

Perceptions of safety and NSW public libraries application Form Preview

Overview

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The State Library of NSW is partnering with Transport for NSW through the Safer Cities program to deliver the Safer Cities public libraries project. The Safer Cities program is part of the NSW Government's commitment to helping make cities feel safer and more equitable for everyone.

The focus of this project is to understand how perceptions of safety of women, girls and gender diverse people shape their journeys to and experiences of NSW public libraries, particularly in how they access public libraries through walking, cycling and public transport. The aim of the project is to identify potential changes within library precincts and their surrounding areas to help make women, girls and gender diverse people feel safer accessing the library. It will include co-design, collaboration and on the ground trials with local library users.

For further information go to the [Safer Cities and NSW public libraries project page](#).

Applications close 5pm Monday 15 December 2025.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants must:

Be a NSW local authority and have adopted the Library Act 1939 and provide public libraries in accordance with the Act.

- If applying, councils that have already participated in the Safer Cities: Her Way Pilot program (Round One) with Transport for NSW must choose a library in a town or suburb not previously funded in the program to be considered as part of this current project.
- These councils are:
 - Bayside Council
 - Blacktown City Council
 - Central Coast Council
 - City of Canterbury Bankstown
 - City of Sydney
 - Cumberland City Council
 - Fairfield City Council
 - Griffith City Council
 - Lismore City Council
 - Wollongong City Council

Eligible projects must be located in:

- An LGA with an urban centre with a population of 10,000 or more
- A Library branch within a town or local centre and 800m radius of train, bus/transport hub and/or connections to active transport (walking and cycling) e.g. footpaths, shared pathways, bicycle paths/lanes.

Not eligible

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Ineligible projects are:

- Located within an LGA with an urban centre with a population below 10,000
- Library branches located in a local centre or town that has already participated in Safer Cities projects with Transport for NSW as listed on [Safer Cities: Her Way | Transport for NSW](#)
- Library branches **not within** 800m radius of train, bus/transport hub and/or connections to active transport (walking and cycling) e.g. footpaths, shared pathways, bicycle paths/lanes.

Please contact Public Library Services on 02 9273 1699 if you have any problems submitting your application online.

Confirm eligibility

My council, library and project are eligible as outlined above *

- Yes
- No

Disclaimer

The Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- submission of this Expression of Interest (EoI) application does not guarantee participation in the project
- they must bear the costs of preparing and submitting this EoI and the Library Council of NSW does not accept any liability for such costs, whether or not this application is ultimately accepted or rejected.

Use of Information

By submitting this application form, the Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- if this EoI application is successful, the relevant details of the project will be made public, including details such as Council, project title, project description, and amount awarded;
- The State Library will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that any information received in or in respect of this application which is clearly marked 'Commercial-in-confidence' or 'Confidential' is treated as confidential, however, such documents will remain subject to the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW) (GIPA Act); and
- in some circumstances the State Library may release information contained in this application form and other relevant information in relation to this application in response to a request lodged under the GIPA Act or otherwise as required or permitted by law.

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Privacy Notice

By submitting this EoI application, the Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- The State Library is required to comply with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW) (the Privacy Act) and that any personal information (as defined by the Privacy Act) collected by the Department in relation to the program will be handled in accordance with the [Privacy Act and its privacy policy](#);
- the information provided to the State Library in connection with this application will be collected and stored on a database and will only be used for the purposes for which it was collected (including, where necessary, being disclosed to other Government agencies in connection with the assessment of the merits of an application) or as otherwise permitted by the Privacy Act;
- steps have been taken to ensure that any person whose personal information (as defined by the Privacy Act) is included in this application has consented to the fact that the State Library and other Government agencies may be supplied with that personal information, and has been made aware of the purposes for which it has been collected and may be used.

Applicant details

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Council *

Library service *

Library branch nominated for this project *

Applicant Details

Applicant Name *

Title First Name Last Name

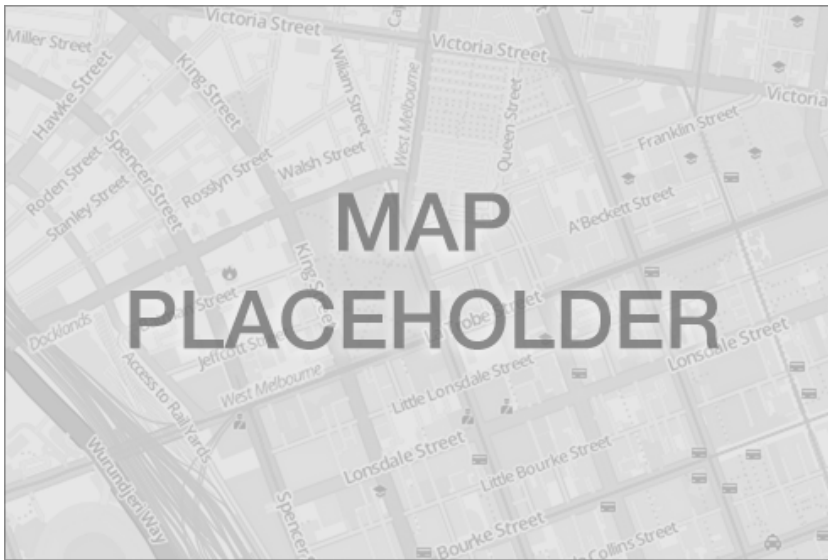
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Applicant Primary Address

Address

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Applicant Postal Address

Address

Applicant Primary Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.
Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

Applicant Other Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.
Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

Applicant Email Address *

Must be an email address.

Applicant Website

Must be a URL.

Project description

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Title *

Word count:

Provide a name for your initiative. Your title should be short but descriptive (must be no more than 25 words).

Brief description *

Word count:

Include a brief summary of who will benefit from this initiative, what activities you will do and what outcomes you expect from your activities (must be no more than 50 words).

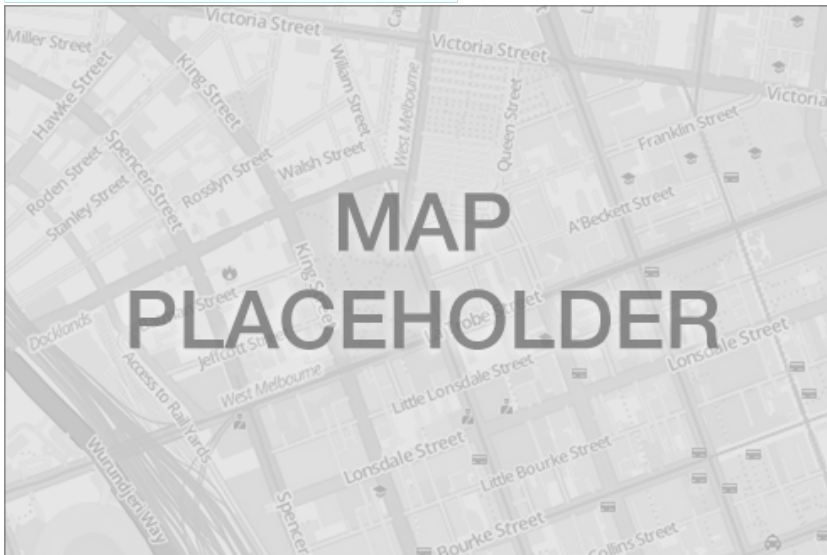
Anticipated start date *

Anticipated end date *

Expected date for your project completion and grant acquittal, if successful.

Primary location of your initiative

Address



Primary location does not need to be a specific address, and can be postcode, suburb, state (NSW), etc.

Project merit

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Library branch opening hours

Please provide the opening hours for the branch you are nominating for this project.
Include opening and closing times for each day of the week.

Monday *

Tuesday *

Wednesday *

Thursday *

Friday *

Saturday *

Sunday *

Location and connections to active and public transport

1. Please describe your library's connection to active and public transport *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

**Describe the local facilities and infrastructure located near the library branch?
For example public spaces, schools, hospitals, community centres. Please include
the approximate distance to the library. ***

Word count:

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Women, girls and gender diverse people's access to your library

We want to understand how and why different groups of women, girls and gender diverse people access the library.

Please describe groups that you would want to engage with through this project and why. (e.g. female students, new parents, First Nations people, recent migrants, or women, girls and gender diverse people broadly) *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

To the best of your knowledge, describe how these customers/groups usually get to and from your library. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

To the best of your knowledge, what is the usual purpose of their visits? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Describe the key issues and potential areas for improvement in relation to women, girls and gender diverse peoples access to the library. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Perceptions of safety

1. Do you collect statistics or feedback on perceptions of safety around your library? *

- Yes
- No

If yes, please summarise the statistics or feedback collected

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

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Project deliverability

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Please add any other information to support your expression of interest (e.g. capacity to provide in-kind staff time, recent exploration of safety and access, feedback from your community):

Word count:
Must be no more than 250 words.

Describe how participating in this project would positively benefit your local community in accessing their local library: *

Word count:
Must be no more than 250 words.

Are you planning a new library building, or renovations or refurbishment of an existing library building? *

- Yes
- No

If yes, please describe what this activity involves and when this would be delivered? Findings from the project could potentially inform these plans.

Word count:
Must be no more than 250 words.

2. Do you have access to the Have your say consultation tool? *

- Yes
- No

If not, what other survey tools do you have access to?

Word count:
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Supporting documentation

Add your attachments

You should attach electronic or scanned copies of attachments to this application.

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Only attach those documents that directly relate to or support your EoI.

References to attachments must be to specific pages within the attachment.

If an online version of the document is available on the web please provide a link to the document at the appropriate point in the application rather than attaching the document to application.

Letters of support from partners or key stakeholders may be attached. Please note that where attachments such as letters of support are required, electronic signatures (including scanned signatures) are preferable, however faxed or mailed copies are acceptable.

Attachments

Attach a file:

Files that can be attached include: word, pdf, jpeg. Emails or messages should be saved in one of these formats rather than directly in your email system. Please contact your Consultant if you are unsure if a file type is suitable.

List all attachments you have included with your application

Please include any attachments you have posted here and the date posted.

Declaration and Authorisation

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Declaration

The Applicant represents and warrants that this application has been submitted by an authorised representative of the Applicant (Library Manager or other authorised manager, Grants Officer etc).

ALL applications must be authorised by the General Manager of the submitting council and also be endorsed by the Library Manager or Branch Librarian/Branch Library Officer of that council. An application from a council that is a member of a regional library service requires a letter of commitment from the Regional Library Manager.

By submitting this application form I hereby declare that:

- I have read and understood each of the acknowledgements, agreements, representations and warranties provided above, and that each of these are true and correct;
- All information provided including the responses to each question in the relevant sections of this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge;
- Any information contained in this application may be disclosed to other Government agencies, staff administering the program, and to external stakeholders (including consultants, lawyers and other advisers) as part of the assessment of this application;

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- I am authorised to submit this application, on behalf of council's General Manager, and certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate;
- I have the authority to represent and bind the Applicant; and
- I understand that any false declaration may render this application ineligible/invalid.

Authorisation

I agree *

Yes

Name of authorised person *

Title First Name Last Name

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Must be a senior staff member, board member or appropriately authorised volunteer

Position *

Position held in applicant organisation (e.g. CEO, Treasurer)

Phone number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

We may contact you to verify that this application is authorised by the applicant organisation

Email *

Must be an email address.

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