

Noosa Biosphere[®] Reserve Foundation Ltd

Expressions of Interest for a Noosa Biosphere Reserve Grant

The Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation is inviting Expressions of Interest for project grants. Please read the **NBR Grants Scheme Guidelines** before completing this form.

*All fields are required

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Name of Applicant Organisation *	Noosa Parks Association Inc
Type of Organisation * <i>Refer to Guideline 2. Eligibility for an NBR Grant</i>	Incorporated Community Association
Title of Your Proposed Project * <i>This can be a working title and can be changed later.</i>	Project 1: Winning UNESCO World Heritage recognition for the Noosa Biosphere Reserve community's 1960 to 2035 journey towards achieving a wise balance between biodiversity conservation and sustainable socio-economic development.
Summary Project Idea * <i>Keep it short, around 200 words. Outline your project idea, noting 'what', 'where', 'who' and 'how it would work'. Describe the main issue(s) the project would aim to address.</i>	Noosa Parks Association's vision is that by 2035 the Noosa Biosphere Reserve community wins World Heritage recognition for achieving a wise balance between biodiversity conservation and sustainable socio-economic development. Noosa Parks Association is passionate about prosecuting six linked strategic projects, starting now and running for the next twenty years, so that the sought World Heritage recognition can be won by 2035. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Achieving a Noosa River and Lakes system, and Laguna Bay, that are together managed to balance increased levels of biodiversity conservation and increased levels of sustainable recreational and commercial fishing; 2. Achieving expanded, linked, and legally protected biodiversity conservation corridors that span the Noosa Biosphere Reserve; 3. Achieving a significant increase in sustainable agriculture and associated rural activities in those rural parts of the Noosa Biosphere Reserve falling outside its legally protected biodiversity conservation estate;

	<p>4. Achieving an increasingly diversified Noosa Biosphere Reserve local economy that is economically, socially and environmentally sustainable;</p> <p>5. Achieving significant increases in sustainable behaviour by residents of, and visitors to, the Noosa Biosphere Reserve;</p> <p>6. Achieving UNESCO World Heritage recognition, by 2035, of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The outstanding natural heritage values of Noosa Biosphere Reserve’s legally protected biodiversity conservation estate; - The outstanding <i>modern</i> cultural heritage values of how, over the past seventy five years (1960 – 2035), the NBR community choose to live sustainably.
<p>Significance for Conservation and Sustainability * <i>Highlight the contributions your project would make to conservation and sustainability in the Noosa Region.</i></p>	<p>Successful delivery of this project will see the Noosa Biosphere Reserve and its community becoming one of the first, if not the first, to be UNESCO World Heritage recognised on both natural heritage criteria and <i>modern</i> cultural heritage criteria.</p> <p>Currently, to NPA’s knowledge, no community in the world can claim this double honour.</p>
<p>Main Project Activities and Timings (month, years) *</p>	<p>1. NPA Big Picture EoI to NBRF</p> <p>Noosa Parks Association is inviting the Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation to work alongside it as an equal partner to pursue the vision and six linked projects outlined above. As a first step, NPA is inviting NBRF to agree to such a partnership in principle by the end of 2015.</p> <p>After NBRF has had the opportunity to consider this invitation, Noosa Parks Association will be issuing a similar invitation to a wide range of Noosa community groups including Noosa Community Biosphere Association, CCIQ Noosa, Tourism Noosa, Noosa and District Landcare, Noosa Residents and Ratepayers Association, and Country Noosa.</p> <p>2. NPA Project Specific EoIs to NBRF</p> <p>In parallel with this ‘big picture’ EoI, Noosa Parks Association is submitting separate project specific EoIs for the first two of the six strategic projects outlined above.</p>
<p>Summary Budget * <i>Estimate your total project costs. Indicate all potential sources of funding including the NBR Grant.</i></p>	<p>Refer to specific project EoIs</p>

What's next?

Please email your completed form to secretariat@noosabiosphere.org.au .
If your project idea is successful we will invite you to elaborate further.
Contact secretariat@noosabiosphere.org.au with any further questions.

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