

About the Flexible Local Transport Program

TRANSPORT FOR VICTORIA

This innovative Grants Program provides one-off funding for local transport projects that improve access for local communities.

The Regional Network Development Plan (RNDP) identifies local transport as a key part of an integrated transport network. The Victorian Government has committed to supporting local transport through Local Transport Forums.

Local and community transport are services, activities and infrastructure that support people who may have difficulty accessing the public transport system, where there is limited public transport available in their community or where physical connections to services in their area may be deficient.

Our funding priorities

The Objectives of the Flexible Local Transport Program (The Program) are to:

- Help seed smaller scale initiatives that demonstrate a contribution to integrated transport outcomes:
- Improve mobility options for individuals who do not have access to their own transport, including seniors, youth, people with disabilities, culturally and linguistically diverse communities and others;
- Create networks of coordinated community transportation service that leverages existing local and public transport services and pools resources to provide more rides, to more people and to more destinations.
- The funding payments are one-off and will not be available for recurrent funding or to fund operational costs.

Proposals made to The Program must demonstrate that a project or initiative:

- meets a service or project need that is aligned with the Government's policy objectives
- is innovative and has significant social and economic benefits for Victorians;
- is feasible and capable of being delivered; and
- demonstrates a contribution to integrated and sustainable transport outcomes.

Eligibility requirements

Applications will be open to local councils, existing community and local transport providers, community groups and not-for-profit organisations with two years or more continued operation prior to closure of each funding round. For organisations that have merged or absorbed another entity during the previous two years, one year of consolidated operation is required prior to being eligible to apply.

Applications by local government will be required to demonstrate a reasonable co-contribution.

All applicants must demonstrate they adhere to any registration, occupational health and safety, risk and probity requirements set by Transport for Victoria.

The Fund will positively weight proposals that address transport disadvantage with respect to one or more of the following:

Social and economic inclusion

Access to education, training and employment, social access and health services

Safety and navigation

Establish permanent linkages with existing public transport assets (specific to local area infrastructure)

Activities that will generally not be funded

The Fund will not accept proposals that request the funding of studies, business cases, research, or demand modelling.

Proposals will not be accepted that duplicate, or replicate existing government subsidies or programs.

Proposals for funding for local area infrastructure must demonstrate it has the support of the relevant Council.

Proposals will not be accepted where the funding contributes to on-going operational costs.

Project Delivery Timeframe

Projects are to commence from **TBC** 1st January 2018 and evaluated by 31st December 2018.

How to Apply for funding

Potential applicants should contact Transport for Victoria regional staff or your Local Transport Forum to discuss and review proposals that meet this Guideline and respond to the assessment criteria.

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