

Questions from 2020 TAC Local Government Grant Program Webinar



Q: Innovation is tricky, especially in regional areas. You have to work with the capacity and knowledge of the community/user group.

A: There are different ways that council can look to be innovative for example in an effort to strive to reduce project costs, there is the choice of design and materials, or there could be innovation in how the project is implemented. Other forms of innovation for pedestrian separation was provided in the presentation with the innovative use of existing infra-structure.

We suggest that local governments take up the 30 minutes of per application engagement being provided and seek support and discussion around innovation.

Q: Is there some more concrete guidance around Risk based data? This is a growth area, with a move to a more proactive safety approach.

A: [The Local Government Grant Program Application Checklist](#) provides a range suggestions for different types of data and evidence (with links) that can be used to demonstrate a need and support for projects. (I would check with Chris J – what he was expecting this response to be here)

Q: With the application process, can we forward you the application for feedback before the final submission?

A: The TAC grants team are available to answer general questions related to the grant round, however we are unable to review applications prior to submission. In addition to this support, the TAC is also providing 30 minutes of technical project support per Local government. To seek either form of pre application support, contact the grants team via lgagrants@tac.vic.gov.au

Q: Engagement other than letter drop and online is tricky now.

A: Community engagement has become more difficult with COVID restrictions, and we are understanding of this. There are Local governments who are getting very creative with virtual forms of community engagement. Regardless of the form of engagement, the key is demonstrating that there has been some level of active engagement with the local community, and/or community support for the proposed project. Also be sure to include any planned engagement activities as part of your project implementation or evaluation.

Here are some local and international sites that offer some resources about engaging during COVID:

<https://iap2.org.au/resources/spectrum/>

<https://www.mosaiclab.com.au/news>

<https://www.ghd.com/en/about-us/a-practical-guide-to-digital-community-engagement-during-covid-19-and-beyond.aspx>

<http://iqc.ou.edu/2020/03/31/covid19/>

Q: Evaluation, process or outcome? Outcome is hard to do in the short amount of time, especially if its risk managing and raising awareness/changing culture.

A: Evaluations can take many formats, typically for the evaluation of infrastructure based projects, TAC would be looking for more of an outcomes based evaluation. Acknowledging that an evaluation can take some time, a specific milestone for evaluation completion can be negotiated as a specific milestone post the infrastructure implementation.

Q: Can we apply for both Analysis Grant and Infrastructure Grant, could you confirm? If so, are we able to have 30 minutes project support for each application?

A: Local governments can apply for one analysis, and one infrastructure grant per funding round. 30 minutes engagement for technical project support is provided per LGA, not per application. How the time is utilized is up to the Local government.

Q: Can we apply for application on arterial roads?

A: The Local Government Grant Program provides funding for projects on, or associated with Local Government roads. For any project that connects with an arterial road in some way, the TAC recommends you speak with them before proceeding with an application.

Q: Just want to confirm that questions here in the chat will be sent via email to all participants?

A: Questions and answers will be posted on the [TAC Local Government Grant Program webpage](#).

Q: Is a 'local road' a Council road? Can it be a VicRoads Road?

A: Within the Local Government Grant Program 'Local Roads' are considered roads that are managed by Local Government. For any project that connects with an arterial/VicRoads managed road in some way, the TAC recommends you speak with them before proceeding with an application.

Q: Could you also email out the application form as a pdf, not the online version?

A: A PDF version of the application form can be downloaded from the Grant Program Application landing page. Select 'Download preview form'. The below links will lead you to the Application landing page.

[2020 TAC Local Government Grant Program - Analysis Project](#)

[2020 TAC Local Government Grant Program - Infrastructure Project](#)

Q: Are infrastructure projects restricted to a single location, or is TAC willing to fund something such as speed humps across multiple sites along proposed routes to reduce speed and increase cyclist safety?

A: An application could be made for an 'area based' approach if there we Road safety benefits to be achieved across the scope of the specified locations. However the application would need to clearly demonstrate that how the different sites link/complement one another to improve local road safety. For Example, if there was a busy route, connecting school and train station, where there was an

opportunity to reduce speeds and implements some speed reduction infra-structures along that route, then as long as the submission meet the scope of the guidelines it could be considered.

Q: Is TAC willing to provide feedback on a list of projects from each council?

A: TAC is providing 30 minutes of technical project support per Local government. It is recommended that you take up this opportunity to discuss potential projects. This support can be organised through the grants team via lgagrants@tac.vic.gov.au

For further information on the TAC Local Government Grant Program contact the Road Safety Programs Team grants team at lgagrants@tac.vic.gov.au or visit www.tac.v.c.gov.au/lgagrants