

Plastic Free Riverpark program round 4 grant funding

Major foreshore community events

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

Riverfront local government or event management organisation projects will be funded to help reduce single-use packaging, particularly single-use plastic packaging, at community foreshore events. Events must occur within 500m of the Swan and Canning rivers.

There is currently up to \$20,000 funding available to support community foreshore events. A local government or event manager may apply for a grant ranging from \$1000 to \$10,000 for a project that meets the eligibility criteria.



Objectives of grant funding

The Plastic Free Riverpark (PFR) program aims to reduce single-use packaging, particularly single-use plastic packaging, in and around the Swan and Canning rivers. The grant funding seeks to help riverfront local governments and event management organisations to reduce single-use packaging and products at community foreshore events, by preferencing the provision and/or encouragement of reusable options. PFR also works with successful projects to conduct community education about the Swan Canning Riverpark and plastic pollution. The grant funding prioritises projects that align with the top of the waste hierarchy (avoid, reduce and reuse).

Eligibility criteria

The applicant

Must:

- Be a riverfront local government whose jurisdiction includes a section of Swan or Canning rivers shoreline in Perth, Western Australia, or an event management organisation delivering an event within 500m of the Swan and/or Canning rivers.
- Supply an ABN and notice of GST registration.

Must not:

- Be a commercial operator, private landholder, or community group.

The project

Must:

- Be an event run, managed, or supported by the local government or event manager.
- Be located within 500m of the Swan or Canning rivers.
- Introduce reusable or low-waste alternatives to single-use plastic items or other single-use packaging including, but not limited to, those items phased out in [Western Australia's Plan for Plastics](#).
- Support one or more community events occurring on or before 31 March 2025.
- Include a reporting component to measure the success of the project. A template report will be provided to successful recipients by the PFR program. This should review how and why the project was successful, where improvements will be made in future, and any key lessons discovered from the project's implementation.

Must not:

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

The application

Must:

- Be made by completing and submitting an application form by the **closing date of 4 pm Friday 29 November 2024**. Applications are encouraged before this date and will be assessed and awarded on a first come, first served basis.
- Be signed by a senior executive officer.



Providing reusable serve-ware is a popular method to reduce plastic packaging and waste at foreshore events.

How to apply

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

Applications are encouraged before the closing date of **4 pm Friday 29 November 2024**.

A panel of three members will assess and select those applications which most effectively meet the following criteria. The provision of funds will be conditional upon signature of a grant agreement.

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

1. The event will occur within 500m of the Swan and/or Canning rivers.
2. The event will help reduce single-use plastic items or other single-use packaging including, but not limited to, those items phased out in [Western Australia's Plan for Plastics](#).
3. The project will deliver ongoing positive environmental outcomes for the Swan Canning Riverpark. The project will achieve this by:
 - a. reducing the sale and supply of single-use plastic packaging, and other forms of single-use packaging and products at current and future event/s,
 - b. prioritising actions that avoid, reduce and reuse, and
 - c. monitoring the amount and type of waste generated at the event.
4. The project will support community education and promote positive behaviour change, empowering Swan Canning Catchment residents to reduce their own plastic consumption and waste.
5. The project has considered how it will deliver positive environmental, or behaviour change outcomes now and into the future.
6. 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 Bree Jennings on 9278 0985.

Email to:

plasticfreeriverpark@dbca.wa.gov.au

Applications must be received by the Plastic Free Riverpark program on or before:

Closing date: 4 pm Friday 29 November 2024.

Please note applications are encouraged 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 subject to a letter with conditions being signed and notice of GST registration being provided.

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.

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, print and online presentations, publications, signage, articles, newsletters or other literary 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 phone on 9278 0985 or mobile 0467 538 518 if you require help with your application.