

TraNsfoRM! Innovation Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can I start a second application before submitting my first?

ANSWER: Yes, go to the [TraNsfoRM! Innovation application portal](#) and click start a submission. Each application has a unique application number and you can work on two applications simultaneously.

2. I don't have an organisation or company to partner with, can I still submit?

ANSWER: Projects are strongly recommended to be delivered either through a partnership, or with an element of meaningful collaboration. A partnership is generally a project with several parties with joint responsibilities towards project delivery would include a financial contribution and may also include an in kind contribution.

A meaningful collaboration may be in the form of an in kind involvement such as a hands-on contribution by a volunteer group, sharing of resources with a local Landcare organisation or provision of oversight and expertise from an industry body or research organisation. If you are unsure of how to find parties to partner or collaborate with, it is recommended to contact your local council, local community groups, universities, innovation hub etc.

3. I have already submitted my application but I want to amend it, what can I do?

ANSWER: Call SmartyGrants helpline on 03 9320 6888 9-5pm AEST Monday-Friday (Closed Christmas public holidays) and quote your application number.

4. I don't know if my project is suitable for the *TraNsfoRM!* Innovation grant, can I check with DNRME before starting my application?

ANSWER: To maintain probity of the process, DNRME cannot comment or provide specific advice regarding the suitability of your proposed project.

5. Am I eligible to apply for *TraNsfoRM!* Innovation grant?

ANSWER: Anyone is eligible to apply as long as they meet the programs applicant and project criteria which is outlined on pages 5-11 of the [program guidelines](#).

6. My proposed project currently is a not for profit project however, in the long-term it may be further developed to be commercialised, does this make my project ineligible for the *TraNsfoRM!* Innovation grant?

ANSWER: If your project meets the criteria outlined in the [program guidelines](#), then it is eligible but it should be noted that "the intention of *TraNsfoRM!* Innovation is to develop new and more efficient processes, technologies, activities and/or tools to deliver landscape outcomes, that could become publically available at **minimal or no cost to other users**. This program is **aimed at not for profit natural resource outcomes, and parties who are interested in developing business and commercial opportunities are encouraged to refer to other Queensland Government initiatives specifically tailored for that purpose.**"

We do not discourage applicants to apply for the Innovation grant, but do however suggest that they read through the guidelines *carefully* to check whether their proposal is right for this grant round.

As this will be a very competitive process, we foresee that only projects that have a true, authentic motive to improve land or water degradation in a non-for-profit manner, through an innovative product will be successful.

It should also be noted that upon receiving the *TrANsfoRM!* Innovation funding that “the recipient will irrevocably grant a broad licence to the State of Queensland (the State) for the right to use reproduce and adapt the IP for its own non-commercial purposes.” Please see page 13 of the [program guidelines](#), for more information.

7. How much funding can I apply for?

ANSWER: The *TrANsfoRM!* Innovation grant will offer funding between \$250,000 to \$1 Million per project. Applicants may submit a maximum of two applications.

The *TrANsfoRM!* Innovation grant FAQ’s will be updated periodically. If you would like to subscribe to an email notification when the FAQ’s are updated please email nrip@dnrme.qld.gov.au

Please note that the FAQ’s will not be updated during the Christmas closure period.