

# Resource Recovery Industry Development Program

## Frequently asked questions

### What is the Resource Recovery Industry Development Program?

The Resource Recovery Industry Development Program (RRIDP) is a \$100 million funding program that was announced in the 2018 State Budget. \$100 million is available over three years, to develop a high-value resource recovery and recycling industry – including biofutures.

The funding will be available to support local governments, businesses, not-for-profits and consortia, and will support improvements to existing facilities and attract new major projects to our state.

The RRIDP is one initiative to achieve the Queensland Government's long-term vision to attract investment, develop new industries and grow jobs in the recycling, resource recovery and waste to energy sectors.

### Why has government established this program?

The RRIDP has been established to assist with the development of projects which will divert waste from landfill, reduce stockpiling and encourage activities which facilitate waste avoidance and increase recycling activities.

The program will focus on enhancing economic development opportunities and jobs growth led by building advanced processing and technology capacity.

Projects will be supported which invest in transitioning Queensland towards a circular economy where products and materials keep circulating within the economy for as long as possible, through re-use, recycling and remanufacturing.

### Who can apply?

Queensland-based local governments and businesses as well as not-for-profits, or businesses seeking to establish significant operations in Queensland, will be able to apply for support where they meet the eligibility criteria of the program.

The program is also open to consortia of local governments and businesses and not-for-profits seeking to implement integrated projects including supply, processing and offtake elements.

### Why is there a need for three funding streams?

Each funding stream has been designed to meet the varied needs of the resource recovery industry as it grows and invests in new and expanded facilities and infrastructure in Queensland.

### What are the key differences between the three streams of the RRIDP?

The three streams of the RRIDP are targeted to support different sections of the resource recovery industry and the types of support they require.

Stream one, the **Resource Recovery Industry Grants** fund, will provide grants from \$50,000 up to \$5 million on a dollar-for-dollar basis to provide funding for infrastructure projects which will enhance or build new facilities or for capital investments in new processing and technological capabilities. It will operate in a competitive rounds-based system.

Stream two, the **Resource Recovery Project Fund**, will provide incentives to attract or expand major resource recovery operations. These are expected to be larger-scale projects which offer significant opportunities for Queensland.

Stream three, the **Resource Recovery Project Investment Pipeline Fund**, will offer support for professional and technical investigations to inform final investment decisions.

Stream one	Stream two	Stream three
From \$50,000 to up to \$5 million with dollar-for-dollar co-funding contribution for capital investment and equipment	Negotiated incentives based upon the specific needs of a project	Up to \$1 million with no cash co-contribution for pre-project investigations to assist with investment decisions
Regular funding rounds, open twice per year and accepting Expressions of Interest (EOI) for four weeks	Open funding stream continuously accepting applications	Open funding stream continuously accepting applications
EOI for eligibility check followed by detailed application	EOI for eligibility check followed by detailed application	Straight to detailed application

## When do applications need to be received by?

Stream one Expressions of Interest open on 7 September 2018 and close at 5pm AEST on Friday 5 October 2018.

Streams two and three are open rounds. Applications are invited on an ongoing basis during the life of the program and will be assessed on a case by case basis.

## What sort of projects will be funded?

An eligible project must target waste materials which are currently being landfilled, stockpiled, or streams that are demonstrated to be at risk of being landfilled without more stable recovery pathways.

The government has identified a number of infrastructure types which may be needed to achieve the objectives of the Program, but it is not exhaustive, and we look to the resource recovery sector for other types of projects which might also improve infrastructure to return our valuable resources back into a productive economy.

Examples could include:

- infrastructure that generates energy from single stream or mixed waste
- upgrades to Materials Recycling Facilities (MRF) to meet tighter product quality standards or refurbishment of older MRFs to improve viability.

## Will a project that uses a waste product from another recycling activity be funded?

Yes, as long as the overall aim of removing waste from landfill is achieved. Any project along the entire supply chain from collection and transfer to sorting and re-manufacture as well as waste to energy could be funded.

## Can the projects be located anywhere in Queensland or only in the Waste Levy Zone?

Diverting waste from landfill and improving our resource recovery rates is a priority for the Queensland Government across the entire state.

Projects can be located anywhere in Queensland provided the project meets the key objectives, including the diversion of waste from landfill and creation economic opportunities.

It is noted however that under the assessment criteria, projects that divert higher volumes of waste will be prioritised.

## **Will resource recovery projects be subject to development and environmental approvals?**

All resource recovery projects will be subject to usual planning and environmental approvals.

## **Who can lodge an application?**

Businesses, local governments and not-for-profit organisations with an ABN / ABRN may apply for funding.

Joint applications from business and local government or from a consortium of local governments and businesses are encouraged.

However, a lead applicant should submit the application on behalf of the consortium and will need to meet identified eligibility criteria.

## **When will grants be approved?**

Stream one is a two-stage assessment process. Applicants will be advised if their expression of interest (EOI) has been accepted by the 26 October 2018 and will then be invited to submit a detailed application. A further four weeks will be allowed for proponents to submit a detailed application, followed by an eight to twelve-week assessment period.

Stream two is an open round with applications invited on an ongoing basis during the life of the program. Stream two is a two-stage assessment process where proponents will be able to submit an expression of interest (EOI) and may then be invited to submit a detailed application. As this is market led there are no cut-off dates for applications, but you can expect at least three months for a decision on an application.

Stream three is an open round, single stage process with applications invited on an ongoing basis during the life of stream three and assessed on a case by case basis. As this is market led there are no cut-off dates for applications, but you can expect at least three months for a decision on an application.

## **Are these grants different to the 2018 – 19 Local Government Levy Ready Grants?**

Yes. The Local Government Levy Ready Grants Program (LGLRGP) is a limited round of funding to assist local councils with their waste disposal facility infrastructure upgrades prior to the introduction of the waste disposal levy in 2019.

A link to the guidelines is provided below, but generally eligible projects will be those which support the successful implementation of the levy and could include improvements such as IT upgrades, security and weighbridges. The grants are not available to businesses.

More information regarding the 2018 – 19 Local Government Levy Ready Grants is available [here](#).