

Resource Recovery Infrastructure Fund (RRIF) Round 4

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Who can apply for funding?

A. Recovery and reprocessing operators can apply for funding, including those wholly or part-owned by local government authorities, not-for-profits and social enterprises.

Q. How much funding is available?

A. Grants from \$50,000 to \$500,000 are available to support investment in new and/or expanded plant, equipment and processes that improve the quality of reprocessing recycled materials fit for reuse (“commercial grade”), and/or increase the volumes of recycled materials that can be managed and reprocessed, including paper, plastic, cardboard, glass and e-waste.

Q. What is the project completion date?

A. Projects must be completed by 31 March 2021.

Q. What is a priority material?

A. Priority materials are detailed in the [Market Development Strategy](#) and the [Recycling Industry Strategic Plan](#).

Q. What does environmental or safety breach mean?

A. An environmental or safety breach is any past or current prosecution, reportable incident, investigation, notice, penalty, warning, regulatory intervention or enforcement action from the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) or Victorian WorkCover Authority (WorkSafe) or failure to comply with any environmental and safety laws.

Q. What does environmental and safety laws mean?

A. Environmental and safety laws are the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004*, *Environment Protection Act 1970* or any other legislation, regulation order, statute, by-law, ordinance or any other legislative or regulatory measure, code, standard or requirement relating to the protection and safety of persons or property or which regulate the environment including laws relating to land use planning, pollution of air or water, soil or groundwater contamination, chemicals, waste, the use, handling, storage or transport of dangerous goods or substances, greenhouse gas emissions, carbon trading, or any other aspect of protection of the environment.

Q. How will our environmental, safety and financial performance be assessed?

A. Applicant’s compliance with environmental or safety laws and financial performance will be assessed using a risk based approach (including related entities, the project partners and sub-contractors).

Applicants must:

- have had no environmental or safety breaches in the last five years, or:

- the breach has been satisfactorily resolved, or the applicant can demonstrate they are working effectively to resolve the breach;
 - the applicant has made appropriate efforts, including implementing management systems, to ensure the breach is not repeated, and/or;
 - since the breach, the applicant has had a satisfactory level of compliance with environmental and safety laws.
- demonstrate financial capability to undertake the project

Q. How much do I need to contribute towards the project?

A. A co-contribution is a cash contribution from your organisation towards the overall cost of the project. All applicants will be required to match funding at a minimum of \$1 for every \$1 requested from SV.

Q. What do you mean by in-kind contribution?

A. An in-kind contribution is an activity other than cash that is contributed towards a project. Examples of in-kind include staff time to manage project implementation, materials (e.g. may include C&D materials that can be used as a substitute for raw materials where they meet a design specification) or services and installation costs that utilise existing internal resources. In-kind contributions do not count towards your projects co-contribution.

Q. Will funding be available for vehicles?

A. No, vehicles, vehicle attachments, or anything that extends or modifies a vehicle will not be funded. This includes front end loaders, fork lifts etc.

Q. Will you fund leased equipment?

A. No, Sustainability Victoria will not fund leased equipment. The grant must be spent on eligible equipment owned by the recipient.

Q. Do you fund projects that have already commenced?

A. Projects in which construction of infrastructure has commenced before signing a funding agreement with SV will not be funded. However, infrastructure equipment may be purchased prior to signing the funding agreement to prevent delays in completing the project.

Q. Managing Risk associated with climate change

A. Section 5 of the application form asks applicants to outline how they propose to manage risks associated with climate change impacting on infrastructure. Risks may include extreme weather events, sea level rise and storm surge, increased fire danger and reduced rainfall. The planning for the development of new infrastructure or the upgrading of existing infrastructure is an appropriate time to examine the associated risks. Risks will also arise from the impact of climate change to infrastructure which may be beyond the boundaries of the facility and may influence its location or siting. For example, an increase in flooding may impact a facility for which the access requires passage over low lying roads. For more information, applicants may wish to refer to Australian Standard AS 5334-2013 Climate change adaptation for settlements and infrastructure – A risk based approach.

Q. If I am successful, what happens next?

A. If you are offered a grant, the next step is to enter into a contract with SV. The contract is

prepared by SV, following the announcement of successful applicants. The contract is tailored to the project the business will undertake, with payments attached to milestones relevant to the project. Please refer to the sample SV contract that accompanies this document.

Q. When will the funding become available?

A. Successful applicants will enter into a contract with Sustainability Victoria in 2019. All projects must be completed by 31 March 2021.

Q. If I am successful, how will payments and reporting be structured?

A. The contract with SV will have clear milestones and evidence will be required before any payments are made. Failure to meet milestones will impact on payments. There are many factors that can impact on a project's ability to deliver and these will need to be addressed and considered as the project progresses in consultation with SV.

Q. If I am unsuccessful, will I receive feedback?

A. Unsuccessful applicants are welcome to request feedback on their application. Depending on the application, SV may provide general or specific feedback. Requests for feedback should be made by email to grants.enquiries@sustainability.vic.gov.au.

Q. How long will we need to provide data to SV for?

A. In order to report accurately against the outcomes of the project and the program we would like data reported annually for the next five years. We would hope that the provision of data will not be onerous. The provision of data to the Victorian Recycling Industries Annual Survey enables SV and the government to build a better picture of recycling across the state and we use that information for policy and program development. Your contribution will assist us to design better programs to meet the needs of the recycling industry.

Q. Who can I contact for assistance or further information?

A. Please email grants.enquiries@sustainability.vic.gov.au and quote "Recycling Industry Strategic Plan Grants" or phone 1300 363 744 and ask to speak to a grants representative.