be jointly and separately bound by this application; and (ii) represent and warrant that you have the authority to represent and bind the Applicant as contemplated by this provision.

82. I declare this EOI meets the following eligibility criteria: *

- ☐ I have read and understood each of the acknowledgements, agreements, representations and warranties provided above, and that each of these are true and correct;
- ☐ All information provided including the responses to each question in the relevant sections of this EOI is true and correct to the best of my knowledge;
- ☐ Any information contained in this EOI may be disclosed to other Government agencies, staff administering the program, and to external stakeholders (including consultants, lawyers and other advisers) as part of the assessment of this application;
- ☐ I am authorised to submit this EOI on behalf of, and have the authority to represent and bind the Applicant;
- ☐ I understand that any false declaration may render this EOI ineligible/invalid.

At least 5 choices must be selected.

83. Authorised person submitting this form *

84. Position held within the organisation *

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85. Organisation Name *

86. Date of declaration *

Must be a date.

Terms and Conditions

By submitting this Expression of Interest form, you agree to the following terms and conditions:

- the NSW Government may choose to publicly announce funding for individual applications, including the amount of funding awarded. It may also use information provided in the application to develop case studies
- you cannot change the details of the project after submitting this application, unless exceptional circumstances apply and the Department agrees in its sole discretion to accept the changes.
- successful applicants will be required to pay back unspent funds, or any funds not spent in accordance with the executed funding deed
- successful applicants will be required to participate in a program evaluation after the project has commenced. The evaluation will require applicants to provide evidence of how projects have resulted in measurable benefits consistent with the fund's objectives, focusing on employment and benefits to regional economies and communities
- all recipients of NSW Government funding should acknowledge this financial support as per the Sponsorship and funding acknowledgement website available at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/branding/sponsorship-and-funding-acknowledgment-guidelines>
- all awarded grants will be GST exclusive. GST will be applied on top of the agreed grant value when payment is made. Grants are assessable income for taxation purposes, unless exempted by taxation. It is recommended applicants seek independent professional advice about taxation obligations or seek assistance from the Australian Taxation Office. The NSW Government does not provide advice on individual taxation circumstances
- the Department of Regional NSW reserves the right to undertake an audit of grant funding within seven years.