

Creating Safer Places 2026-27

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Application form

Please ensure you read the Creating Safer Places Guidelines and supporting documents prior to starting an application.

Creating Safer Places (CSP) allows Victorian councils to apply for grants of between \$50,000 and \$250,000 (GST exclusive) over 2 years to undertake urban design projects that apply an inclusive environmental design approach to deter crime, increase safety and activate public places.

Projects must commence as soon as possible after funding is confirmed and be completed within 2 years of awarding of the grant.

Further information, including, fact sheets, Frequently Asked Questions and other resources is available at: <https://www.crimeprevention.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/creating-safer-places-grants-2026>

Crime prevention approaches are most effective when government partners with communities to understand and address issues that make some communities more vulnerable to crime and victimisation.

Through Creating Safer Places, the government aims to:

- support local government to deliver crime prevention and community safety solutions in local areas
- promote the development and delivery of collaborative, partnership approaches to crime prevention
- build community capability to improve safety and work together.

Completing the application form

Note: Only Victorian councils are eligible to submit an application through Creating Safer Places.

A council may submit more than one application if seeking funding for multiple initiatives.

A council may develop an application and deliver an initiative in partnership with community organisations, local businesses, Victoria Police and other relevant stakeholders. Council must remain the lead applicant and will be responsible for entering into the funding agreement and managing delivery of the funded project

1. It is highly recommended that you click **Save Progress** every 10 to 15 minutes. For security reasons you will be logged out of your application after 30 minutes if you have not saved your application or navigated between pages. If you are logged out of the system, you will lose any changes you made that have not been saved. To avoid this, click **Save Progress** periodically if you are spending a long time working on one page of the form.
2. Review your application before submitting. Once an application is submitted you cannot change it.
3. Submit your application well before **4:00pm on Monday 26 October 2026**. The system will not accept applications (even those that have been started) after this time and late applications will not be accepted.

Resources and further information

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Read the **Creating Safer Places** [Guidelines](#), [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and other available resources carefully. If you have any questions about the Creating Safer Places grants, please contact the Department of Justice and Community Safety (DJCS) Justice Grants team by email: communitycrimeprevention@justice.vic.gov.au

If you experience technical difficulties when writing or submitting your application online, please contact SmartyGrants Support by phone (03) 9320 6888 or email: service@smartygrants.com.au

Information Sessions

There will be three separate 45 minute online **information sessions** to provide information on Creating Safer Places and answer any questions you may have about this program and the application process.

Thursday 17 September 2026 at 2:00pm

Tuesday 22 September 2026 at 12:00pm

Thursday 24 September 2026 at 11:00am.

Registration links can be found here: <https://www.crimeprevention.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/creating-safer-places-grants-2026>

Privacy collection statement

The Department of Justice and Community Safety (the department or DJCS) will use information collected from grant applicants to process the application. The department may give your application to external experts, committees or other government departments for assessment, advice or comment, or to discuss alternative or collaborative funding opportunities.

The names and contact details of successful applicant organisations, and the name and position of the applicant organisation's contact person, will be provided to the Office of the Minister for Crime Prevention, other areas of the department, external stakeholders and media organisations for the purpose of promoting and reporting on the organisation's project. Information about successful applicants will also be distributed via press releases, the department's website and other departmental publications.

Who we are

* indicates a required field

Council details

Council Name *

Organisation Name

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ABN *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

ABN

Entity Name

ABN Status

Entity Type

Goods & Services Tax (GST)

DGR Endorsed

ATO Charity Type

ACNC Registration

Tax Concessions

Main Business Location

Your ABN Information

Postal Address *

Address

Suburb State Postcode

Street Address *

Address

Suburb State Postcode

If different to postal address above

Contact details

Project Contact *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Staff member responsible for running the project and reporting

Position Title *

Phone *

Must include prefix i.e. (03) 8765 4321

Mobile

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Email Address *

Our project idea

* indicates a required field

Project Title *

Short Project Description *

Must be no more than 100 words.
Please provide a short description of what your project will do.

Total Project Cost *

Must be at least \$50,000

Grant Amount Requested *

Must be between \$50,000 - \$250,000.

Project Start Date *

Estimate only. Projects must commence as soon as possible after funding is confirmed.

Project End Date *

Estimate only. Projects must be completed within 2 years of awarding of the grant.

Department of Justice and Community Safety Region, and Local Government Area

Refer to the below guide to the Department of Justice and Community Safety Regions and which Local Government Areas fall within each region:

Barwon South West - Colac-Otway, Corangamite, Glenelg, Greater Geelong, Moyne, Queenscliff, Southern Grampians, Surf Coast and Warrnambool

Gippsland - Bass Coast, Baw Baw, East Gippsland, Latrobe, South Gippsland and Wellington

Grampians - Ararat, Ballarat, Golden Plains, Hepburn, Hindmarsh, Horsham, Moorabool, Northern Grampians, Pyrenees, West Wimmera and Yarriambiack

Hume - Alpine, Benalla, Greater Shepparton, Indigo, Mansfield, Mitchell, Moira, Murrindindi, Strathbogie, Towong, Wangaratta and Wodonga

Loddon Mallee - Buloke, Campaspe, Central Goldfields, Gannawarra, Greater Bendigo, Loddon, Macedon Ranges, Mildura, Mount Alexander and Swan Hill

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North West Metropolitan - Banyule, Darebin, Hume, Melbourne, Merri-bek, Nillumbik, Whittlesea, Yarra, Brimbank, Hobsons Bay, Maribyrnong, Melton, Moonee Valley and Wyndham

South East Metropolitan - Bayside, Boroondara, Cardinia, Casey, Frankston, Glen Eira, Greater Dandenong, Kingston, Knox, Manningham, Maroondah, Monash, Mornington Peninsula, Port Phillip, Stonnington, Whitehorse and Yarra Ranges

**Department Justice
and Community Safety
Region ***

Key Project Partners

**Please list any key
partner organisations or
stakeholders involved in
the proposed project**

This may include community organisations, local businesses, Victoria Police or other relevant stakeholders

Project site details

Use this section to provide details of all project sites where **grant funds will be spent**.

Address of project site

Address

**If applicable, please
provide details of
additional project sites
here**

**Does council own the
project site/s? ***

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

**Who owns the project
site/s? ***

**Has landowner approval
been sought or
received? ***

- ☐ Approval received
☐ Approval sought and pending
☐ Approval has not yet been sought

**Attach evidence of
landowner approval ***

Attach a file:

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This should confirm landowner approval and name the specific site/s and addresses

Licences and permits

Will the proposed works/ activities require any licences, permits or approvals prior to commencement? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

For example, planning or building permits or approval from landowners

Please describe what is required and what you have done, or will do, to get all necessary permits, licenses and approvals. *

Anticipated date for approval of licence or permit application

CCTV Projects

Applications for CCTV will only be considered for public spaces and not on privately owned land. Applicants must confirm they are responsible for owning, managing and maintaining the CCTV system and that access to CCTV storage systems and footage will be limited to council staff and/or Victoria Police.

If your initiative includes CCTV, you will be asked to provide additional information about the proposed CCTV system later in the application.

Please visit the Guidelines for additional information around the requirements for applying for CCTV funding.

Does your project contain CCTV infrastructure? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Assessment Criteria

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Eligible applications will be assessed using three criteria, with weighting given to each as follows:

Applicants should keep responses to each assessment question to a maximum of 500 words.

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Assessment Criteria 1: Applies a strong problem-solving approach to address a crime related issue (40%)

Refer to the [guidelines](#) for assessment criteria information.

1.1. What will your project do and deliver, including the key infrastructure, activities and intended improvements to the site or location, and how will these contribute to the objectives of the Creating Safer Places program? *

Include the main project components and what will be delivered through the funding.

1.2. What crime or community safety issue is your project seeking to address, who or what locations are affected and what evidence demonstrates the need for the project? *

Refer to crime data, community feedback, local knowledge, research or other relevant evidence, including evidence of the impact of the issue on the community.

1.3. Why is the proposed project response an effective way to address the identified crime or community safety issue? *

Consider relevant research, evidence, local knowledge or crime prevention practice that supports the proposed approach.

1.4. What is your plan for measuring the impact of the project in terms of actual or perceived improvements to safety? *

Describe what success will look like, the measures or information you will use and how this information will be collected or assessed. This may include a perceptions of safety survey undertaken before the project commences.

Theory of Change

A Theory of Change can help explain the problem your project is seeking to address, the proposed solution and intended outcomes. Providing a Theory of Change may strengthen your application, particularly for larger or more complex initiatives.

See the [Theory of Change fact sheet](#) for more information.

Attach Theory of Change document here

Attach a file:

Further supporting information

Refer to the [guidelines](#) for details on the types of evidence to support your application.

Criteria 1 supporting documentation

Attach a file:

Upload any documents that support the information you have provided in this section.

CCTV Projects

The following questions only apply where your project includes CCTV infrastructure. Please provide details about the proposed CCTV system and how it will operate.

Provide an overview of the operation of the CCTV system that demonstrates what areas it will cover and the functions it will have

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It is helpful to provide maps or plans that show the field of view of the cameras you will install to support this information.

Describe how the CCTV will complement other crime prevention initiatives at the project site

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How will CCTV footage be managed and used, including how it will be monitored, recorded and stored, who will have access and whether/how footage will be reviewed for investigation or evidence purposes?

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Upload a letter of support from Victoria Police

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Attach a file:

The letter should confirm Victoria Police support for CCTV as an appropriate response to the proposed location and support for the use of footage for investigation and evidence purposes.

Where applicable, upload a letter of support from the asset/landowner

Attach a file:

Letter to be provided if CCTV is to be installed on non-council assets,

Assessment Criteria 2

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Assessment Criteria 2 - Supports genuine community involvement and builds capability (30%)

Refer to the guidelines for assessment criteria information and information on partnerships.

Completed and/or future community consultation:

2.1. What community consultation or involvement has been undertaken to date and how has this informed the proposed project? *

Describe who has been consulted or involved, how they were engaged and how this has influenced the proposed approach.

2.2. What future community consultation or involvement is planned and how will the community continue to be involved in the design, delivery and evaluation of the project?

Describe any future engagement planned, including who will be involved and when this is expected to occur.

2.3. Who will you partner on the project, and what role will each partner or stakeholder play? *

Relevant partners may include community organisations, local businesses or Victoria Police.

2.4. How will the project draw on skills and knowledge from across the organisation and community to implement the project? *

Consider the skills, experience and local knowledge that will support successful delivery of the project.

2.5 How will specific community interests contribute to increased safety for the broader community?

Explain how the needs, perspectives or interests of particular community groups will inform the project and contribute to broader community safety outcomes

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Please attach letters of support from project partners

Attach a file:

Each letter of support you provide should clearly outline the partner's role in supporting your project. This is particularly important if your partner/s will receive grant funds.

Further supporting information

Refer to the [guidelines](#) for details on the types of evidence to support your application.

Criteria 2 supporting documentation

Attach a file:

Upload any documents that support the information you have provided in this section.

Assessment Criteria 3

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Assessment Criteria 3 - Shows a strong project management approach (30%)

Refer to the guidelines for assessment criteria information.

Project delivery and capacity

3.1. What is your project management approach, including the sequence of key activities and how risks will be managed to ensure the work is completed within the required funding period?

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Include key project stages, who will be responsible for delivery and indicative timeframes.

3.2. How does the proposed budget demonstrate value for money, including relevant quotes or cost estimates and any co-contributions or other investment supporting the project?

Explain how the proposed costs demonstrate value for money. Relevant quotes or cost estimates can be provided in the budget section.

3.3. What information can you provide about other successfully delivered projects the

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demonstrate council's capability and capacity to manage the proposed works?

Provide examples of relevant projects of a similar nature or scale and explain how this experience demonstrates council's capacity and capability to deliver the proposed project.

3.4. How sufficiently developed is the project to be delivered within the required funding period, including consideration of relevant approvals, landowner permissions, procurement requirements and other key project dependencies?

Explain the current status of these requirements and identify anything still to be confirmed or progressed.

Project Plan

A Project Plan is strongly encouraged to support your application. It should provide an overview of how the project will be delivered, including key activities, responsibilities, timeframes, risks and key project dependencies.

You may use your own format or download a [Project Plan Template](#).

Attach Project Plan here

Attach a file:

Where available please attach designs, location maps, specifications or relevant plans for the project

Attach a file:

Provide any additional comments on your project approach

Further supporting information

Refer to the [guidelines](#) for details on the types of evidence to support your application.

Criteria 3 supporting documentation

Attach a file:

Upload any documents that support the information you have provided in this section.

Our budget

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Budget details

Refer to the [guidelines](#) for details on what will be funded and what will **not** be funded through Creating Safer Places.

Please complete details of your budget in the tables below.

Co-contributions are strongly encouraged but are not mandatory.

Applications will be assessed on whether they provide value for money.

Budget income

Project income details required:

- All figures **must** be GST exclusive
- Ensure that the Department of Justice and Community Safety amount listed in the budget income section matches the grant amount requested under the 'Our project idea' section
- Any additional sources of funding support towards the project must be confirmed, with evidence of this confirmation attached below.
- The income and expenditure for each funding source must match (*example: \$10,000 of income from the Department equals \$10,000 of expenditure*)

Income	\$
Department of Justice and Community Safety	\$
Council - cash contribution	\$
Council - in-kind contribution	\$
Other funding source - cash contribution	\$
Other funding source - in-kind contribution	\$
Add more rows if required	

Evidence of additional funding support

If you have received additional funding support for the project in addition to the DJCS grant funding requested, please upload evidence confirming this support.

Attach a file:

Budget costs

Project costs detail required:

- All figures **must** be GST exclusive
- List all costs to show how the grant **AND** any other income will be used
- If your project has multiple sites/locations you must show the costs for each site separately

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- You must show all grant funds that will be paid to project partners, who it will be paid to, and what it will be used for

Costs	Funding source	\$	Upload quotes or cost estimates
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	

Project budget income and cost totals

The total income must equal the total expenditure

Total Income Amount

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Total Costs

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Budget information

Council understands that ongoing maintenance / operating costs are the responsibility of Council

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☐ Yes

Quotes and cost estimates

If you have not uploaded quotes please explain how you have determined the cost of the project

Attachments

This section allows you to attach any further documents to support your application. You can attach multiple documents, but please ensure they are specific to your application. The maximum size for any one document is 25MB.

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If you have already attached a document elsewhere in this application form you do not need to reattach it.

Attach supporting documents here

Attach a file:

Where relevant to your project, you are encouraged to provide supporting documents that demonstrate the strength, readiness and evidence base of your application. These may include:

- A Project Plan
- A Theory of Change for your project
- Where applicable, maps, plans and photos
- Crime data and/or other documentation that highlights the crime prevention issue being addressed by the project
- Letters of support from project partners detailing their contribution to the project
- Quotes or cost estimates that align with your budget.

Declaration

* indicates a required field

Before you submit your application

Please ensure you have completed the following steps before you submit your application:

- Read the application guidelines
- Check the project is eligible as per the Creating Safer Places guidelines
- Attach all necessary information to support your application

Remember you cannot make changes to your application after it is submitted.

Declaration

I state/declare:

- I am authorised by Council to make an application on their behalf
- I am authorised or have obtained the necessary authority to undertake the project works
- The information in this application and attachments are to the best of my knowledge true and correct
- I will notify the department of any changes to this information and any circumstances that may affect this application
- I acknowledge that the department may refer this application to external experts or other government departments for assessment, reporting, advice, comment or for discussions regarding alternative or collaborative grant funding opportunities
- I understand this is an application only and may not result in funding approval

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- I will complete all evaluation requirements agreed with the department if our application is successful

Please fill in the details of your Chief Executive Officer or other delegated Senior Manager as a sign they endorse this application.

Authorised officer name *

Title	First Name	Last Name

Authorised officer position *

Contact Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Email address *

Must be an email address.

Date *