



Australian Government

**Great Barrier Reef
Marine Park Authority**

Commonwealth Grant Agreement

between the Commonwealth represented by
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
and
(insert Grantee)

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Grant Agreement [insert reference number/name]

Once completed, this document, together with each set of Grant Details and the Commonwealth General Grant Conditions (Schedule 1), forms an Agreement between the Commonwealth and the Grantee.

Parties to this Agreement

The parties to the agreement will be GBRMPA and the grantee detailed here

The Grantee

Full legal name of Grantee	[insert details]
Legal entity type (e.g. individual, incorporated association, company, partnership etc)	[insert details] (this can be determined by undertaking a search of the company and business names at www.abr.business.gov.au)
Trading or business name	[insert details]
Any relevant licence, registration or provider number	[insert details]
Australian Company Number (ACN) or other entity identifiers	[insert details]
Australian Business Number (ABN)	[insert details]
Registered for Goods and Services Tax (GST)?	[insert details]
Date from which GST registration was effective?	[insert details]
Registered office (physical/postal)	[insert details]
Relevant business place (if different)	[insert details]
Telephone	[insert details]
Fax	[insert details]
Email	[insert details]

The Commonwealth

The Commonwealth of Australia represented by:

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
2-68 Flinders Street
ABN 12 949 356 885

Background

The Commonwealth has agreed to enter this Agreement under which the Commonwealth will provide the Grantee with one or more Grants for the purpose of assisting the Grantee to undertake the associated Activity.

The Grantee agrees to use each Grant and undertake each Activity in accordance with this Agreement and the relevant Grant Details.

Scope of this Agreement

This Agreement comprises:

- (a) this document;
- (b) the Supplementary Terms (if any);
- (c) the General Grant Conditions (Schedule 1);
- (d) the Grant Details;
- (e) any other document referenced or incorporated in the Grant Details.

[insert date e.g. month/year]

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Each set of Grant Details, including Supplementary Terms (if any), only applies to the particular Grant and Activity covered by that set of Grant Details and a reference to the 'Agreement' in the Grant Details or the Supplementary Terms is a reference to the Agreement in relation to that particular Grant and Activity. If there is any ambiguity or inconsistency between the documents comprising this Agreement in relation to a Grant, the document appearing higher in the list will have precedence to the extent of the ambiguity or inconsistency.

This Agreement represents the Parties' entire agreement in relation to each Grant provided under it and the relevant Activity and supersedes all prior representations, communications, agreements, statements and understandings, whether oral or in writing.

Certain information contained in or provided under this Agreement may be used for public reporting purposes.

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Grant Details [insert reference number/name]

The Reef Guardian Grants promote the objectives of the GBRMPA and therefore supports the ordinary services and functions of government which establishes the authority to pay under the Public Governance and Accountability Act 2013.

A. Purpose of the Grant

To foster a community of stewardship for the Reef. To stimulate and empower communities to take local action, to enhance health and resilience of the Reef. To develop partnerships and networks within Reef communities, extending to management agencies, Traditional Owner Groups and Indigenous Ranger Programs and partner institutions. To influence social and environmental drivers affecting the Reef, its catchment and communities. To enable research that informs future management of the Reef.

The purpose of the Grant is to provide small grants to local community groups or individuals to undertake stewardship or community projects in the Great Barrier Reef region or its catchments.

This Grant is being provided under, and these Grant Details form part of, the Agreement between the Commonwealth and the Grantee [insert date] as a Reef Guardian Community and/or Stewardship Grant.

The Grant is being provided as part of the Reef Guardians / Local Marine Advisory Committees program/s.

B. Activity

The activity or project will be described here.

[insert details]

C. Duration of the Activity

Start and end dates of the project would be here

The Activity starts on [insert date/event] and ends on [insert date/event], the Completion Date.

A description of the activity here

Activity Schedule	
Milestone	Due Date
Start project	[insert date]
Conclude project	[insert date]
Report on project	[insert date]

D. Payment of the Grant

The grant will be paid as a single payment once this agreement is executed.

The total amount of the Grant is [insert amount] (GST [incl/excl]).

The Grantee must ensure that the Grant is held in an account in the Grantee's name and which the Grantee controls, with an authorised deposit-taking institution authorised under the *Banking Act 1959* (Cth) to carry on banking business in Australia.

The Grantee's nominated bank account into which the Grant is to be paid is [insert bank account details].

The following is the payment schedule.

The Grant will be paid in one instalment by the Commonwealth upon completion of the agreed Milestones, and compliance by the Grantee with its obligations under this Agreement.

Milestone	Anticipated date	Amount (excl. GST)	GST	Total (incl. GST)
Commonwealth Grant Agreement executed by both parties.	[insert date]	[\$[insert amount]]	[\$[insert amount]]	[\$[insert amount]]
Total Amount		[\$[insert amount]]	[\$[insert amount]]	[\$[insert amount]]

Invoicing

The Grantee agrees to allow the Commonwealth to issue it with a Recipient Created Tax Invoice (RCTI) for any taxable supplies it makes in relation to the Activity.

[insert RCTI details]

E. Reporting

The reporting for this activity will be the completion of a project report. The template for this project report will be supplied to the grantee at the commencement of the project.

F. Party representatives and address for notices

This section will include the name, position and contact details of the representatives of the Parties. The representatives will be responsible for liaison and the day-to-day management of the Grant, as well as accepting and issuing any written notices in relation to the Grant. The representatives may or may not be the signatories to the Agreement.

Grantee's representative and address

Grantee's representative name	[insert details]
Position	[insert details]
Postal/physical address(es)	[insert details]
Business hours telephone	[insert details]
Mobile	[insert details]
Fax	[insert details]
E-mail	[insert details]

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority representative and address

Name of representative	[insert details]
Position	[insert details]
Postal/physical address(es)	[insert details]
Business hours telephone	[insert details]
Mobile	[insert details]
Fax	[insert details]
E-mail	[insert details]

[insert date e.g. month/year]

The Parties' representatives will be responsible for liaison and the day-to-day management of the Grant, as well as accepting and issuing any written notices in relation to the Grant.

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G. Supplementary Terms

G1. Other Contributions

Not Applicable

[OR]

G1.1 'Other Contributions' means the financial or in-kind contributions other than the Grant set out below:

[insert details]

[The following table provides an example of how you might specify Other Contributions to the Activity.]

Contributor	Nature of Contribution	Amount (incl. GST)	Timing
[insert Grantee or name of third party providing the Other Contribution]	[insert description of contribution, e.g., cash, access to equipment, secondment of personnel etc]	\$(insert amount)	[insert date or Milestone to which the Other Contribution relates]
		\$	

G1.2 The Grantee agrees to provide, or to ensure the provision of, the Other Contributions and to use them to undertake the Activity. If the Other Contributions are not provided in accordance with this clause, then the Commonwealth may:

- (a) suspend payment of the Grant until the Other Contributions are provided; or
- (b) terminate this Agreement in accordance with clause 18 of the General Grant Condition

G2. Activity budget

G2.1 The Grantee agrees to use the Grant [and any Other Contributions] and undertake the Activity consistent with the following budget:

[insert details]

[The following table provides an example of how you might specify the expenditure of the Grant within a budget.]

Expenditure Item	Description	Grant Contributions	Other Contributions - Grantee	Other Contributions - Third Parties	Total Cost
[insert reference]	[insert description of the expenditure item]	[insert amount of Grant contributed to this budget item]	[insert amount of Grantees own funds contributed to this budget item]	[insert amount of other sources of funding contributed to this budget item]	[insert total amount cost of the budget item]

[insert date e.g. month/year]

G3. Record keeping

G3.1 The Grantee agrees to maintain the following records:

- (a) identify the receipt and expenditure of the Grant [and any Other Contributions] separately within the Grantee's accounts and records so that at all times the Grant is identifiable; and
- (b) keep financial accounts and records relating to the Activity so as to enable all receipts and payments related to the Activity to be identified and reported; and
- (c) *[insert other requirements]*

G3.2 The Grantee agrees to maintain the records for five years after the Completion Date and provide copies of the records to the Commonwealth representative upon request.

G3.3 Term G3 survives the termination, cancellation or expiry of the Agreement.

Signatures

Executed as an agreement:

Commonwealth:

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia as represented by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	
Name: (print) Position: (print) Signature and date:	
Witness Name: (print) Signature and date:	

Grantee:

[If Grantee is an Individual]

Full legal name of the Grantee:	[insert name of the Grantee and any ABN]
Signatory Name: (print) Signature and date:	
Witness Name: (print) Signature and date:	

[OR]

[If Grantee is a Company]

Name of Company:	[insert name of company and any ABN, ACN or ARBN]
Director's Name: (print) Signature and date:	
Director/Company Secretary Name: (print) Signature and date:	

[OR]

If Grantee is an Incorporated Association]

Full legal name of the Grantee:	[insert name of incorporated association and any ABN or other registration number]
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[insert date e.g. month/year]

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Public Officer's Name: (print) Signature and date:	
Committee Member/Secretary Name: (print) Signature and date:	

[OR]

[If Grantee is a Partnership - note that each partner should execute, add extra rows as required]

Full legal name of the Grantee:	<i>[insert name of partnership and any ABN]</i>
Partner's Name: (print) Signature and date:	
Witness Name: (print) Signature and date:	

[insert date e.g. month/year]

1. Undertaking the Activity

The Grantee agrees to undertake the Activity in accordance with this Agreement.

2. Acknowledgements

The Grantee agrees to acknowledge the Commonwealth's support in Material published in connection with this Agreement and agrees to use any form of acknowledgment the Commonwealth reasonably specifies.

3. Notices

3.1 The Parties agree to notify the other Party of anything reasonably likely to affect the performance of the Activity or otherwise required under this Agreement.

3.2 A notice under this Agreement must be in writing, signed by the Party giving notice and addressed to the other Party's representative.

4. Relationship between the Parties

A Party is not by virtue of this Agreement the employee, agent or partner of the other Party and is not authorised to bind or represent the other Party.

5. Subcontracting

5.1 The Grantee remains responsible for compliance with this Agreement, including in relation to any tasks undertaken by subcontractors.

5.2 The Grantee agrees to make available to the Commonwealth the details of any of its subcontractors engaged to perform any tasks in relation to this Agreement upon request.

6. Conflict of interest

The Grantee agrees to notify the Commonwealth promptly of any actual, perceived or potential conflicts of interest which could affect its performance of this Agreement and agrees to take action to resolve the conflict.

7. Variation

This Agreement may be varied in writing only, signed by both Parties.

8. Payment of the Grant

8.1 The Commonwealth agrees to pay the Grant to the Grantee in accordance with the Grant Details.

8.2 The Commonwealth may by notice withhold payment of any amount of the Grant where it reasonably believes the Grantee has not complied with this Agreement or is unable to undertake the Activity.

8.3 A notice under clause 8.2 will contain the reasons for any payment being withheld and the steps the Grantee can take to address those reasons.

8.4 The Commonwealth will pay the withheld amount once the Grantee has satisfactorily addressed the reasons contained in a notice under clause 8.2.

9. Spending the Grant

9.1 The Grantee agrees to spend the Grant for the purpose of undertaking the Activity only.

9.2 The Grantee agrees to provide a statement signed by the Grantee verifying the Grant was spent in accordance with the Grant Details.

10. Repayment

10.1 If any of the Grant has been spent other than in accordance with this Agreement or any amount of the Grant is additional to the requirements of the Activity, the Grantee agrees to repay that amount to the Commonwealth unless agreed otherwise.

10.2 The amount to be repaid under clause 10.1 may be deducted by the Commonwealth from subsequent payments of the Grant.

11. Record keeping

The Grantee agrees to maintain records of the expenditure of the Grant.

12. Intellectual Property

12.1 The Grantee owns the Intellectual Property Rights in Material created undertaking the Activity.

12.2 The Grantee gives the Commonwealth a non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free licence to use, reproduce, publish and adapt Reporting Material for Commonwealth Purposes.

12.3 The licence in clause 12.2 does not apply to Activity Material.

12.4 This Agreement does not affect the ownership of Intellectual Property Rights in Existing Material.

13. Privacy

When dealing with Personal Information in carrying out the Activity, the Grantee agrees not to do anything which, if done by the Commonwealth, would be a breach of an Australian Privacy Principle.

14. Confidentiality

The Parties agree not to disclose each other's confidential information without prior written consent unless required or authorised by law or Parliament.

15. Insurance

The Grantee agrees to maintain adequate insurance for the duration of this Agreement and provide the Commonwealth with proof when requested.

16. Indemnities

16.1 The Grantee indemnifies the Commonwealth, its officers, employees and contractors against any claim, loss or damage arising in connection with the Activity.

16.2 The Grantee's obligation to indemnify the Commonwealth will reduce proportionally to the extent any act or omission involving fault on the part of the Commonwealth contributed to the claim, loss or damage.

17. Dispute resolution

17.1 The Parties agree not to initiate legal proceedings in relation to a dispute unless they have tried and failed to resolve the dispute by negotiation.

17.2 The Parties agree to continue to perform their respective obligations under this Agreement where a dispute exists.

17.3 The procedure for dispute resolution does not apply to action relating to termination or urgent litigation.

18. Termination for default

The Commonwealth may terminate this Agreement by notice where it reasonably believes the Grantee:

- (a) has breached this Agreement; or
- (b) has provided false or misleading statements in their application for the Grant; or
- (c) has become bankrupt or insolvent, entered into a scheme of arrangement with creditors, or come under any form of external administration.

19. Cancellation for convenience

19.1 The Commonwealth may cancel this Agreement by notice, due to:

- (a) a change in government policy; or
- (b) a Change in the Control of the Grantee, which the Commonwealth believes will negatively affect the Grantee's ability to comply with this Agreement.

19.2 The Grantee agrees on receipt of a notice of cancellation under clause 19.1 to:

- (a) stop the performance of the Grantee's obligations as specified in the notice; and
- (b) take all available steps to minimise loss resulting from that cancellation.

19.3 In the event of cancellation under clause 19.1, the Commonwealth will be liable only to:

- (a) pay any part of the Grant due and owing to the Grantee under this Agreement at the date of the notice; and
- (b) reimburse any reasonable expenses the Grantee unavoidably incurs that relate directly to the cancellation and are not covered by 19.3(a).

19.4 The Commonwealth's liability to pay any amount under this clause is subject to:

- (a) the Grantee's compliance with this Agreement; and
- (b) the total amount of the Grant.

19.5 The Grantee will not be entitled to compensation for loss of prospective profits or benefits that would have been conferred on the Grantee.

20. Survival

Clauses 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 20 and 21 survive termination, cancellation or expiry of this Agreement.

21. Definitions

In this Agreement, unless the contrary appears:

- **Activity** means the activities described in the Grant Details.
- **Activity Material** means any Material, other than Reporting Material, created or developed by the Grantee as a result of the Activity.
- **Agreement** means the Grant Details, Supplementary Terms (if any), the Commonwealth General Grant Conditions and any other document referenced or incorporated in the Grant Details.
- **Australian Privacy Principle** has the same meaning as in the *Privacy Act 1988*.
- **Change in the Control** means any change in any person(s) who directly exercise effective control over the Grantee.
- **Commonwealth** means the Commonwealth of Australia as represented by the Commonwealth entity specified in the Agreement and includes, where relevant, its officers, employees, contractors and agents.
- **Commonwealth General Grant Conditions** means this document.
- **Commonwealth Purposes** does not include commercialisation or the provision of the Material to a third party for its commercial use.
- **Completion Date** means the date or event specified in the Grant Details.
- **Existing Material** means Material developed independently of this Agreement that is incorporated in or supplied as part of Reporting Material.
- **Grant** means the money, or any part of it, payable by the Commonwealth to the Grantee as specified in the Grant Details.
- **Grantee** means the legal entity specified in the Agreement and includes, where relevant, its officers, employees, contractors and agents.
- **Grant Details** means the document titled Grant Details that forms part of this Agreement.
- **Intellectual Property Rights** means all copyright, patents, registered and unregistered trademarks (including service marks), registered designs, and other rights resulting from intellectual activity (other than moral rights under the *Copyright Act 1968*).
- **Material** includes documents, equipment, software (including source code and object code versions), goods, information and data stored by any means including all copies and extracts of them.
- **Party** means the Grantee or the Commonwealth.
- **Personal Information** has the same meaning as in the *Privacy Act 1988*.
- **Reporting Material** means all Material which the Grantee is required to provide to the Commonwealth for reporting purposes as specified in the Grant Details.