



# Western Australian Bicycle Network Grants Program

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the Western Australian Bicycle Network Grants Program?

The Western Australian Bicycle Network (WABN) Grants Program provides funding assistance to local governments for the design and construction of active transport infrastructure. The Program aims to ensure riding and walking infrastructure is safe, accessible, connected and continuous across local government boundaries.

### How does it work?

The Program is administered by the Department of Transport and matches local government expenditure dollar-for-dollar (up to 50 per cent of the total project cost).

Local governments (LGs) apply for funding under the Program with application rounds typically open every one to two years, depending on funding availability.

For projects commencing from 2024-25, LGs may apply for funding for up to four years, up to and including financial year (FY) 2027-28. This will help facilitate higher value projects and provide LGs greater certainty, ensuring quality design and construction that will enhance safety and accessibility of critical active transport routes.

LGs can select the FY in which the proposed project should commence, and the funding requested per year.

There is no limit to the number of projects than can be submitted by one LG. Please refer to the Grant Opportunity Guidance for information on funding caps specific to the metropolitan and regional streams.

Pre-committed WABN projects with an existing funding agreement will continue in 2024-25.

### How does the WABN Grants Program tie into overarching priorities?

The WABN Grants Program is a key initiative of the [WABN Plan 2014-2031](#). Available funding is split evenly across the Perth Bicycle Network (metropolitan) and Regional Bicycle Network.

#### Long-term cycle network

The long-term cycle network (LTCN) identifies an aspirational blueprint to ensure state and local governments continue to work together towards the delivery of a continuous cycling network, providing additional transport options, recreational opportunities and support for tourism and commercial activity.

There are 12 LTCN strategies in total; one for Perth and Peel, and 11 across the regions.

The LTCN identifies the function of a route – primary, secondary, local, road cycling and transport trail – rather than the form it should take. For more information, refer to the [LTCN project page](#).

Applicants must identify the LTCN strategy that applies to the project (if relevant). If an LG is covered by an LTCN, the LG must have endorsed that LTCN, and the project must align with the LTCN.

## Regional grants stream

Regional projects submitted for grant funding need to consider the relevant regional 2050 cycling strategy, if one exists. Each strategy includes a short-term implementation program (action plan) to prioritise the delivery of infrastructure, activation and capacity building projects which are eligible for funding through this grants program.

For LGs without a relevant regional strategy (LTCN) in place, an endorsed local bike plan or similar plan is required, and applications must nominate a hierarchy categorisation for their project, consistent with the WA Cycle Network Hierarchy.

LGs that are in the Peel region which are eligible for funding under the Regional Bicycle Network stream: Shires of Boddington, Waroona and Murray. The City of Mandurah and the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale are eligible for funding under the Perth Bicycle Network stream.

## Metropolitan grants stream

For metropolitan projects commencing from 2024-25, program priorities have changed.

The metropolitan stream will better enhance METRONET connectivity, aligned to the LTCN for Perth and Peel. This means that awarded funding will focus on projects within 2-kilometres of new METRONET stations, filling significant path gaps to key public transport infrastructure.

**A 'new METRONET station' is defined as any station that is new or has been rebuilt as part of the METRONET program. Upgraded stations on a METRONET line include those that have received minor upgrades to facilitate network expansion.**

METRONET is a key priority for the State Government, seeking to minimise congestion, create a well-connected Perth, and enhance opportunities for active transport.

Refer to the [LTCN for Perth and Peel interactive GIS map](#) for eligible stations

## How are projects selected?

### Metropolitan stream

In the Perth and Peel metropolitan area, projects must fall within a 2-kilometre radius of a METRONET station (noting the above definition).

The route(s) can extend beyond the 2-kilometre radius, but a reasonable proportion of the project should fall within the buffer area. Projects may or may not link directly to the station.

Detailed eligibility and assessment criteria are outlined in the 2024 WABN Grant Opportunity Guidelines. This document is available on the [WABN Grants Program webpage](#).

### Regional stream

In regional WA, grant allocations will prioritise projects that provide connections to activity centres, schools and other strategic destinations and increase cycle tourism or recreational opportunities.

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## How can local governments apply?

Applications are invited via the [WABN Grants Program webpage](#). The online application form is hosted through the 'DoT Grants' platform. Acquittals will also be completed through that platform.

Similar to previous years, local governments will need to provide supporting information, such as a connectivity map, project timeline, cost estimates, evidence of relevant approvals and current state, and relevant strategy documents. Detailed information about the application process is outlined in the 2024 WABN Grant Opportunity Guidelines. This document is available on the [WABN Grants Program webpage](#).

## What about results?

Since 2017, the Labor State Government has invested \$38 million through the WABN Grants Program, to deliver 165-kilometres of high-quality infrastructure (including paths, bike lanes and safe active streets), a major contribution to making bike riding a safer, more convenient and attractive transport option across WA.

## Where can I find out more?

Visit the [WABN Grants Program webpage](#).