## About the QCoast2100 program

The QCoast2100 program is a $16.234M grant program funded by the Queensland Government and administered by the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ). To date, the program has successfully funded and supported coastal councils across Queensland in the development of a Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy (CHAS). A CHAS enables councils to understand the risk from coastal hazards in the short, medium and long term.

A CHAS is the product of a series of studies that seek to:

* identify coastal hazard areas
* understand levels of risk to a range of assets (including tangible and intangible assets)
* engage with the community to establish local coastal community values and better understand their preferred approach to adaptation
* determine the costs, priorities, and timeframes for implementation of agreed solutions

Through the completion of a CHAS, recommendations have identified adaptation works and actions that councils need to fund and progress. However, many councils are not resourced to undertake this new work.

**QCoast2100 2.0 – Funding Program 4: Implementation of a Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy (the program)** is intended to provide funding through a grant program to support implementation actions recommended in a CHAS and has been designed to optimise the benefits to councils.

## Program objective

The objective of the program is to assist councils to commence implementation of adaptation actions identified in a CHAS developed under the QCoast2100 program, with a focus on projects that:

* demonstrate innovative and cost-effective solutions
* emphasise nature-based solutions that preserve the natural character of the coast
* benefit other councils across the State through joint projects, shared learnings or actions that can inform or provide leading practice examples for other councils
* provide leverage for QCoast2100 funding through partnerships, joint projects, and high co-contributions.

## Who can apply?

To be eligible to apply, councils must:

* have developed a CHAS through the QCoast2100 program, which has been endorsed or adopted by the council; and
* provide a funding co-contribution

Any applications that don’t meet these criteria must be discussed with the Program Manger and approval will be at the discretion of the QCoast2100 Board.

## What funding is available?

The program has a budget nominally set at $2M. Individual project budgets will be assessed based on specific project requirements. However, a funding cap on the QCoast2100 funding contribution is anticipated to be $200,000 per council to ensure an equitable opportunity for councils’ participation.

The proposed project fee must:

* Be appropriate for the proposed project
* Consider council’s co-contribution input:
  + The co-contribution formula has been determined based on the membership subscription (relative value) provided by local governments to the LGAQ and takes into account resourcing capability and capacity of each council.
  + The co-contribution value (in monetary terms only) for each council can be obtained from the QCoast2100 Project Officer ([qcoast2100@lgaq.asn.au](mailto:qcoast2100@lgaq.asn.au))
  + The co-contribution value does not take into account other grants and subsidies received by council for the project.
  + In-kind contribution by council (above the Board approved co-contribution) is encouraged.
* Provide fee estimate based on breakdown of project tasks / milestones

If the proposed project is a collaborative effort between multiple local governments, each council will be required to identify the project worth (in funding) for their respective councils.

The proposed fee structure should also provide the following details (if applicable):

* Any additional funding contribution obtained and/or applied for from other organisations or funding sources.
* Any additional cash or in-kind contribution that will be provided by council.

Councils are encouraged to seek additional funding from third parties to contribute to the project cost.

## What can I spend the grant funding on?

Projects must be:

* related to the actions or recommendations in a CHAS or in the Implementation Plan forming part of a CHAS.
* expected to be able to gain development approval requirement under relevant legislation, if required.
* identified in a CHAS under development, where a critical need is identified for immediate implementation.

Projects may include, but are not limited to:

* works or planning for defence of assets and the community from coastal hazards
* nature based solutions to address emerging coastal hazards or improve resilience, e.g. beach nourishment, mangrove restoration, wave, and current attenuation
* evaluation of new approaches and designs to inform future works
* community engagement work to refine CHAS actions especially where communities are facing short term hazard threats and solution development is complex or contentious
* tenure transition and the asset relocation plans or actions; or
* monitoring or data collection programs which support trigger-based CHAS actions

## What is the project assessment criteria?

The Project Team and the QCoast2100 Board will assess applications against the following assessment criteria. Meeting multiple criteria will be of benefit in project assessment:

1. progresses actions in a CHAS ‘Recommendation’ or ‘Implementation Plan’
2. provides a benefit of asset protection and community safety from coastal hazards
3. demonstrate innovative design or new concepts in adaptation
4. demonstrates efficiency in the application of QCoast2100 grant funding through, for example, high co-funding contribution, increased funding contribution through partnerships or it is demonstrated that early adoption will lead to future cost savings
5. adopts ‘nature based’ solutions that maintain the natural character and processes of the coast as opposed to hard engineering solutions such as seawalls
6. supports the community to progress solutions including through bespoke engagement and planning for communities at near term risk
7. commences a pathway for other sequential adaptation projects; or
8. provides a benefit to other councils in term of shared learnings, demonstration of new or novel approaches and transferrable solutions.

## What is the application process?

## KEY DATES

The closing date for submitting an Expression of Interest is

**25 February 2022**

The program’s completion date is

**31 December 2022**

All project deliverables should aim to be completed and acquitted by this date.

Projects with expected completion past this date may be approved at the discretion of the QCoast2100 Board.

## Further Information

For further information please refer to the QCoast2100 website ([www.qcoast2100.com.au](https://www.qcoast2100.com.au/)) or contact [qcoast2100@lgaq.asn.au](mailto:qcoast2100@lgaq.asn.au)

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| Collaborators / Partners | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Version / Date | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Contact details | Click or tap here to enter text. |

**Note:**

If additional support is required in completing the EOI template, please contact the Program Manager, Mat Cork ([Mat\_Cork@lgaq.asn.au](mailto:Mat_Cork@lgaq.asn.au)) prior to submitting.

Please submit your Expression of Interest to [qcoast2100@lgaq.asn.au](mailto:qcoast2100@lgaq.asn.au) by **25 February 2022**

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| Project Summary |
| *Provide a description of the project including intended outcomes.*  *Is the project considered to be a new or innovative approach to addressing a coastal hazard?*  *Is the project compatible with or does it support the natural character of the coastal environment?*  *Location?* |

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| What specific recommendations or actions identified in a CHAS are intended to be addressed by this project? |
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| Why are these works needed now? Please describe the immediate and future benefits of the works (*social, environmental, economic etc*) |
| *Outline the critical need for or benefits of immediate implementation of this project for your council.*  *Are there identifiable cost savings for early implementation or what is the value of assets protected?* |

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| How does this project meet with some, or all, of the project assessment criteria? |
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| Project Milestones and Timeline |
| *Please list indicative reportable deliverables and timeframes* |

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| Budget |
| *Please include indicative project costs, council co-contribution, other funding sources.*  *Also identify if this project is obtaining funding from any other grant program or collaborative arrangement (e.g., a joint project with a regional natural resource management organisation, funding through a State or Federal government agency.)*  *Collaboration and cost sharing is supported.* |

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| Project status |
| *What is the current status of the project within council? List any approval(s) required or obtained including indicative timelines.* |

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| Other information |
| *Identify if this project could benefit other local governments, for example, by demonstrating innovative techniques or approaches?*  *Identify if this project is a foundational project for other CHAS actions.* |