



Reef Rescue Indigenous Land and Sea Country Partnerships Program

TUMRA Implementation Funding Guidelines

Where does the funding come from?

In December 2008, the Australian Government committed \$10 million over five years towards the Caring for Our Country Reef Rescue Indigenous Land and Sea Country Partnerships Program. The program is delivered by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA). A key objective of the program is to expand the Traditional Use of Marine Resources Agreement (TUMRA) Program across the reef catchment. All funding to support TUMRA implementation at this time comes from this Reef Rescue source.

Who can apply?

Traditional Owner groups with Great Barrier Reef sea country or persons/legal entities acting under the direction and on behalf of Traditional Owner groups can apply. The GBRMPA may only enter into contracts with legal entities. Other arrangements to support TUMRA implementation which are consistent with Australian Government requirements may also be explored.

What can you do with this funding?

Support implementation of a TUMRA which has been accredited by the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments or an ILUA to which the GBRMPA is a party. Support to implement a TUMRA not accredited by the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments may be considered in some circumstances. Traditional Owner groups who wish to implement other Sea Country Management Plans can apply for funding from the GBRMPA via the Sea Country Partnerships Grants Program.

What can the *TUMRA implementation* funding support?

Funding can support Traditional Owner groups in activities to implement a TUMRA including:

- obtaining resources and improving management capacity to implement a TUMRA
- identifying "seed funding" to establish management systems as set out in TUMRA implementation plans
- establishing and supporting a person to manage and progress implementation of a TUMRA
- costs associated with operation of a TUMRA steering committee
- support of other networking and communications within and amongst Traditional Owner groups regarding the TUMRA
- managing and providing reports on all financial expenditure and agreed TUMRA implementation activities and milestones.

How do you apply for funding?

Traditional Owner groups must:

- advise the GBRMPA in writing that they wish to seek funding to implement their TUMRA
- consider the most cost-effective manner for their circumstances to support implementation of their TUMRA
- develop and submit to the GBRMPA a TUMRA implementation project proposal consistent with the above activities and making reference to the following criteria, including a detailed project budget, preferably linked with a TUMRA implementation plan, along with any supporting evidence of proposed costs.

How will an application for TUMRA implementation funding be assessed?

The GBRMPA will assess applications for funding. Criteria that will be considered in assessing whether a TUMRA implementation project proposal is funded and to what extent funding will occur include the:

- Traditional Owner group having an accredited TUMRA (or ILUA to which the GBRMPA is a party)
- capacity of the Traditional Owner group to implement a TUMRA
- amount of funds being sought and consideration of whether the details provided in the application, including a detailed project budget, provide adequate explanation of the TUMRA activities and linkages with the TUMRA implementation plan
- number and nature of the TUMRA activities proposed to be implemented
- geographic range and remoteness of the location of the TUMRA activities proposed to be implemented
- physical and minor equipment sought, already held or accessible by the Traditional Owner groups to support TUMRA implementation
- explicit identification of the in-kind support required from the GBRMPA for the Traditional Owner groups to implement their TUMRA
- history of utilisation and reporting of previous TUMRA implementation funding from the GBRMPA or other sources (if applicable)
- current funding for TUMRA and other sea country management implementation obtained by the Traditional Owner group from other sources.

What amount of funding is available for TUMRA implementation?

The Caring for Our Country Reef Rescue Indigenous Land and Sea Country Partnerships Program has a proportion of funding available to work with Traditional Owner groups with Great Barrier Reef sea country. The amount of TUMRA implementation funding available will vary each year and not all applications for funding to implement TUMRAs may be successful. It is recognised that each Traditional Owner group will operate under different environments and circumstances to implement a TUMRA and as a result of this the amount of funding provided for successful individual TUMRA implementation projects will also vary. Funding to support implementation of accredited TUMRAs is not automatic.

As a general guideline the GBRMPA will consider provision of funding of up to \$50,000 for Traditional Owner groups to implement a TUMRA based on an assessment of their TUMRA implementation project proposal and project budget against the criteria detailed above. This figure should not be considered a standard figure for TUMRA implementation but more a maximum amount for a large and complex TUMRA for which a substantial proposal with a detailed and substantiated project budget will be required.

In exceptional circumstances and depending on funding availability from the Caring for Our Country Reef Rescue Indigenous Land and Sea Country Partnerships Program, the GBRMPA may, at its discretion, assess a TUMRA implementation application and approve funding that exceeds the \$50,000 maximum general funding cap.

Is funding for the implementation of TUMRAs guaranteed to continue?

No, the Australian Government committed \$10 million over five years towards the Caring for Our Country Reef Rescue Indigenous Land and Sea Country Partnerships Program in 2008. Traditional Owner groups who are successful in obtaining TUMRA implementation funding should utilise funding in a manner that does not assume additional funding will be forthcoming in years subsequent to receipt of funding, nor after the completion of the Caring for Our Country Reef Rescue Indigenous Land and Sea Country Partnerships Program. Traditional Owner groups are therefore encouraged to plan and seek funding to support TUMRA implementation from all available sources.

Are there other TUMRA implementation funding conditions?

Funds to support TUMRA implementation are exclusively for this purpose and limitations on the proportion of total funding available for specific purposes may be applied. There is no provision to purchase capital items, including; land, buildings, motor vehicles, bicycles, boats, outboard motors, or other plant and equipment. There is opportunity to lease or hire these items and support other costs associated with such lease or hire for the period of time funding is made available if a strong business case is made.

The purchase or leasing of minor equipment including furniture and fittings, office plant and equipment may be funded if such equipment is deemed essential for TUMRA implementation. Funding may also support communication costs, insurances and utility costs including power, gas and council rates, and personal protection equipment associated with TUMRA implementation. The costs associated with preparation of financial reports associated with TUMRA implementation funding will be supported. Detailed individual costings in the TUMRA implementation project budget and supporting evidence by way of quotations of all proposed costs is strongly encouraged. Salaries and associated costs in establishing and supporting a person to manage and progress implementation of a TUMRA are able to be supported.

Applicants for TUMRA implementation funding should discuss with the GBRMPA the need to lease, hire or purchase particular items or undertake particular activities before seeking quotes and before their inclusion in any TUMRA implementation project proposal is submitted to the GBRMPA.

It is again strongly encouraged that Traditional Owner groups plan ahead and seek funding from sources other than the Caring for Our Country Reef Rescue Indigenous Land and Sea Country Partnerships Program. Should Traditional Owner groups require special consideration of some matters in regards to the implementation of a TUMRA which are not mentioned in these Guidelines, they are encouraged to contact the GBRMPA directly to discuss such matters.

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