The TAC recently conducted a review of breathalyser projects funded through the Community Road Safety Grants Program. Based on the findings of the review, guidelines have been developed to ensure that the best possible community-based road safety outcomes are achieved.

A summary of the key findings can be accessed [here](http://www.tac.vic.gov.au/about-the-tac/grants-and-partnerships/community-road-safety-grants/application-form-and-closing-dates).

Applicants seeking funding to purchase breathalyser devices will need to follow these guidelines when completing the [TAC Community Road Safety Grants Application Form](http://www.tac.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/word_doc/0009/36972/crsg-application-form-2011-2012.doc) :

***Application***

1. Applicants must obtain and include at least two written quotes for breath testing devices that meet the Australian Standard 3547. Quotes must include the estimated lifespan of the device and the planned maintenance schedule (including calibration). The TAC may request applicants to provide information to support the preferred breathalyser device.
2. Where a device has opportunity for the display of messages, the TAC must approve messages and creative. The TAC can provide messages and images that are consistent with TAC drink drive campaigns.
3. Applications must include a copy of the TAC venue agreement template signed by the licensee indicating their support of the program. This template will include additional information for the licensee on the Victorian Road Safety Strategy and the purpose for funding community groups to address locally identified road safety issues. This template is available [here](http://www.tac.vic.gov.au/about-the-tac/grants-and-partnerships/community-road-safety-grants/application-form-and-closing-dateshttp%3A/www.tac.vic.gov.au/about-the-tac/grants-and-partnerships/community-road-safety-grants/application-form-and-closing-dates).
4. Applicants must consult, and preferably, partner with local road safety groups to support the broader range of activities targeting drink driving in their communities. Applicants can find Victorian Community Road Safety Partnership Program Groups on the VicRoads website [www.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au), search for VCRSPP. Other organisations that applicants could consult with include the Local Liquor Licence Accord, the Local Council and Victoria Police.
5. Any background research or data on drink driving related road trauma, Police statistics etc. should be recent (within the last five years) and relevant to the local area. For example, state-wide data should not be used to support a local drink driving project.

***Reporting***

1. Data obtained from breathalysers must be included with all progress and final reports. This data can be aggregated to a suburb or local government area, to ensure anonymity of licensed venues. The data should be made available to local road safety groups and local government to help inform road safety initiatives.
2. Use of revenue obtained from breathalysers should be reported thoroughly and used to fund good practice local road safety programs such as:
	* *Fit to Drive -*  [www.f2d.com.au](http://www.f2d.com.au)
	* *L2P Learner Driver Mentor Programs – available on the VicRoads website*
	* Sponsoring local the local registered Community Road Safety Group – listed on the VicRoads website, search for VCRSPP.

Community groups should encourage sporting clubs with liquor licences to become involved in the Good Sports program or, if already involved, to pursue the next level of registration. Information about the Good Sports program is available at [www.goodsports.com.au](http://www.goodsports.com.au).

These guidelines will provide a strong foundation for the implementation of breathalyser programs and ensure the best road safety outcomes from every project. The guidelines will also assist the TAC to ensure breathalyser programs are located in those areas where the programs are going to be most beneficial.