



Frequently asked questions

Get NSW Active program FY2025/26

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General questions

What is the purpose of the Get NSW Active program?

The Get NSW Active program provides local councils with funding for projects that create safe, easy, and enjoyable walking and riding trips.

What is the Get Kids Active program?

The Get Kids Active program aims to help make it safer, easier, and more fun for kids to walk and ride to and from primary school. The program includes funding for infrastructure and street improvements around schools; improving walking and riding facilities at primary schools such as bike and scooter racks; and encouraging walking and riding to and from school via education and behaviour change initiatives.

When did applications open and close for the FY2025/26 Get NSW Active program?

Applications opened on 14 October 2024 and closed six (6) weeks later at 11:00pm on 25 November 2024.

How many projects were successful in receiving Get NSW Active funding in FY2025/26?

For this year's funding round, we received 320 applications from 113 councils across NSW (88% participation rate), and 76 projects were successful in receiving funding. Out of the 76 successful projects, 40 are in regional and outer metropolitan areas, bringing vital improvements to these communities. Meanwhile, 10 projects are set to benefit Western Parkland City communities, and the remaining 26 are within the Eastern Harbour City and Central River City. This prioritisation ensures balanced development across NSW.

What types of projects will be delivered via the Get Kids Active program?

Among the 24 projects funded through the Get Kids Active program, there are raised (wombat) pedestrian crossings, footpaths, and shared paths being built around schools. These improvements will make it safer and more enjoyable for children and their families to walk or ride to school.

What is the Get Kids Active behaviour change initiative?

This year, the Get Kids Active program has allocated \$10 million, including \$500,000 for behavior change initiatives. Up to 10 councils can receive up to \$50,000 each to enhance designated walking and riding routes to school. This could include fun and practical updates like decals on footpaths, colourful line markings, wayfinding signs, or totems that brighten the journey and make it easier for kids to walk or ride safely to school.

When were successful projects announced?

The announcement for projects funded under the Get Kids Active program was made on 16 May 2025, with behavior change initiative recipients to be announced separately. The broader Get NSW Active program's funded projects were announced on 18 May 2025.

Who do applicants contact for feedback on their application?

Applicants seeking feedback on their applications are encouraged to reach out to their Active Transport Manager. For general inquiries about the Get NSW Active program, they can email activetransport@transport.nsw.gov.au

Who should applicants contact if they wish to make a complaint about the grant process?

If applicants have complaints about the grant process, they can [complete this form](#).

Who should applicants contact if they have a probity concern?

For any probity concerns related to the FY2025/26 program, applicants can contact the probity advisor via rstein@procuregroup.com.au

[Applications, Eligibility, Assessment](#)

Who was eligible to apply for Get NSW Active funding?

Applications for funding were open to metropolitan and regional councils in NSW, along with the Lord Howe Island Board and the Unincorporated Far West Region (collectively referred to as 'councils').

How were applications assessed?

Applications for strategy / plan projects were evaluated on two main criteria: alignment with the objectives of the Get NSW Active program (60%) and the project management approach, including council's ability for successful delivery (40%). For design and construction projects, assessments focused on two aspects: the strategic and design merits of the project (60%), which included factors like network connectivity, design quality, place outcomes, and safety enhancements; and the council's project management approach and ability to ensure timely delivery (40%).

How competitive was the application process?

Get NSW Active is an open competitive grants program. This year, the program received a total of 320 applications.

What was the maximum number of applications a council can submit?

Councils could submit up to five (5) applications, covering all funding types including Get Kids Active and Get NSW Active. However, to ensure the program benefits communities across NSW, each council could receive a maximum of three (3) grants, with a combined total value capped at \$5 million.

What resources were available to support councils with the application process?

The following resources were provided to assist councils during the application process:

- Get NSW Active FY2025/26 Funding Guidelines
- Online information session
- Frequently asked questions, updated weekly
- Cost estimate template
- School principal letter of support template
- Cycleway Design Toolbox
- Walking Space Guide
- SmartyGrants Help Guide for applicants.

What processes were in place to ensure that all applications are assessed fairly?

To ensure fairness in the assessment process, an independent probity advisor was assigned to oversee the program, so that all applications received unbiased and equitable consideration. Applications were evaluated by a committee of experienced experts, who scored each submission based on the criteria outlined in the Get NSW Active program FY2025/26 Funding Guidelines.

What were the primary reasons why applications were unsuccessful?

Get NSW Active is a competitive grants program with \$60 million in funding available this year. However, the program received applications totaling over \$225 million, highlighting the increasing demand for active transport projects.

Due to this high level of demand, several projects that met the funding criteria were unsuccessful because they didn't score as highly as others. Other reasons for rejection included failing to clearly demonstrate the strategic merits or design principles outlined in the funding guidelines or applying for construction funding despite the project not being deemed ready for implementation.

If a project was unsuccessful in receiving funding in FY2025/26, can it be resubmitted in FY2026/27?

Yes, projects that did not receive funding in previous years can be submitted again. Applicants are encouraged to review any feedback provided on the earlier application and make updates to align with the current program's Funding Guidelines before reapplying.

When will applications open for the FY2026/27 Get NSW Active program?

Applications for the FY2026/27 Get NSW Active program are expected to open later in 2025, once funding has been confirmed.

Funding

How much funding was available in the FY2025/26 Get NSW Active program?

A total of \$60 million was available, with \$10 million specifically for projects aimed at encouraging walking or riding to school. This included \$500,000 for initiatives focused on behavior change. The remaining funds (\$50 million) were designated for broader active transport projects.

What types of projects were eligible for funding?

Funding for Get Kids Active was specifically for construction projects, while general active transport could be for strategy/plan development, project design, or construction. This flexible approach aims to support various stages of project development.

Were project types prioritised for funding?

Funding allocations included \$500,000 for strategy / planning projects and up to \$5 million for design initiatives. The remaining funds were for construction projects, emphasising support for developing walking and riding infrastructure.

How was the funding distributed across NSW?

The allocation of grants was prioritised based on area needs. 40% of the funding was directed toward projects in regional and outer metropolitan areas, while 15% was allocated to areas in Western Parkland City. This approach ensures greater support for active transport initiatives in parts of NSW that have had comparatively less investment in relation to their population size.

How much funding could be applied for per project?

For Get Kids Active, the construction project could be between \$100,000 and \$800,000.

For general active transport projects, the specific amount of funding depends on the project type. For active transport strategy / plan, projects, applications had to be between \$30,000 and \$100,000. For design projects, applications had to be between \$50,000 and \$1,000,000; and for construction projects, applications had to be between \$100,000 and \$5,000,000.

Were councils required to contribute funding, and if so, what percentage?

Projects under the program can be funded up to 100% of their total cost. However, councils are encouraged to contribute funds when possible. If a co-contribution is made, the overall project value can exceed the maximum funding limit.

Projects

What facility types are funded under Get NSW Active?

The following facility types are available for funding under Get NSW Active:

- walking connections
- raised pedestrian or shared crossings (wombat' crossings)
- continuous footpath treatments
- kerb extensions
- separated bike paths
- quietways
- shared paths
- shared zones.

Is there a deadline for completion for projects funded under Get NSW Active?

Yes. Projects funded under Get Kids Active must be completed within two (2) years of receiving funding. General active transport projects have a three-(3) year completion deadline.

When can councils start delivery of their funded project?

For projects funded under the Get NSW Active FY2025/26 program, delivery can begin starting 1 July 2025, or once the Funding Agreement has been signed and returned, whichever comes later.