



COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY GRANTS

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ROAD SAFETY GRANTS A BOOST FOR 41 COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Congratulations to all successful applicants and thanks to all groups that submitted an application. The TAC encourages all groups to continue to identify road safety issues in their community and potential solutions.

The first two rounds of the TAC Community Road Safety Grants attracted almost 60 applications. Of these applications, the TAC has awarded 41 grants totalling more than \$700,000.

Applications were received from a diverse range of community groups including RoadSafe committees, local government, migrant resource centres, sporting groups and service clubs.

Projects in Rounds 1 and 2 covered a wide range of road safety issues. Several projects focused on improved road safety for new arrivals, others on reducing speed in local streets and some on drink driving awareness. Pedestrian, cycling and child road safety were also common themes.

Below is a summary of successful applications.

ROUND 1: APPROVED PROJECTS

Organisation	Focus	Grant
City of Greater Dandenong	1. Reducing speed in 50 km/h local streets	\$10,000
	2. Raising awareness of 40 km/h speed limits	\$20,000
Greater Shepparton City Council	Reducing drink driving on weekend nights	\$20,000
Maribyrnong City Council	Supporting newly arrived migrants to be safe road users with support of volunteers	\$20,000
Northern Grampians Shire Council	Reducing speed and run off road crashes on rural roads	\$14,580
Shire of Yarra Ranges	Raising awareness of and increasing compliance in school speed zones	\$20,000
The City of Greater Geelong	Safe and legal motorcycling by young people	\$19,965
Lions Club of Dookie Inc	Improving pedestrian safety on rural roads	\$17,545
Mornington Peninsula Nepean Football League Inc	Reducing drink driving and raising road safety awareness	\$20,000
Mt Martha Primary School	Increasing pedestrian safety and reducing traffic congestion at school drop off and pick up times	\$18,194
New Hope Migrant and Refugee Centre, Frankston	Volunteer supported driver education program	\$18,760

Organisation	Focus	Grant
RoadSafe Mildura Inc	Development of road safety strategy and actions through community consultation	\$11,946
RoadSafe Wimmera	Reducing drink driving culture in sporting clubs	\$15,480
UnitingCare Moreland Hall	Providing road safety information to young people affected by alcohol and drugs	\$20,000
Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House Inc	Volunteer-supported driver education project	\$9,420
Bendigo Regional YMCA Youth Services Inc	Increasing awareness of driver distractions in community settings	\$20,000
Diversitat (Geelong Ethnic Communities Council)	Volunteer-supported driver education project	\$20,000
Footscray Football Club trading as Spirit West Services	Volunteer-supported bicycle education program	\$20,000
Latrobe Community Health Service Inc.	Increasing the safety of older bicyclists with support of volunteers	\$18,060
Lead-On Australia (Ballarat)	Volunteer-supported driver education project	\$20,000

ROUND 2: APPROVED PROJECTS

Organisation	Focus	Grant
Adult Multicultural Education Services	Volunteer-supported driver education project	\$19,865
City of Darebin	Addressing hoon behaviour and road safety for cyclists and child pedestrians	\$10,500
City of Stonnington	Targeting 30+ year olds to reduce drink driving	\$19,800
Colac RoadSafe - Ian 'Titch' Burnett Memorial Driver Reviver	1. Improving to driver reviver site near Colac to encourage more drivers to rest 2. Improving driver reviver program	\$12,500 \$7,500
Community Connections (Vic) Pty Ltd	Volunteer-supported driver education project	\$18,496
Cycling Promotion Fund	Providing educational clips to help cyclists avoid key crash risks	\$20,000
Frankston City Council	Reducing drink driving on weekend nights	\$20,000
Hampton Primary School	Creating safe access to school for all road users	\$20,000
Heathdale Neighbourhood Association	Reducing speed in local streets	\$16,550
Hobsons Bay City Council	Developing a new road safety strategy	\$8,000
Maroondah City Council	Volunteer-supported driver education project	\$19,815
Melbourne Anglican Benevolent Society inc.	Volunteer-supported driver education project	\$20,000
Mount Eliza Secondary College	Developing materials for the community program targeting Learner drivers	\$20,000
Northern Grampians Shire Council	Translating road safety information for international professionals and students	\$4,595
RoadSafe Mildura	Improving road sharing by cyclists and drivers	\$15,400
Surf Coast Shire	Reducing youth drink driving and drink walking	\$20,000
The Association of Hazaraz in Victoria Inc (AHV)	Volunteer-supported driver education project	\$19,865
Warrnambool City Council	Educating the community about BAC levels to reduce drink driving	\$17,180
Whittlesea Community Connections	Volunteer-supported driver education project	\$20,000
Banyule City Council	Assisting reduction of risk taking behaviour in cars in the local community	\$19,997

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

The Assessment Panel is chaired by the TAC and draws representatives from key community and road safety organisations including VicRoads, Police, Municipal Association of Victoria, Local Government Professionals and the RACV.

The panel was delighted to see the diversity of groups applying for grants and the range of projects submitted for funding. Like any new program, there was a need to seek further information from applicants and let others know their applications were not suitable for funding or required more work. All applicants that did not receive funding should have received feedback as to why they were not successful. The panel provided the following information and 'tips' to assist community groups preparing future applications:

Local government road safety strategy updates

Successful applications were able to:

- articulate the successes and limitations of the Council's previous road safety strategy and how it would address limitations in the future;
- provide evidence of local road safety issues through data and other information;
- demonstrate a good understanding of the updated arrive alive 2008-17; and
- link their strategy development to other Council plans such as Community Safety, Youth, Sustainable Transport, Cycling or Early Childhood.

One project that has been funded involves consultation with community groups to identify road safety issues and discuss options to address those problems.

It was pleasing to see applications that demonstrated commitment by the Council in partnership with one or more community groups to implement key road safety solutions in their area.

Speed management in local streets

Successful applications provided evidence of speeding issues in their communities. This evidence

came from Police or through community engagement with affected residents or target groups.

One application identified the need to confirm anecdotal feedback of speeding and hooning in local streets. The group will consult with the community, identify speeds using speed measurement devices and implement a program targeting this behaviour in an effort to reduce speeding in local streets.

The SafeRoads Not so fast! package provides information and advice about the implementation of programs to address speeding issues in local communities. The TAC encourages community groups to refer to this package when preparing an application to address speed issues. Visit www.mav.asn.au/saferoads and click on 'Media & Publications'.

Schools

When assessing applications from childcare centres, pre-schools and schools, the panel looked for evidence that applicants had a good understanding of the traffic safety education resources available free of charge that target pre-schools, primary schools and secondary schools.

The new school resources have been developed on best practice principles for teaching and learning and follow sound road safety theory. More so, the panel was looking for evidence that the resources were already being implemented in schools and that the school was targeting parents to better role model safe road behaviour. The proposed project could then be expressed as a next step in making the school and its local community safer.

Drink driving issues

The panel was pleased to receive applications from community groups that proposed projects to decrease the incidence of drink driving in local communities. Again, applications that provided evidence of drink driving, obtained from Police or local crash statistics, and identified sound project ideas received high scores.

Successful projects included the purchase of breathalyser units to loan to community groups and

sporting clubs to assist in driver education on personal BAC levels and standard drinks. Importantly, the successful projects also included delivery of other community based programs such as RoadSafe's 'Looking after our mates' and the Australian Drug Foundation's 'Good Sports' program.

The TAC encourages communities that can demonstrate drink driving problems to consider projects to address this serious road safety issue.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2008/09

The closing dates for applications in the 2008/09 financial year are:

- Round 3 12 September 2008
- Round 4 13 February 2009

Applications must be received at the TAC no later than 4.00 pm on the closing date.

Round 3 applications should be sent to:

By Post: Transport Accident Commission
Community Road Safety Grants
GPO Box 2751
MELBOURNE VIC 3001

By Courier: Transport Accident Commission
Community Road Safety Grants
Level 17, 222 Exhibition Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

With the TAC move to Geelong in 2009, Round 4 applications should be sent to:

Transport Accident Commission
Community Road Safety Grants
60 Brougham Street
GEELONG VIC 3220

To discuss your project idea, contact the Road Safety Grants Officer on (03) 9664 6954. From January 2009, the number will be (03) 5225 6954.

Updated Guidelines for 2008/09

The 2008/09 TAC Road Safety Grants Guidelines and Application form have been updated. These are available online www.tac.vic.gov.au or by calling the Road Safety Grants Officer on (03) 9664 6954.

The information in this update is also available online at www.tac.vic.gov.au



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