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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, and the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program, and introduces new focus areas. The Heavy Vehicle Rest Area initiative sits underneath the SLRIP with its own separate focus area.

Projects funded under the SLRIP must directly address at least one of the focus areas below:

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.

How much funding is available?

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

Who can apply?

Applications can only be made by state, territory or local governments. To be eligible, projects must:



Directly address at least one focus area



Be for construction on an existing or proposed road



Be on a public road



Be a whole and complete project
(not reliant on other work)

What kinds of projects can receive funding under the program?

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

- improving road safety including the realignment of roads, shoulder sealing, rumble strips, 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.

When can I apply?

Applications can be submitted at any time, but will be assessed in tranches up to 3 times a year. When submitting an application, please consider the assessment and approval timeframes.



Find out more

Visit: <http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/SLRIP>

Program guidelines: <http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/SLRIPguidelines>

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