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Before you apply

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Major Initiative Grants

Before starting your EOI, we strongly encourage you to contact the Tasmanian Community Fund.

We can discuss your initiative, help you consider which funding tier may fit and clarify what information you will need to provide.

You can reach us on [\(03\) 6270 5843](tel:0362705843) or via email at admin@tascomfund.org.

Major Initiative Grants support larger, longer-term work that brings communities and organisations together to respond to significant challenges or opportunities and create lasting benefit in Tasmania.

This Expression of Interest (EOI) is Stage 1 of a two-stage process. Tell us about your idea, the people involved and why it is ready for the funding tier you have chosen.

You do not need a business case, detailed budget, evaluation plan or formal partnership agreement at this stage.

Write in your own words. Short answers and dot points are welcome. Word limits are maximums, not targets. We consider your initiative—not your spelling, writing style or how professionally your EOI is presented.

Please read the [Major Initiative Grant Guidelines — Stage 1 EOI](#) before applying.

2026–27 focus areas

For 2026–27, TCF is particularly interested in Major Initiatives that:

- Bring communities and organisations together to respond to important local challenges or opportunities.
- Build the relationships, coordination and skills needed for communities to take action over the long term.
- Help more people participate, feel included and connected.
- Strengthen the places and spaces that enable people to come together, participate and build community connection.
- Develop, test or grow community-led approaches that can create lasting change.

Your initiative does not need to address every focus area. Explain the relevant community benefit in your answers.

Before you continue

Eligible applicants include incorporated not-for-profit organisations, not-for-profit companies, eligible school associations and Tasmanian councils. Unincorporated groups may apply through an eligible incorporated auspice organisation.

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A school association may apply in its own name where it is a legally constituted entity able to enter into and meet the obligations of a TCF funding agreement. The school association must be the proposed grant recipient and the EOI must be authorised in accordance with the association's governance arrangements.

Applicants must be based in Tasmania or deliver an initiative that primarily benefits Tasmanian communities, and must be meeting their obligations under any existing TCF funding agreements. Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status is not required.

Australian and Tasmanian Government agencies, schools and colleges, individuals, sole traders, political parties, for-profit organisations and businesses are not eligible. This does not exclude an eligible school association applying in its own name.

Applications from school associations must not primarily seek funding for core school operations, curriculum delivery, routine education activities or costs ordinarily met by a school, education authority or government agency.

Council applications must be strongly community-led and involve meaningful community participation and collaboration. Council infrastructure and capital works, routine council services and activities that form part of a council's normal responsibilities are not eligible.

If your group needs an auspice organisation, contact TCF before submitting. You must identify the proposed eligible organisation in your EOI.

Submitting an EOI does not guarantee an invitation to Stage 2. An invitation to Stage 2 does not guarantee funding.

Before continuing, please confirm each of the following: *

- ☐ We have read the Stage 1 EOI Guidelines and understand the eligibility requirements for Major Initiative Grants.
- ☐ We are applying through an eligible organisation, or we have discussed a proposed lead organisation or auspice arrangement with TCF.
- ☐ Our initiative will primarily benefit Tasmanian communities and meets the eligibility and funding requirements set out in the guidelines.
- ☐ We are not seeking TCF funding for costs already incurred or committed, activities already funded through an existing TCF grant, or costs already fully funded from another source.
- ☐ If we currently receive TCF funding, we are meeting our obligations under the relevant funding agreement(s).

You must confirm all statements before continuing. If you are unsure about eligibility, an auspice or lead-organisation arrangement, or whether particular costs can be funded, please contact TCF before submitting your EOI.

Lead organisation and contact

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Lead applicant and contact

What organisation, group or collaboration is preparing this EOI? *

Enter the name of the organisation, community group or collaboration developing the initiative. This may be the same as the proposed lead organisation, or a different group applying through an auspice organisation.

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Proposed lead or auspice organisation *

Organisation Name

Enter the legal name of the eligible organisation that would sign the funding agreement and take legal and financial responsibility for the grant. If your organisation will hold the grant itself, enter its name. If your group needs an auspice organisation, enter that organisation's name. You must identify the proposed organisation before submitting your EOI.

Proposed lead or auspice organisation's incorporation or registration number *

Enter the incorporation, ACN or other registration details of the proposed lead or auspice organisation named above. A school association may enter any registration or identifying details relevant to its legal status. For a council, school association or another eligible organisation without a separate registration number, enter 'Not applicable'.

Proposed lead or auspice organisation's 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.

Enter the ABN of the proposed lead or auspice organisation named above—not the ABN of a different organisation helping prepare this EOI. Leave this blank only if the proposed organisation does not have an ABN. A Statement by a Supplier does not replace the requirement to apply through an eligible legal organisation.

Statement by a Supplier

Attach a file:

A maximum of 1 file may be attached.

If the proposed lead or auspice organisation does not have an ABN, upload a completed ATO Statement by a Supplier where applicable. The form is available at <https://www.ato.gov.au/forms-and-instructions/statement-by-a-supplier-not-quoting-an-abn>. This form addresses the absence of an ABN; it does not establish eligibility for TCF funding or replace an eligible auspice organisation. An unincorporated group must still apply through an eligible auspice organisation. Contact TCF before submitting if you are unsure.

Contact name *

Title First Name Last Name

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Your role in the organisation or initiative *

Phone number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Email *

Must be an email address.

Auspice or lead-organisation arrangement

Is this EOI for a group or collaboration that needs another organisation to take legal and financial responsibility for the grant? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Proposed arrangement

Explain the proposed lead or auspice organisation's relationship with your group or collaboration. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Explain how the organisation named above is connected to the initiative's purpose and intended outcomes, what has been discussed with it and TCF, and what responsibilities it has agreed to take on. Identify any arrangements still to be finalised. The proposed organisation must be identified before you submit; it should have a genuine connection to the initiative rather than acting solely as a legal or administrative sponsor.

Your initiative at a glance

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What is the name of your initiative? *

Must be no more than 250 characters.
Use a short, descriptive title.

Briefly describe your initiative. *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

In a short paragraph, tell us what the initiative will do, who it is for and what you expect it to achieve.

We may refine this description with you if you are invited to Stage 2.

Which council area or region will your initiative primarily benefit? *

Select the main council area. If the initiative will benefit multiple council areas, select the most appropriate region. You can tell us about specific groups and communities elsewhere in the EOI.

Your idea and intended benefits

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The challenge or opportunity

Why does this work need to be done? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Describe the specific issue or need you want to address (200 words recommended)

Your proposed approach

What will you do? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Describe what your project will involve and how it will respond to the need or opportunity you identified. Outline the main activities and steps. If equipment, a vehicle or building work is involved, explain how it will be used as part of the project. Keep your answer proportionate to the size and complexity of your project. Short answers and dot points are welcome.

Intended benefits

Who will benefit and what change are you seeking? *

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Must be no more than 200 words.

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Tell us who will benefit and what you hope will be different for them or the wider community. Explain the benefits you expect to last beyond the funding, such as stronger relationships, skills, coordination or ways of working. The activity itself does not need to continue forever.

2026–27 focus areas

Which 2026–27 focus areas does your initiative most strongly contribute to? *

- ☐ Bring communities and organisations together to respond to important local challenges or opportunities.
- ☐ Build the relationships, coordination and skills needed for communities to take action over the long term.
- ☐ Help more people participate, feel included and connected.
- ☐ Strengthen the places and spaces that enable people to come together, participate and build community connection.
- ☐ Develop, test or grow community-led approaches that can create lasting change.

Select all that apply. Your initiative does not need to address every focus area.

Community and partners

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Community involvement

How have the relevant communities helped shape the initiative, and how will they remain involved? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Tell us how community knowledge, experience or priorities have influenced the initiative and how communities will participate in decisions or delivery.

Working together

Who are the key partners, what will they contribute, and what arrangements are in place? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Focus on the partners needed for the initiative to succeed. Explain their roles, contributions and whether arrangements are proposed, agreed in principle or confirmed.

Funding proposal

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Proposed funding tier

Choose the tier that best reflects your initiative's purpose, maturity and scale—not simply the amount you would like to request.

Tier 1 — Development and Demonstration: \$100,000–\$400,000. Developing, testing, demonstrating or strengthening a promising collaborative approach.

Tier 2 — Expansion and Integration: \$400,001–\$800,000. Expanding, deepening or embedding an approach that has already been tested.

Tier 3 — Transformational Investment: \$800,001–\$1.5 million. Significant regional, statewide or system-level change.

All funding ranges exclude GST. Funding may be provided for up to seven years. TCF may discuss a different tier with you if another tier is a better fit.

Which Major Initiative funding tier applies to this initiative? *

- ☐ Tier 1 — Development and Demonstration
- ☐ Tier 2 — Expansion and Integration
- ☐ Tier 3 — Transformational Investment

Select the tier that best reflects the initiative's current stage of development, evidence, partnerships and proposed scale. TCF may discuss a different tier with you before Stage 2.

Funding and timeframe

About how much TCF funding are you seeking, excluding GST? *

Enter your best estimate of the total TCF funding sought, excluding GST, for the whole proposed funding period, not an annual amount. You do not need a detailed budget at EOI stage. We may discuss the amount and scope with you before Stage 2.

What would the TCF funding mainly pay for? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Briefly list the main costs, such as project staff, coordination or backbone functions, community engagement, partnership activity, specialist support, evaluation or reasonable administration costs. Broad estimates are welcome, but you do not need a detailed budget.

About how many months would you need TCF funding for? *

For example, 24 months is two years. Funding may be provided for up to seven years (84 months). Give your best estimate for the proposed funded phase, not the full history of an ongoing initiative.

Other contributions

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Tell us about any confirmed or proposed cash or in-kind contributions from your organisation, communities or other partners. Contributions do not need to be fully secured at EOI stage unless they are necessary for the initiative to proceed.

TCF considers the overall funding model, community context and what is reasonable for the initiative. An initiative will not be considered stronger simply because it has a larger cash contribution.

Provide all contribution amounts and estimated values excluding GST.

Are any cash or in-kind contributions, other than the TCF funding requested, confirmed or proposed for this initiative? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Contribution details

Contributor	Contribution	Type	Value (\$)	Status
Name the organisation, group or other source providing this contribution.	Briefly describe what will be provided, such as cash funding, volunteer time, use of a venue or donated materials.	Cash is money contributed to the initiative. In-kind is non-cash support, such as volunteer time, donated materials or free use of facilities.	Enter the cash amount or estimated dollar value of the in-kind contribution. Your best estimate is sufficient at EOI stage. Must be a dollar amount.	Select Confirmed if the contributor has agreed to provide this support. Otherwise, select Proposed.

Readiness for the proposed tier

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Earlier TCF initiative funding

Has this initiative or an earlier phase received previous TCF funding? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

This is about this initiative, not every grant your organisation has received. If you are unsure whether earlier TCF funding counts, select Not sure. Include Strategic Initiative or Major Initiative funding.

Building on earlier funding

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In your readiness answer below, briefly identify the earlier TCF-funded work. Explain what it achieved, what you learned, how the initiative has developed and what evidence supports the next stage.

Tell us why further TCF funding is needed and how this phase differs from work already funded.

If you selected Not sure, name the earlier grant or project if you can.

What is already in place

We consider readiness in the context of the tier you have selected.

Tier 1 can support a promising approach that still needs testing. Tier 2 needs evidence from earlier delivery or testing and readiness to expand. Tier 3 needs strong evidence, established governance and the ability to manage a significant investment.

Why is your initiative ready for the funding tier you have selected? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Tell us what has already been developed, tested or learned, and what experience, partnerships or ways of making decisions are in place. Explain what important matters still need to be worked through, such as partner commitments, funding, approvals or delivery risks, and why this tier is the right next step. Include relevant evidence and governance arrangements.

Declaration and submission

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Before you submit

Check that your answers explain the idea and its current stage of development. You do not need to upload a business case, detailed budget, evaluation plan, formal partnership agreement or implementation plan. We may contact you if we need clarification.

Please tell TCF if there is a significant change after submission, such as a change to your partners, scope, funding, approvals or circumstances.

Declaration

Please confirm the following before submitting your EOI.

By submitting this Expression of Interest, I confirm that: *

☐ I am authorised to submit this EOI on behalf of the organisation or group identified in the form.

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- ☐ The information provided is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- ☐ The organisation or group will provide further information if TCF reasonably asks for it.
- ☐ I understand that submitting an EOI does not guarantee an invitation to Stage 2, and an invitation to Stage 2 does not guarantee funding.

You must select all four statements before submitting.

Privacy and information use

We will use the information in this EOI to check eligibility, assess the proposal and contact you about next steps.

We may share relevant information with TCF staff, Board members, assessment panel members and specialist advisers where needed to assess the EOI, meet legal requirements or support auditing and accountability. We will manage personal information in line with relevant privacy laws.