



# Local Government Grants

FOR SMALL SCALE INFRASTRUCTURE

## About the Local Government Grants Program

This program provides grants to LGAs throughout Victoria to analyse local road safety issues and/or develop and implement low cost and effective infrastructure treatments targeting cyclist and pedestrian safety. Below are a few projects that have been delivered in previous years.

### Speed Reducing Roundabout at Shared Gateway

TAC Grant Funding - \$18,750

Council Contribution - \$18,750

#### What the grant was for?

The Mildura City Council installed a roundabout and speed cushions at the intersection of Eight Street and Pine Avenue.

A traffic count revealed 31% of vehicles were exceeding the posted 40km/h speed limit with a mean exceeding speed of 45.67km/h, this is most likely due to the transition from the 50km/h limit to the 40km/h area and the lack speed reduction infrastructure (apart from the speed sign).

#### What was the outcome?

The roundabout has reduced the speed of vehicles entering the CBD and created a safer environment for pedestrians and cyclists.



### Bendigo Creek "Low Line" shared path investigation

TAC Grant Funding - \$15,000

Council Contribution - \$20,000

#### What the grant was for?

The City Of Greater Bendigo completed an investigation into the feasibility of utilising the floor of the Bendigo Creek to create a bike path to improve safety, particularly for cyclists in the section of the Bendigo Creek Trail between Golden Square and North Bendigo.

#### What was the outcome?

It is anticipated the creek will provide an opportunity to use existing infrastructure to create a bike path to separate cyclists and pedestrians and improve local road safety.



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## Raised Pedestrian Crossing and Sealed Car Park at School Road Halls Gap

TAC Grant Funding - \$25,000

Council Contribution - \$25,000

### What the grant was for?

The Northern Grampians Shire Council installed a raised Pedestrian Crossing and Sealed Car Park at School Road Halls Gap.

Before the installation of the crossing and sealed car park teachers, parents and visitors to the school were forced to park on the roadside wherever they could, creating a dangerous situation of crossing the road into oncoming traffic. With cars parked along the roadside pedestrians were forced to walk along the roads edge near the traffic.

The aim of the crossing and sealed car park was to enhance the road safety of the pedestrians crossing the road while encouraging people to park at the designated parking bays instead of the road side.

### What was the outcome?

The installation of a raised pedestrian crossing has improved safety of students and pedestrians by reducing vehicle speeds. Vehicles have been observed slowing down and driving more cautiously on School Road and drivers have been parking their cars in designated parking bays.



## Copenhagen-style Bike Lane in Footscray

TAC Grant Funding - \$43,000

Council Contribution - \$43,000

### What the grant was for?

Through a \$43,000 Infrastructure grant and a matched contribution from council, Maribyrnong City Council installed Copenhagen style bike lanes along French Street in Footscray.

Without any dedicated cycling facilities on French Street cyclists had to share the road with vehicles travelling at 50km/hr. A survey found that 60% of residents within the City of Maribyrnong were interested in riding but didn't due to safety concerns.

By installing dedicated bike lanes along French Street it would improve rider safety and most likely encourage more residents to ride bicycles.

### What was the outcome?

The installation of the bike lane separated cyclists and vehicles and improved cyclist safety along this popular cycling route. The bike lane and improved safety should also encourage the take up of cycling along this route.



## Introduction of Raised Pedestrian Crossing and Refuge at Parker St and Cole St Williamstown

TAC Grant Funding - \$68,000

Council Contribution - \$68,000

### What the grant was for?

The Hobsons Bay Shire Council installed a raised pedestrian crossing and refuge island to the intersection of Parker and Cole Streets in Williamstown.

The crossing was installed to increase the awareness of pedestrian traffic in the area while reducing vehicle speeds

### What was the outcome?

The crossing is more visible to both pedestrians and drivers through better signage and markings.

Raising the crossing has helped reduce the speeds of vehicles and provided a safer environment for pedestrians

