

# Media Release

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## APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR COUNCIL ROAD SAFETY GRANTS

The Allan Labor Government has launched a new round of grants to help more councils across the state deliver road safety projects in their local areas to keep their communities safe.

Councils right across the state can apply for grants of up to \$100,000 to improve road safety, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists as part of the Transport Accident Commission's (TAC) Local Government Grant Program.

Nearly half of all fatal accidents and serious injuries of pedestrians and cyclists that involve a vehicle happen on council managed roads.

The program provides grants to projects that adopt 'Safe System' principles to reduce crashes, these are principles that consider all elements of the road system including vehicles, travel speeds, road users, and the road itself.

Last year more than \$2 million worth of grants were provided across 38 councils, including a \$100,000 grant to Northern Grampians Shire Council for pedestrian safety works at Stawell Primary as well as a \$99,000 grant to Hobson's Bay Council to upgrade the crossing at Williamstown High School.

All councils can attend a briefing session hosted by the TAC on Thursday, June 20. Details about the session, along with more information on the program is available at [tac.vic.gov.au/about-the-tac/community/grants/local-government-grants](https://tac.vic.gov.au/about-the-tac/community/grants/local-government-grants).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety, Melissa Horne

*"Any life lost on our roads is a tragedy, that's why we're working with councils across the state to implement projects that keep Victorians safe – particularly for our most vulnerable road users."*

### Quotes attributable to Transport Accident Commission CEO Tracey Slatter

*"Improving road safety in Victoria is everyone's responsibility and the TAC's Local Government Grants will ensure councils can continue to improve the overall health and mobility of their communities."*