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## NORTHERN TERRITORY

# Regional Investment Readiness and Impact Fund (RIRIF)

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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Version: 1.0. The FAQ will be updated during the course of the application period as questions arise to provide clarity to all potential applicants.

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**Q: Can we apply if we are based in Darwin?**

A: Greater Darwin/Palmerston applications will only be considered where the work clearly enables outcomes in regional or remote areas.

**Q: Can a business apply on its own?**

A: No. RIRIF is not designed as a stand-alone grant program for private businesses. Businesses may participate as project partners, but the application must be led by an eligible organisation such as a not-for-profit, for-purpose, Aboriginal-controlled organisation, local government body, or similar eligible entity with an ABN, and the project must deliver broader regional or community benefit.

**Q: Do we need our cash co-contribution fully secured before applying?**

A: You must demonstrate commitment and provide evidence. The stronger your cash contribution, the more favourably your application will be viewed.

**Q: Can we include feasibility studies?**

A: No. RIRIF is for "last mile" planning. Projects must be beyond the feasibility stage.

**Q: What if we are unsure which external funder to approach?**

A: Identifying at least one specific, realistic external funding source is mandatory. Research this before applying.

**Q: Can we apply for more than \$75,000?**

A: The typical range is \$25,000–\$75,000. Variation may be considered for remote/high-cost projects with strong justification.

**Q: What if our project takes longer than expected?**

A: The Grant Agreement will include reasonable flexibility provisions for genuine delays. All projects must be completed by 30 June 2027.

**Q: Will RDA NT help us write our application?**

A: RDA NT can provide guidance on data sources and answer general questions but cannot assist with application content. Consider engaging independent grant writing support.

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