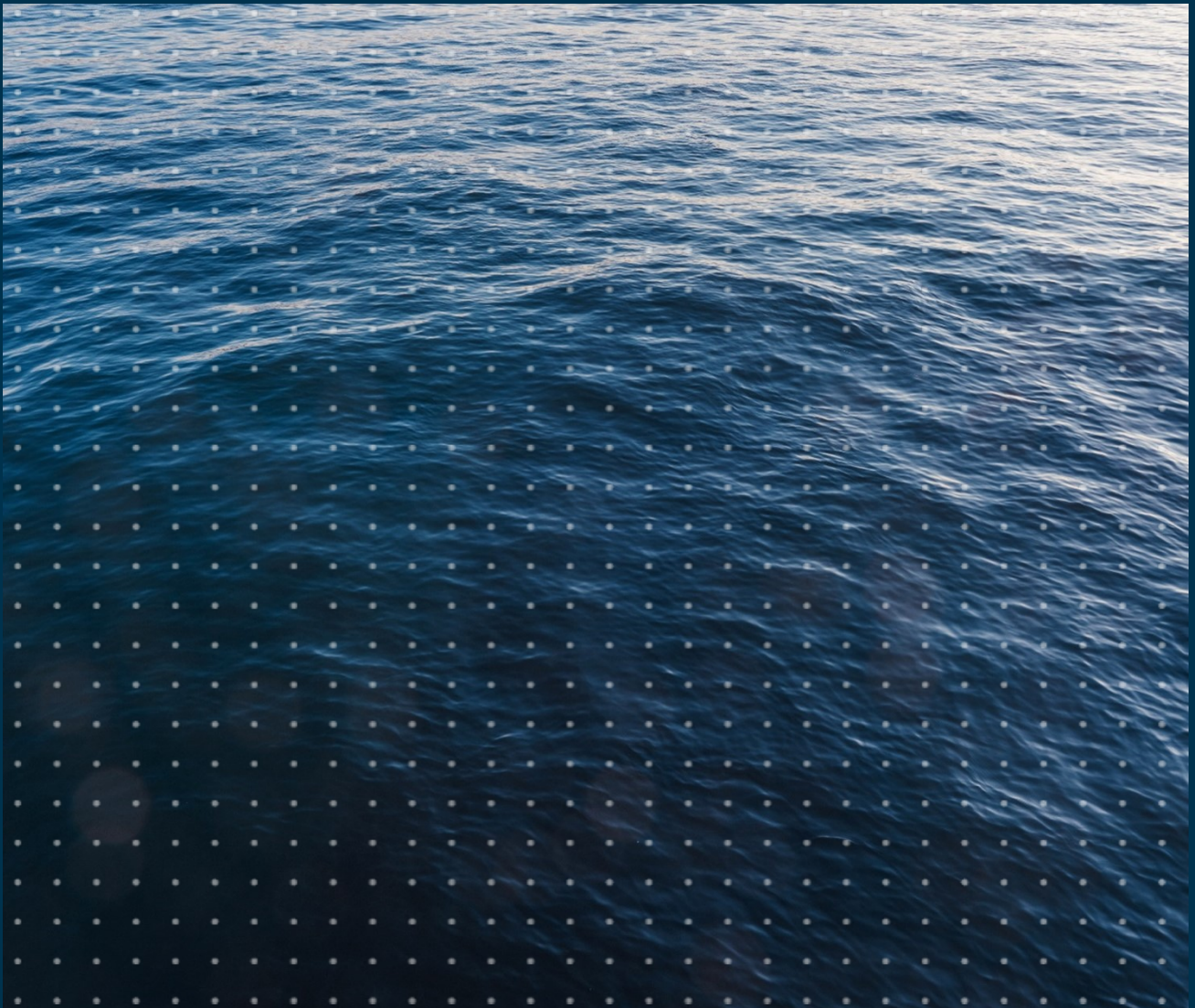




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Stage 4 Transition Round overview



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In 2021 the NSW Litter Prevention grants program will offer a total of \$2,000,000 in grant funding for councils, community groups and other key stakeholders to deliver litter prevention projects and develop strategic plans to transition towards the new Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy 2041. This program aims to ensure a healthy and thriving environment for the future.

Overview

Transition Round funding

The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has opened a **Transition Round** of funding under the Litter Prevention grants program.

Funding of \$2,000,000 is available to councils, community groups and businesses and other government agencies as part of the Waste Less, Recycle More transition year funding and the Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy 2041.

These guidelines will assist organisations to submit applications for this **Transition Round**.

Funding is available for projects under the existing four grant programs:

- Council Litter Prevention Grants Program
- Litter-Regional Implementation Program
- Community Litter Prevention Grants Program
- Cigarette Butt Litter Prevention Grants Program.

Applicants may choose to apply for the following projects:

1. **On-Ground projects** that deliver on-ground litter reduction and prevention, applying the integrated approach: education, infrastructure, enforcement and monitoring and evaluation.
2. **Strategic projects** that apply the Own it and Act framework to help embed litter prevention in your organisation or build longer term litter prevention strategies. More detail on the Own it and Act framework is provided in the respective grant program guidelines.

Grant applications be submitted using SMARTY GRANTS platform. Application forms to apply for the four Litter Prevention Programs will be available when Transition Round opens at <https://epa.smartygrants.com.au/>

Late applications will not be accepted.

Strategic overview and program objective

The NSW Government has released the new Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy 2041, outlining how NSW will transition towards a circular economy. As part of this strategy the NSW Government has set two new litter targets:

1. 30% reduction in plastic litter by 2025, and
2. 60% of all litter items by 2030.

This has been backed by \$38 million over the next 5 years to support programs and projects that deliver these targets. This funding will be guided by the NSW Litter Prevention Strategy. The NSW Litter Prevention grants program is a critical element of the NSW Litter Prevention Strategy, providing support for key stakeholders to deliver on-ground and strategic litter prevention projects.

All projects funded under this Transition Round will support the new litter reduction targets outlined in the Waste Strategy.

About this Transition Round

How much funding is available?

This **Transition Round** has a total of \$2,000,000 available for projects starting in 2021.

The funding will be 100% contestable.

A maximum of \$150,000 (ex. GST) is available to any one successful applicant across all projects and eligible program stream types.

Applicants can apply for multiple projects within the following funding framework.

Grant program	Program stream: type	Eligible applicants	Maximum funding
Council: Stream 1	On-ground projects	Councils	\$75,000
Council: Stream 2	Strategic projects (Own it and Act)	Councils	\$50,000
LRIP: Stream 1	On-ground projects	Regional Waste Groups	\$75,000
LRIP: Stream 2	Strategic projects (Own it and Act)	Regional Waste Groups	\$50,000
Community: Stream 1	On-ground projects	Community Groups	\$40,000
Community: Stream 2	Strategic projects	Community Groups	\$80,000
Community: Stream 3	Strategic Implementation	Community Groups	\$100,000
Cigarette Butt Litter	On-ground cigarette butt litter reduction projects	Councils, Regional Waste Groups, community groups, business, and other government agencies	\$50,000

Selecting which program and funding stream to apply for?

This funding round provides a range of programs to suit different organisational needs. Identifying which program will depend on your organisation, including where you are along the litter prevention journey and your litter problem. Choosing which program and funding stream to apply for may depend on whether you are continuing delivering on-ground projects, building organisational capacity to deliver on-ground projects or whether you need to develop strategic projects that make a case for investing in longer term litter prevention. Further details on each of the program and funding streams are outlined in the respective Grant program guidelines (links below).

What projects will be funded?

Funding supports organisations to deliver litter projects, including on-ground projects – as well as development of new strategic projects.

Projects must target litter reduction in NSW.

How will funding be allocated across the programs?

A total of \$2,000,000 is available, with a \$500,000 quota allocated to each of the four grant programs.

- Council Litter Prevention grants program \$500,000
- Litter-Regional Implementation program \$500,000
- Community Litter Prevention grants program \$500,000
- Cigarette Butt Litter Prevention grants program \$500,000

All applications will be competitively assessed and ranked against the relevant program selection criteria by a technical review committee (TRC).

If the available \$500,000 for a specific program is not allocated (i.e. the program is under-subscribed, or sufficient applications do not meet the criteria), then any surplus funds may be allocated to another program which has been oversubscribed with compliant applications.

Funding will be allocated following a **two-stage assessment process**.

Assessment process

Stage 1

- A TRC will be established for each of the four grant programs to assess respective applications.
- Each application will be assessed and ranked according to the respective program selection criteria.
- All compliant applications within the allocated program funding quota will be recommended for funding.
- Any additional compliant applications outside the allocated program funding quota will be allocated to a second stage of assessment.
- Any surplus funding within the \$500,000 allocation will be available to projects under the second stage of assessment.

Stage 2

- All compliant applications assessed in stage 1 that fall outside the allocated program funding amount will be comparatively assessed in stage 2.
- An additional TRC, comprising a member from each TRC under stage 1, will be formed to assess and rank all remaining applications in stage 2.
- Stage 2 will be assessed using the following criteria:
 - **Evidence:** is the project developed in response to the evidence collected and a clear case made for funding. (i.e. a Local Litter Check, Status Checklist identifying organisational strengths and weaknesses in relation to institutionalising litter prevention, or other key data)?
 - **Capacity to deliver:** is there a sufficiently detailed and realistic project plan? Will the project be delivered to a high standard? Is the timeframe realistic?
 - **Value for money:** do costs seem reasonable? Is sufficient detail provided to account for budgeted items? What is the extent of in-kind and/or partner contributions?
 - **Effectiveness:** the extent to which the project will contribute to litter prevention. Will the project deliver on-ground litter prevention using the integrated approach; or, for strategic projects, will the project ensure long-term litter reduction outcomes by addressing OIAA enablers? Will the project provide council employees, land managers and/or community organisations with the knowledge and/or skills to implement effective solutions? Does the project build capacity of key stakeholders to manage litter prevention?

- Applications will be ranked and recommendations for funding made within a quota of remaining program funding.

Covid-19 considerations

Given the current uncertainty around Covid-19, the EPA may choose to shift timeframes, including extending the closing date.

In particular, those applying for on-ground projects that require site visits and completion of local litter checks or butt litter checks may seek exemptions to this requirement if, at the time of submission, it is not feasible or consistent with public health orders and advice to undertake relevant site assessments.

Relevant updates will be made on the EPA Website if changes to timeframes and requirements are needed.

Submission process

To submit a valid grant application please refer to the relevant program guidelines below for specific guidance.

Application forms for these two programs are available on the SMARTY GRANTS EPA page at <https://epa.smartygrants.com.au/>

The EPA Litter Prevention Unit is available to provide advice on applying for projects.

Please contact litter.prevention@epa.nsw.gov.au or (02) 4908 6868.

NSW Litter Prevention grant program guidelines

[Litter grants information.](#)

Council Litter Prevention Grants Program

Litter-Regional Implementation Program

Community Litter Prevention Grants Program

Cigarette Butt Litter Prevention Grants Program