

Green Urban Infrastructure Initiative: Frequently Asked Questions

Words capitalised in this document are defined terms in the glossary of the Green Urban Infrastructure Initiative Applicant Guidelines.

What is Green Urban Infrastructure?

Green Urban Infrastructure refers to a network of multifunctional green spaces and natural elements integrated within urban environments. This can include:

- street trees and streetscape vegetation
- pedestrian paths and cycleways and other active transport promoting infrastructure which includes green infrastructure as part of its design
- bioswales, rain gardens and other Water Sensitive Urban Design measures
- shade and urban cooling features that mitigate localised Urban Heat Island Effects (for example tree canopy and green ground cover)
- waterways and waterbodies
- bushland, parks and open spaces servicing the urban area.

The Guidance Note: Green Urban Infrastructure is available on the Initiative's webpage to provide further information on Green Urban Infrastructure and where to go for guidance on best practice.

What kinds of costs are eligible for payment through the Initiative?

Eligible Project Costs includes both Capital Costs and Other Eligible Project Costs directly associated with the Project's delivery, for example:

- Capital Costs (construction and planting, and other works defined in the Applicant Guidelines)
- concept design and detailed planning (i.e. production of final 'For construction' designs)
- costs of conducting a tender for the approved works
- Project contingency and escalation costs
- Project Evaluation
- Project transition for inclusion in the Asset Base

A breakdown of Eligible Project Costs can be found in Appendix 2 of the Applicant Guidelines.

When can Eligible Project Costs be incurred?

Eligible Project Costs can be incurred from the Project Start Date which can commence no earlier than the date Applicant Guidelines are released. Any costs incurred prior to an executed Project Funding Agreement are at the Applicant's own risk.

Do I need to provide a funding contribution to be considered for funding?

Yes, there is a minimum co-contribution requirement. Applicants must at a minimum match the funding sought from the Initiative. At least 50% of the Applicant's minimum co-contribution must be used towards Capital Costs, the balance must be used towards Other Eligible Project Costs.

Are in-kind contributions counted towards the minimum co-contribution?

No, in-kind contributions do not count towards the Applicant's minimum co-contribution. The minimum co-contribution must be a direct financial contribution to the costs of the Project.

Can contingency costs be included in the Project budget?

Yes, applicants should include a contingency allowance to cover unforeseen expenditures and are expected to set the level of contingency appropriate to the stage of the Project. Refer to the Applicant Guidelines for details and limits.

Are there restrictions on receiving additional funding from other government sources for the same Project?

Applications may include third-party funding including additional funding from other Australian and Queensland Government sources however this funding cannot be used to replace the Applicant's minimum co-contribution. Applicants will need to consider how costs can be reported to ensure transparency and accountability of any grant funding either from the Initiative or other Australian and Queensland Government sources.

Where third-party funding is being leveraged this could be included as part of the Applicant's response as to how the Project will provide public Benefit based on the scale, impact and location of the Project.

How will applicants know if they are invited to submit a Detailed Application?

Applicants will be notified in writing if they have been invited to submit a Detailed Application. It is anticipated that this will be in February 2025.

Can I amend my submitted application?

You can amend your submitted application up until the EOI closing date; however you must contact the Initiative's Program Manager at GreenInfrastructure@dasilgp.qld.gov.au for changes as you will not be able to change directly through SmartyGrants. For this reason, it may be preferable to save your EOI application in SmartyGrants until you are confident all the information is provided and correct before submitting.

In addition, if you are submitting two EOIs you may want to wait until both EOIs are completed and saved so you can appropriately prioritise which is your preferred Project before submitting both.

Applicant changes to the EOI after the closing date will not be accepted and the department is under no obligation to allow an Applicant to provide any additional information. However, if an Applicant discovers an error after submitting an EOI they should contact the Program Manager promptly at GreenInfrastructure@dasilgp.qld.gov.au.

What happens if I am invited to Detailed Application but the scope of the Project changes from what it was at the EOI stage

The Green Urban Infrastructure Initiative is a competitive grant, Projects are invited to Detailed Application based on the assessment of the EOI including the Project's proposed scope (the Project description in the EOI). Should a substantial change occur in the Project's scope from EOI to Detailed Application this may require a reassessment of the EOI. Subject to a decision by the department's delegate, the invitation to Detailed Application may be withdrawn if the reassessment results in the Project receiving a lower ranking in the prioritised Project list.