WasteSorted Grants
Infrastructure and Community Education 2020-21
Information Webinar

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land upon which we live and work, and pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging.
Type questions in the Q&A panel

(please use Q&A and not chat)

All questions will be answered at the end of the webinar.

Raise your virtual hand
Waste Strategy 2030 – Objectives and Targets

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Objectives

Funding will focus on projects and events that align with the following *Waste Strategy 2030* priorities:

- projects that support the Waste Strategy’s objectives to *avoid* waste, *recover* more value and resources from waste, and *protect* the environment

- projects relating to plastics, paper and cardboard, organics (including food organics), construction and demolition waste, metals, glass, textiles and hazardous waste (non-domestic)

Funding will be available to support organisations in the delivery of implementation-ready projects that are supported by well-developed and fully costed project plans.
Overview

This WasteSorted Grants funding round offers two streams:

- **Stream 1: Recycling Infrastructure**
  ($250,000 maximum grant)

- **Stream 2: Community Education**
  ($50,000 maximum grant)

$1.54 million has been allocated to this WasteSorted Grants funding round.
Overview (cont.)

The scope of projects and events that can potentially be funded through WasteSorted Grants is broad.

This round includes a focus on projects that address:

• focus materials, which include plastics, paper and cardboard, organics (including food organics), construction and demolition waste, metals, glass, textiles and hazardous waste (non-domestic)

• improvements in communications and behaviour change initiatives

• research related to use in and viability of local markets as alternatives to export or landfill
Eligible organisations

Organisations eligible for funding include:
• businesses (normally with at least one year of continuous operation)
• community groups
• local governments
• not-for-profit organisations, including charitable recycling organisations
• peak industry bodies
• regional councils
• research and education organisations (schools are not eligible to apply; the Waste Wise Schools Program is available specifically for school waste projects)
Stream 1 – Recycling Infrastructure

Priority will be given to local infrastructure projects that support recovery and reprocessing of focus materials as outlined in the Waste Strategy and the program guidelines.

A maximum $250,000 grant limit applies per project.
Stream 1 - Recycling Infrastructure (cont.)

In this funding stream, ‘infrastructure’ refers to:

• facilities and equipment to support greater sorting and decontamination of recovered materials
• facilities and equipment to enable reprocessing of materials to a higher quality suitable for manufacturers and end markets
• facilities and equipment for the remanufacturing of recovered materials into new products
Stream 2 – Community Education

The aim of the community education stream is to support eligible organisations to develop and implement projects that contribute towards improving knowledge about managing waste.

It is envisaged this will be achieved through:

• the development of better-practice systems and processes
• education and knowledge-sharing activities
• behaviour change

A maximum $50,000 grant limit applies per project.
Stream2 – Community Education (cont.)

Projects that are eligible for the community education stream include those which:

- communicate messages for behaviour change and promote their adoption
- develop and implement targeted training and knowledge sharing sessions
- research, develop and disseminate improvements to waste management practices, contributing to waste avoidance, resource recovery and the diversion of waste from landfill

*Infrastructure, including plant and other significant equipment items, is not funded through stream 2.*
Ineligible projects and activities

Funding is not available for:

• operational costs (routine or cyclical works, such as groundwater monitoring; ongoing operating costs, such as rates, water and electricity costs; repair and maintenance costs)
• projects, or parts of projects, that are nearing completion
• projects not located in Western Australia, or that intend to manage materials that are not primarily sourced from Western Australia
• project activities that commenced before signing a funding agreement with the state of Western Australia
• purchase of land
• activities to meet legislative requirements
• Containers for Change projects (e.g., donation and refund points, aggregation, processing and logistics)
• school projects (schools seeking grants for waste projects should contact Waste Wise Schools)
Preference will be given to projects that can be completed within a year of grant award.

Longer-term projects that clearly demonstrate a significant contribution towards Waste Strategy priorities may be considered.
Assessment of Applications

All applications will be assessed against the following four criteria:

1. extent of beneficial project impacts
2. viability of the project
3. capacity of applicant to deliver all aspects of the project
4. value for money

In addition, applications for recycling infrastructure funding will be assessed against siting, licensing and compliance considerations.
1. Extent of beneficial project impacts

- extent to which the project supports one or more of the Waste Strategy’s objectives of avoid, recover and protect
- extent to which project aligns with the guiding concepts and principles set out in the Waste Strategy, in addition to Waste Authority position statements
- the significance of the problem addressed by the proposal
- additional tonnages of waste expected to be recovered as a result of implementing the project
- additional economic benefits, such as an increase in the value of recovered material, creation of jobs and their flow-on benefits
- environmental and social benefits (e.g., reduced greenhouse gas emissions, new jobs).
- extent to which the project will demonstrate or improve best practices in waste management
- extent to which the project will deliver positive behaviour change through education and/or promotion of outcomes to relevant stakeholders
- extent to which project is able to be replicated
- how any negative impacts the project may have on any group or person will be addressed
2. Viability of the project

• financial/commercial viability
• technological viability
• demonstrated need in the marketplace
• consideration of sourcing input materials and end markets for outputs (where relevant)
• viability of affecting change
• consideration of project risks and effective plans for their mitigation
3. Capacity of the applicant to deliver all aspects of the project

- demonstrated ability to complete the project on time and budget
- clearly defined project objectives, deliverables, key performance indicators, milestones, anticipated outcomes and budget
- detailed project plan and resources for the measurement and evaluation of project outcomes
- evidence of financial capability to deliver the project (e.g., a budget showing the source and application of funds for the project); recent financial statement (e.g. organisation accounts or a balance sheet)
- applicant compliance with environmental law
4. Value for money

- extent that the project delivers benefits in Western Australia
- grant requested per tonne of materials diverted from waste by the project (evaluated by material type)
- extent that the project will achieve behaviour change for waste management
- evidence of market testing, research (e.g. supplier information and quotations) to deliver best value proposal
- sustainable impact of the project beyond funded period
- proportion of total project costs funded by the applicant and/or other funders
5. Site, licensing and compliance considerations (where relevant):

• implications of site of project (location, ownership/leasing of land, any permissions required from site owner)

• any licenses in place or still required

• Land zoning and local government approvals
Applications

- Applications must be made using the relevant stream 1 (Recycling Infrastructure) or stream 2 (Community Education) application form
- The application form will become part of the funding agreement for successful projects
- Applications must be clear, concise and relevant, and free of irrelevant marketing or any other unrelated material. Relevant supporting information may be attached to the application form
- Applicants can submit more than one application in each funding round
- Applications must be signed by the CEO or an authorised officer of the applicant’s organisation
- Completed applications must be submitted through the Waste Authority portal prior to the specified closing date and time
A sound application

Sound applications include the following elements:

• alignment with the objectives of the waste strategy
• alignment with State Government and Waste Authority priorities
• detailed/complete and accurate information (including costings)
• concise
• consideration of stakeholder consultation, collaboration and uptake
Key Performance Indicators

*Use SMART Key Performance Indicators (KPIs):*

- **Specific**
- **Measurable**
- **Achievable**
- **Relevant**
- **Time-bound**

- Changes in waste levels

- 200 tonnes of food and garden organic waste diverted per month from landfill in trial area
Activity descriptions

Provide a clear, specific description of project activities.

*Provide sufficient detail.*

- Increase recycling from yellow top bin

  ✓ Encourage households to separate materials into the correct bin by providing direct feedback, through three rounds of inspection and tagging to 10,000 households with an aim to reduce recyclables bin contamination by 20 per cent
Milestones

When will the project be delivered? What are the key deliverables? When will they be delivered?

*Include a high level summary of key steps and timings.*

- Agreement signed: Q1 2020-21
- Infrastructure purchased: Q2 2020-21
- Project ends: Q4 2020-21

- Ground works completed: 31 October 2020
- Purchase of processing equipment complete: 30 November 2020
- Processing equipment installed: 30 April 2021
- Equipment testing complete: 15 May 2021
- Processing commences: 30 May 2021
Costings

How much will it cost to deliver the activity?
Is it good value for money?

*Include detailed, realistic and evidence based costings.*

- Staff: $15,000
- Equipment hire: $10,000

- Staff costs to deliver 8 workshops: $3,840
- Hire of screening plant for eight weeks (week 13-20): $8,800

Co-contributions will be considered favourably.
Co-contributions can be a combination of cash and in-kind contributions.
Reporting – a key deliverable

Consider how and when will you report on delivery progress?

• include high level summary of key steps and timings

• indicate when progress will be reported to the Waste Authority (milestone/financial reporting and final project report)

• detail how the benefits of the project will be communicated to relevant stakeholders and broader community
Final tips

• Read the guidelines.

• Consult with the WasteSorted Grants coordinators if required.

• Make your application concise, comprehensive and clear.

• Check that all information provided is accurate.

• Ensure your project budget balances.

• Ask yourself ‘Would I invest in this project? Why?’
2020 applications

Applications close 12 noon, Monday 14 September 2020.

Applications must be submitted through the online portal.


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