

Plastic Free Riverpark program grant funding - Round 4

Riverfront businesses, vessel charter operators and sporting organisations

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) is calling for applications for grant funding from the Plastic Free Riverpark program 2024-25 funding round.

Eligible food or beverage businesses, vessel charter operators or sporting organisations can apply for up to \$1,000 (plus GST) of funding to implement reusable serve ware and other alternatives to single-use packaging, particularly single-use plastic packaging. There is currently \$20,000 of funding available and will be assessed and awarded on a first come, first served basis.



Objectives of grant funding

The Plastic Free Riverpark program aims to reduce single-use packaging, particularly single-use plastic packaging, in and around the Swan and Canning rivers. The grants are designed to help Swan Canning Riverpark businesses and venues to adopt reusable alternatives to single-use packaging including, but not limited to, items phased out in [Western Australia's Plan for Plastics](#).

The Plastic Free Riverpark program grant funding 2024-25 is a competitive process and limited funds are available. Priority will be given to projects that propose solutions that help eliminate and reduce the use of single-use plastic and other single-use packaging in and around the Swan and Canning rivers.

Eligibility criteria

The applicant

Must:

- Operate on the Swan or Canning rivers, or within 2km of the shoreline.
- Either be:
 - A food or beverage business (café, restaurant, bar, pub) operating for at least three hours per day, three days per week, in a Swan Canning Riverpark location.

- A sporting organisation, such as a rowing club or yacht club, whose primary activity occurs on the rivers and foreshores.
- A vessel charter operator with one or more vessels operating on the Swan and/or Canning rivers.
- Complete a free consultation with the Boomerang Alliance (WA Plastic Free) prior to applying (required only for a business with a café, restaurant, bar, function centre, or that provides food and beverage in takeaway packaging). Contact plasticfreeriverpark@dbca.wa.gov.au for further information.
- Supply an ABN and notice of GST registration.
 - In some cases, notice of GST registration may not be required i.e., if the applicant is a not-for-profit or volunteer organisation.
- A business with more than one eligible venue may be able to apply on behalf of the additional venues for a grant of \$1,000 per venue or up to a total of \$7,000 overall.

Must not:

- Be a service station, supermarket, deli, or other food or beverage business that does not prepare food and drink on-site, and whose primary form of business is not serving dine-in or takeaway food and beverage to customers.
- Be a charter operator that allows the public on board a vessel without a crew operating the vessel at all times.

The project

Must:

- Be able to be implemented within three to six months of receiving grant funding.
- Eliminate single-use plastic items or other forms of single-use packaging including, but not limited to, those items phased out in [Western Australia's Plan for Plastics](#).
- Show consideration of how the project will avoid and reduce waste, particularly in relation to single-use plastic packaging, or other forms of single-use packaging, such as plates, bowls, cutlery, drink stirrers, straws, cups, takeaway food containers and bags.

Must not:

- Be for staff salaries or wages, or training courses.



Program participants La Patisserie South Perth and Royal Perth Yacht Club (RPYC). Photo right by RPYC.

How to apply

Applications must be made by submitting a clearly completed application form to plasticfreeriverpark@dbca.wa.gov.au.

Due to limited funding, applications will close at 4pm on **Friday 29 November 2024** and are encouraged as soon as possible.

A panel of three members will assess and select those applications which most effectively meet the criteria and eliminate single-use plastic packaging and other single-use packaging from a venue or organisation. The provision of funds will be conditional upon signature of a grant agreement.

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

1. The project will eliminate single-use plastic items or other forms of single-use packaging including, but not limited to, those phased out in [Western Australia's Plan for Plastics](#).
2. The project will deliver positive environmental outcomes for the Swan Canning Riverpark.
3. The project has considered how it will deliver positive environmental, or behaviour change outcomes now and into the future.
4. The project represents good value for money.

Emailed applications are preferred. If you are unable to email your entire application, including attachments, please contact the Plastic Free Riverpark program Project Officer on 9278 0985.

Email to:

plasticfreeriverpark@dbca.wa.gov.au

Applications must be received on or before:

Closing date: 4 pm, Friday 29 November 2024

Please note applications are encouraged well before the closing date.

Acknowledgement of receipt of applications

You can expect acknowledgement of your application within one week of applying. If you do not receive acknowledgement within one week, please contact the Plastic Free Riverpark program Project Officer on 9278 0985.

Notification of funding decisions

Applicants will be advised of assessment outcomes within one month of applying. Successful projects will be notified of the conditional funding approved for their project. This funding will be conditional on a signed grant agreement.

Unsuccessful applicants will be notified in writing and will have the opportunity to receive feedback on their application by contacting the Plastic Free Riverpark program Project Officer.

Media protocol

It is a condition of funding that all media and communication activities relating to the Plastic Free Riverpark program is developed in collaboration with DBCA. This includes, but is not limited to, presentations, publications, signage, articles, newsletters or other written or digital works relating to the project or its activities.

Who to contact if you need further help

Please contact Plastic Free Riverpark program Project Officer, Bree Jennings, by email at plasticfreeriverpark@dbca.wa.gov.au, or by mobile 0467 538 518 if you require help with your application.