

# 2025 rail heritage grants program



## About Queensland Rail

**Queensland Rail has been connecting communities since 1865. In financial year 2025, some 160 years later, we provided more than 55 million customer trips and helped move more than 14 billion gross tonne kilometres of freight across our network.**

Given the history and breadth of our operations, Queensland Rail recognises that we have an important and ongoing role to contribute to the social and economic wellbeing of the local communities that host our operations.

## Queensland Rail's 160th anniversary (1865-2025)

As part of Queensland Rail's 160th anniversary, we have launched a special community grants fund to help rail heritage operators across the state.

The \$160,000 fund will enable organisations to boost their operations and ensure Queensland's rich rail history lives on for many more generations.

## About the 2025 rail heritage grants program

The one-off grants program is open to not-for-profit, Queensland-based rail heritage operators that have an Australian Business Number (ABN) or Australian Company Number (ACN).

Grants of up to \$20,000 will be awarded to rail heritage operators that can demonstrate a clear need for financial support for maintenance and repairs to rollingstock or community rail infrastructure.

### To be successful, each applicant must demonstrate that:

- ✓ they are a Queensland-based rail heritage operator
- ✓ their operations occur solely in Queensland
- ✓ they are a not-for-profit organisation
- ✓ their project aligns with Queensland Rail's purpose of "Connecting Communities"
- ✓ their project will help advance safe rail heritage operations
- ✓ their project will help preserve and showcase Queensland's rich rail heritage.

## Key dates

- Grant program opens** Monday 25 August 2025
- Grant program closes** Friday 17 October 2025 at 5pm
- Outcomes announced** Monday 17 November 2025





## How to apply

**All requests for grants must be lodged by no later than 5pm Friday 17 October.**

Each application must address the following:

- Name of organisation
- ABN or ACN
- Not-for-profit status (including ACNC)
- Location/s of operations
- An overview of the organisation's purpose, structure, including the nature of workforce (up to 500 words)
- A statement that details how grant funding will be used (up to 500 words)
- Provide a clear project plan, including objectives, budget and a timeframe for delivery
- Demonstrate how Queensland Rail will be recognised for the grant, including any opportunities for Queensland Rail employees to participate in a project, event or activity
- Agree to strict guidelines around marketing, media and public relations promotional activities
- Commit to completing a grant acquittal process.

**Please see our website for the full application form.**



## Apply now

Scan the QR code or visit  
[qr.com.au/HeritageGrants](https://qr.com.au/HeritageGrants)

## More information

An information session about the grants program will be held on Tuesday 2 September 2025 from 12.30pm–1.30pm at Queensland Rail offices (Upper Ground, 295 Ann Street, Brisbane), light catering will be provided. A Teams link will also be provided for those who are unable to attend in person.

For all queries about the grants program, or to RSVP for the information session, please contact the Principal Adviser Sponsorships and Community Partnerships via [communitypartnerships@qr.com.au](mailto:communitypartnerships@qr.com.au).



**“This grants program is a great way to give back to the heritage organisations that work tirelessly to keep Queensland’s rail legacy alive.”**

Minister for Transport and Main Roads  
Brent Mickelberg MP