

creating better places

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Urban Improvement Grants General Information and Case Studies

About the program

The Bracks Government allocated \$13.5 million over four years, from 2005-06 to 2008-09, for the Creating Better Places Grants Program.

Grants are available in four annual funding rounds (commencing 2005-06). Applicants are invited to submit proposals for projects that will enhance the liveability, sustainability, safety and cultural heritage of metropolitan activity centres and networked regional cities and towns.

The program will fund:

- Capital works to improve urban public spaces in designated metropolitan activity centres and networked regional centres, and bridging projects needed to develop projects in readiness for capital works;*
- Place Managers to facilitate structure plan implementation;*
- Strategic studies including structure plans, urban design frameworks, planning studies to support urban consolidation around centres or other strategic work.

* for principal or major activity centres with completed structure plans or urban design frameworks

Objectives

The Creating Better Places Program supports the objectives of *Growing Victoria Together*, the State Government's broad vision for the future, and the implementation of *Melbourne 2030*, the framework for sustainable growth in metropolitan Melbourne and networked regional centres.

Rejuvenated activity centres will become more attractive to visitors and local residents as places to shop, conduct business, use services and facilities and as recreational and social destinations.

By providing seed funding for key projects which have community support, the Creating Better Places Program will:

- Create more liveable, safe, sustainable and culturally rich urban environments at activity centres in metropolitan Melbourne and networked regional cities and towns; and
- Assist councils to make strategic improvements to public urban environments to help manage economic, social, demographic and environmental changes.

Eligibility, assessment criteria and applications

Detailed information is provided in a separate brochure - Urban Improvement Grants.

Application forms have been provided for your information. It is expected that most applicants will download the Word format application forms available from the web site at www.dse.vic.gov.au/planning/cbp to complete applications.

Completed applications should be sent to the Program Manager, Creating Better Places, Metropolitan Strategy, Department of Sustainability and Environment, Level 9, 8 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne 3002.

For general information about Urban Improvement Grants, please telephone 9637 8507 or 9637 9509.



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