

Horizon Festival 2027 Program Partner EOI Form

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About application

Horizon Festival 2027 Partner EOI

Horizon Festival is seeking expressions of interest from established partners with a fully formed event, exhibition, performance, public program or cultural experience they would like to present as part of Horizon Festival 2027, taking place from 20 - 29 August 2027.

This callout is intended for organisations, venues, producers, companies, collectives and other presenting partners who already have the core delivery elements in place. Proposed projects should have a confirmed or strongly supported venue, an attached producer or producing team, a clear delivery model, an experienced project team, and the operational capacity to proceed with minimal support from Horizon Festival.

We are particularly interested in projects that are ready to meet a broader audience through the festival context. This may include partners seeking to expand their reach, connect with new demographics, deepen local engagement, strengthen visibility, test new audience development strategies, or position an existing event within a wider regional festival program.

Projects should align with Horizon Festival's ethos: place-based, joyful, inclusive, rigorous and affecting. We are looking for projects that have a meaningful relationship to place, offers a generous experience for audiences, demonstrates artistic or cultural strength, and contributes to the energy, identity and ambition of Horizon Festival 2027.

Please note that **this EOI is not intended for individual artists or companies seeking development support, seed funding, commissioning, venue-matching or full festival production support.** Horizon Festival may provide programming consideration, festival context, marketing visibility, audience development opportunities and limited partnership support, but applicants should be able to demonstrate that their project is substantially resourced, planned and deliverable at the time of application.

The questions are intentionally detailed so the festival team can assess artistic fit, delivery readiness, venue suitability, producing capacity, audience potential, access, risk and partnership requirements.

Applications open Tuesday 13 October 2026

Applications close Tuesday 10 November 2026

Applicants advised Tuesday 1 December 2026

Who should apply

- Established organisations, venues, producers, companies, collectives, community organisations or other presenting partners with a fully formed event, exhibition, performance, public program or cultural experience.
- Partners with a confirmed or strongly supported venue or site available within the Horizon Festival 2027 dates of 20 - 29 August 2027.
- Projects with an attached producer or producing team, a clear delivery model, an experienced project team and the operational capacity to deliver with minimal Horizon Festival support.

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- Partners seeking to expand audience reach, connect with new demographics, deepen local engagement, increase visibility, or position an existing event within a broader regional festival context.
- Projects that are substantially planned, resourced and ready to present, and that align with Horizon Festival's ethos: place-based, joyful, inclusive, rigorous, and affecting.

Who should not apply

- Individual artists seeking development support, seed funding, commissioning, mentorship, venue-matching or full festival production support.
- Projects that are still at idea stage, early development stage or not yet ready to present within the 2027 festival dates.
- Applicants without a confirmed or strongly supported venue, site or presentation context.
- Applicants without an attached producer, producing team or clear delivery responsibility.
- Projects that require Horizon Festival to take primary responsibility for producing, staffing, budgeting, contracting, risk management, technical delivery or venue negotiation.
- Projects that do not have sufficient resources, permissions, insurance, access planning or operational support to be delivered safely and professionally.

If you have any questions regarding this application, please feel free to reach out to the Horizon team - horizon@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

The Smartygrants [FAQ](#) page may also answer some of your questions about using Smartygrants.

Applicant and Contact Details

* indicates a required field

Organisation and Contact

Applicant Organisation or Presenting Partner name *

Organisation Name

Applicant type *

Other:

Individual artists are not eligible for this EOI.

Applicant 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.

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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.

Applicant Postal Address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

Name of Primary Contact Person *

First Name

Last Name

Primary Contact Role *

Primary Contact Phone Number *

Primary Contact Email *

Must be an email address.

Social Media Links

Please provide links to any relevant online platforms (e.g. website, Instagram, Facebook, or portfolio). Up to five links can be included, but only those relevant to your application need to be completed. You are not required to fill out all five fields.

Weblink 1

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Weblink 4

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Applicant Profile

Attach a file:

Sunshine Coast Connection

Does your Organisation, event, exhibition, performance, public program or cultural experience have a Sunshine Coast connection?

Sunshine Coast Connection *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer to describe

Description of Connection (if applicable)

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Project Information

* indicates a required field

Project Overview

Project Title *

Short Public Description *

Word count:

Must be no more than 75 words.

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Detailed Project Description *

Word count:

Must be no more than 500 words.

Project Documentation

Attach a file:

Project status *

- ☐ Ready to present
- ☐ Previously presented
- ☐ Touring-ready
- ☐ In final development
- ☐ Other:

Projects at idea stage are not suitable for this EOI

Have you presented the project before? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ In part
- ☐ No

Previous presentation history of project details

Proposed Dates

Please outline the proposed dates, duration, and number of sessions to be delivered during the Horizon 2027 Festival.

Proposed dates, duration and number of sessions *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Are these proposed dates flexible? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Somewhat

Genre, Artform and Format for Project

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Primary artform or genre of project *

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| ☐ Theatre | ☐ Literature | ☐ Interdisciplinary |
| ☐ Dance | ☐ Film | ☐ Comedy |
| ☐ Contemporary performance | ☐ Digital and technology | ☐ Family-friendly |
| ☐ Music | ☐ Participatory | ☐ Kids |
| ☐ Visual arts | ☐ Workshop | ☐ Words and ideas |
| ☐ Exhibition | ☐ Ceremony | ☐ Outdoor event |
| ☐ Installation | ☐ Community-engaged practice | ☐ Other: <input type="text"/> |
| ☐ Public art | ☐ First Nations-led practice | |

At least 1 choice must be selected.

Project format *

- | | |
|---|--|
| ☐ Ticketed performance | ☐ Talk or panel |
| ☐ Free performance | ☐ Outdoor activation |
| ☐ Exhibition | ☐ Site-specific work |
| ☐ Installation | ☐ Community gathering |
| ☐ Drop-in experience | ☐ Touring production |
| ☐ Workshop | ☐ Other: <input type="text"/> |

At least 1 choice must be selected.

Is the project indoor, outdoor or site-responsive? *

- ☐ Indoor
☐ Outdoor
☐ Both
☐ Site-responsive
☐ To be confirmed

At least 1 choice must be selected.

Are there any participatory, immersive or interactive elements? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If above question is yes, please describe the participatory, immersive or interactive elements *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Alignment with Horizon Festival Ethos

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How does your project speak to the Sunshine Coast, its place, people, and culture? *

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Word count:
Must be no more than 300 words.

What experience will audiences have when engaging with this project? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 300 words.

What evidence can you provide of the rigour and quality underpinning this project? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 300 words.

How has inclusion and access been considered in the concept and design of this project? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 300 words.

Why is this project a strong fit for Horizon Festival 2027? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 400 words.

Venue or Site Readiness

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Do you have a venue or site for your project? *

- ☐ Confirmed venue or site
- ☐ In final discussion with venue or site

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- ☐ Strongly supported venue or site
☐ No venue or site confirmed yet

At least 1 choice must be selected.

Venue or site location

Venue Address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

Venue Name

Venue Contact

First Name

Last Name

Venue Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Venue Email *

Must be an email address.

Venue festival date availability *

- ☐ Confirmed
☐ In progress
☐ Not confirmed

Horizon Festival 2027 dates are 20 - 29 August

Evidence of venue support - please supply email, contract or confirmation

Attach a file:

If applicable

If evidence of support is not yet available, please outline the progress of discussions with the proposed venue

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Must be no more than 150 words.

Venue capacity (Pax) *

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Seating capacity for your audience

Does the proposed venue provide appropriate accessibility features for attendees *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Partially
- ☐ Unsure

Wheelchair friendly, accessible toilet

Please list any additional venue facilities *

e.g., AV facilities, green room, staffing, furniture etc...

If the venue is outdoors, do you require any approvals or assessments?

Permits, environment site management, risk management etc... Please contact horizon@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au if you are unsure

Producer, Team and Delivery Capacity

* indicates a required field

Do you have a confirmed producer or producing team?

- ☐ Confirmed
- ☐ In discussion
- ☐ No

Producer's Name *

First Name

Last Name

Producer's Email *

Must be an email address.

Producer's Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Producer's relevant experience *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Key creative, producing, technical and operational team *

Word count:

Must be no more than 500 words.

List names and roles and any previous relevant experience

Roles still to be filled (if applicable)

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Budget, Resources and Partnership Request

* indicates a required field

Total Project Cost *

Must be a dollar amount.

What is the total budgeted cost (dollars) of your project?

Please confirm if you have any of the following income sources and resources secured for your project

- ☐ Grants
- ☐ Sponsorship
- ☐ Ticket income
- ☐ Venue contribution
- ☐ In-kind support
- ☐ Philanthropy
- ☐ Self-funded
- ☐ Other:

Any income or support not yet confirmed?

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Letters of support, partnership confirmations or funding confirmations

Attach a file:

Do you anticipate any resource or support requirements that may affect your ability to proceed with the proposed activity? If yes, please provide details.

Please upload a draft budget

Attach a file:

Audience, Community and Impact

* indicates a required field

Do you have an existing network, audience or community base? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Other:

Who is your primary audience? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

What new audiences or demographics would you like to reach?

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

What is the audience suitability? *

- ☐ Children
☐ Young people
☐ Families
☐ Adults
☐ All ages
☐ Not suitable for children
☐ Other:

At least 1 choice must be selected.

Children

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What is your marketing and audience approach plan? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 400 words.

Do you have community consultation or participation planned? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

If you do have community consultation or participation planned, please provide details *

What are the intended impact of success measures of the project?

Optional question

Access, Inclusion and Cultural Safety

* indicates a required field

Which accessibility and inclusion measures are already incorporated into this project?

☐ Auslan interpretation

☐ Captioning

☐ Audio description

☐ Relaxed performance

☐ Tactile tour

☐ Wheelchair access

☐ Companion Card

☐ Quiet Space

☐ Visual Story

☐ Accessible pricing

☐ None yet

☐ Other:

What is your accessibility and inclusion approach for your project? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 350 words.

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Would you like to explore accessibility support opportunities with Horizon Festival for your project? If so, how?

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Does this project involve First Nations content, artists, communities and/or connections to Country? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer to discuss

How does your project engage with First Nations content, artists, communities and/or Country? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 400 words.

Does your project have any culturally specific, community-specific or lived-experience content? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

How does your project engage with culturally specific, community-specific or lived-experience content? *

Does your project require any wellbeing, consent, safeguarding, or participant care considerations? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

What wellbeing, consent, safeguarding, or participant care considerations have been identified for this project? *

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Word count:
Must be no more than 300 words.

Risk, Insurance and Compliance

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Do you hold current Public Liability Insurance with a minimum cover of \$20 million?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ In progress

Expiry Date? *

Have you completed a risk assessment on this project? *

- ☐ Completed
- ☐ In progress
- ☐ Can develop
- ☐ Not started/would require some assistance

Do you have the appropriate licensing and copyright permissions? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Other:

Does your project have any children, young people, or other vulnerable participants? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

What are the main delivery risks, and how will they be mitigated? *

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Marketing, Media and Assets

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What marketing assets do you have for this project? *

- | | |
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| ☐ Hero image | ☐ Media release |
| ☐ Production images | ☐ Reviews |
| ☐ Artist images | ☐ Social media assets |
| ☐ Video | ☐ None yet |
| ☐ Trailer | ☐ Other: <input type="text"/> |
| ☐ Logo | |

Please upload up to 10 existing images, videos, press, reviews or documentation

File 1

Attach a file:

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What are your audience selling points? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 300 words.

Do you have any media, partner and/or promotional networks? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 350 words.

Are there any marketing permissions, or cultural considerations?

Ticketing, Pricing and Revenue

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What is your pricing model for your project? *

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- ☐ Free
- ☐ Ticketed
- ☐ Pay-what-you-can
- ☐ Registration-based
- ☐ Mixed model
- ☐ Other:

At least 1 choice must be selected.

If ticketed, what is the proposed price?

Must be a dollar amount.
AUD

If ticketed, what is the estimated box office target?

If ticketed, what is the proposed management?

- ☐ Through Horizon Festival
- ☐ Through Venue
- ☐ Through Partner
- ☐ To be discussed
- ☐ Through self-management
- ☐ Other:

Capacity, reserved seating or access ticketing requirements

Anything Additional

Anything else Horizon Festival should know

Any additional files not yet attached

Attach a file:

Applicant Declarations

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I confirm that the information provided in this EOI is accurate to the best of my knowledge. *

☐ I agree

I understand that submitting an EOI does not guarantee inclusion in Horizon Festival 2027. *

☐ I agree

I understand that proposed projects must be available within 20 - 29 August 2027. *

☐ I agree

'I confirm that the project has the core delivery elements in place to proceed with minimum Horizon Festival Support *

☐ I agree

I agree to be contacted by Horizon Festival to discuss this EOI. *

☐ I agree