



Safer Local Roads Infrastructure Program

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Overview

The Safer Local Roads Infrastructure Program (SLRIP) has been created as part of the Australian Government's commitment to strengthen investment to support the delivery of safer and more productive roads across Australia.

Funding of \$200 million per year is available under the program for projects addressing current and emerging priorities in road infrastructure needs.

The SLRIP is an application-based, merit-assessed program that provides funding for eligible projects to local, state and territory governments which address current and emerging priorities in road infrastructure needs.

The Heavy Vehicle Rest Area (HVRA) initiative sits within the SLRIP and aims to improve road safety for heavy vehicle drivers and other road users by funding the construction of new and upgraded rest areas in priority areas across Australia. The Australian Government has committed \$140 million to the initiative over 10 years, to 2031-32.

Who can apply?

The SLRIP is an application-based, merit-assessed, funding program, open to all state and territory governments and Local Government Authorities. Applications are submitted through the department's Reporting and Program Management (RPM) portal <https://rpmportal.infrastructure.gov.au/>.

How much funding is available per project?

The SLRIP will contribute up to a maximum of **\$5 million** in program funding for each eligible project.

For projects submitted by LGAs, the Program will contribute:

- up to 90% of the total project cost for projects located in remote areas
- up to 80% of the total project cost for projects located in regional areas
- up to 50% of the total project cost for projects located in urban areas.

For projects submitted by state and territory governments, the Program will contribute:

- up to 50% of the total project cost for all projects, regardless of project location.

What kinds of projects are eligible for funding under the program?

All projects funded under the program must improve road safety.

Projects must be for the construction or upgrade of road infrastructure and must fall within one of the project streams outlined below:

- Road construction and upgrades
- Bridge renewal
- Heavy vehicle facilities.

Examples of projects that may be eligible to receive funding under the program include:

- road realignment, shoulder sealing, safety barriers and median changes
- widening and sealing roads for heavy vehicle access
- construction of new or upgraded heavy vehicle rest areas
- replacement and/or strengthening of bridges, culverts, and causeways
- upgrading/raising of roads to improve flood resilience
- additional road linkages between communities to reduce risk of isolation during an emergency.

Full eligibility criteria can be found in the Program Guidelines.

How are applications assessed?

Applications are assessed against 3 criteria:

- **Strategic fit** - the rationale for the project, the case for action, how it will achieve the stated objectives, and how it will meet the needs of the community
- **Project benefits and impact** - the social, economic and environmental value of the project
- **Project deliverability** - the capability and capacity to deliver the project, including risk mitigation.

The department will consider each application on its merits, based on how well it meets the criteria, how it compares to other applications and whether it provides value for money.

Upon completion of assessments, the department will recommend projects to the Minister or their delegate for approval. The Minister or their delegate makes the final decision on projects funded under each tranche.

Find out more

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Program Guidelines, FAQs and further resources: <https://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/resources-funding-recipients/safer-local-roads-infrastructure-program-resources>

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Email: SLRIP-projects@infrastructure.gov.au for matters related to approved projects