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Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts

Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program

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The Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program (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 program commenced on 1 July 2024 and consolidated the former Bridges Renewal Program (BRP) and the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program (HVSPP), and introduces new focus areas. The Heavy Vehicle Rest Area (HVRA) initiative sits underneath the SLRIP with its own separate focus area.

Who can apply for SLRIP?

Applications can only be made by state, territory or local governments. Projects require co-funding from the applicant or other sources. Applications can be submitted at any time through the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts' Reporting and Program Management (RPM) portal: https://rpmportal.infrastructure.gov.au/.

How much funding is available?

Funding of at least $200 million per year is available under the program, with a maximum of $5 million per project.

For **projects submitted by local governments**, the SLRIP will contribute up to 80% of the total project cost for projects located in regional and remote areas, and up to 50% of the total project cost for projects located in urban areas, up to the cap of $5 million per project.

For **projects submitted by state and territory governments**, the SLRIP will contribute up to 50% of the total project cost for all projects, regardless of project location, up to the cap of $5 million per project.

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

To be eligible, projects must:

- be on a public road
- be for construction on an existing or proposed road
- be a whole and complete project
- directly address at least one of the program focus areas:

Focus area	Objective
Road safety	Increase Australia's road safety through the improvement of road infrastructure
Productivity	Improve productivity and efficiency outcomes through improving and connecting road networks.
Bridge renewal	Improve access for communities and facilitate higher productivity vehicle access through the upgrade and replacement of bridges, including culverts.
Road resilience	Improve the resilience of critical road corridors that are vulnerable to closure or reduced capacity during and following natural disasters or extreme weather events.
Road sustainability	Contribute to decarbonisation goals by minimising or avoiding embodied, operational and/or enabled emissions. This could be through use of recycled or sustainably sourced materials in the project, or by delivering a project that will reduce carbon emissions caused in transport, etc.
Heavy vehicle rest areas	Facilitating rest for heavy vehicle drivers at locations of need, through the construction or upgrade of heavy vehicle rest areas and amenities.

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

- improving road safety including 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.

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 impact and benefits** - 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 make the final decision on projects funded under each tranche.

Find out more

Program Homepage: http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/SLRIP

Program Guidelines, FAQs and Supporting Evidence Guidance for SLRIP Applicants:
https://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/resources-funding-recipients/safer-local-roads-and-infrastructure-program-resources

Email: SLRIP-applications@infrastructure.gov.au for questions related to applying

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