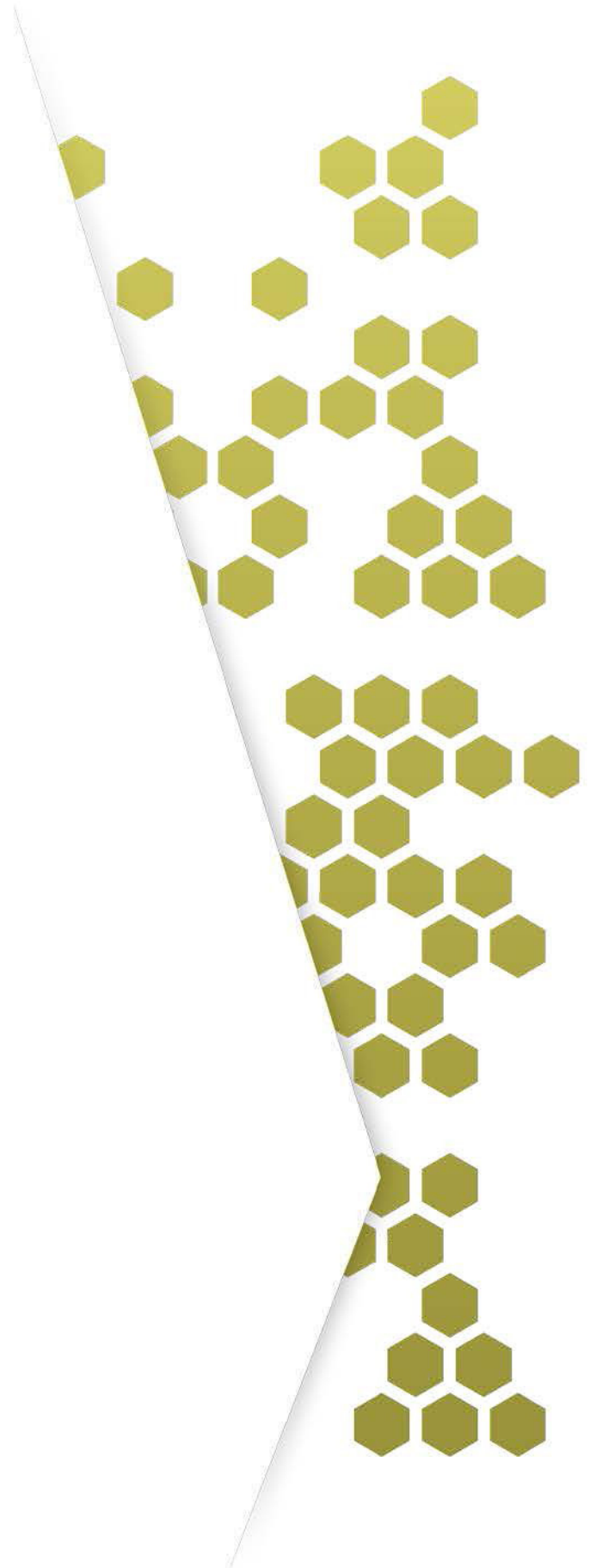


Litter – Regional Implementation Program (L-RIP)

Application guidelines



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Introduction

The Litter – Regional Implementation Program (L-RIP) objective is to support Regional Waste Groups and Voluntary Waste Groups to deliver effective litter prevention projects that best address regional needs outlined in their Regional Waste Strategies. Projects will also contribute to achieving NSW goals in long-term litter reduction.

More specifically, the objectives of Litter – Regional Implementation Program (L-RIP) are to:

- build long term capacity of councils to tackle litter (including knowledge of effective evaluation, project planning and program delivery)
- support the development of high quality, innovative multi-year Regional Litter Implementation Plans to deliver tangible projects identified in Regional Waste Strategies
- support the delivery of regional litter projects that contribute to achieving NSW or any local targets
- encourage regional partnerships that build capacity to deliver effective regional litter prevention projects
- integrate EPA-developed litter prevention tools and resources into the delivery of regional programs, where appropriate.

Overview of Litter – Regional Implementation Program

The L-RIP provides support and funding for Regional Waste Groups to deliver multi-year litter prevention projects using EPA developed resources. The L-RIP focuses on capacity building, program planning and funding for litter prevention initiatives identified in regional waste strategies.

The L-RIP is a two stage program open to NSW Regional Waste Groups and Voluntary Waste Groups.

Stage 1

Focusing on capacity building and effective long term project planning. It involves:

- a one off payment of \$20,000 to develop a practical Regional Litter Implementation Plan that outlines project objectives, monitoring and cost delivery of key elements. (Funding may also be used for travel costs to ensure councils may attend meetings and workshops to develop the Implementation Plan.)
- EPA templates, mentoring and workshop to assist in the development of a detailed multi-year Litter
- Regional Implementation Plan
- submission of the completed Regional Litter Implementation Plan and 1st year funding proposal to the EPA by 29 April 2016.

A Regional Litter Implementation Plan will outline the regional group's priority projects that deliver on the regional waste strategy. It will have clear objectives, priority projects, program implementation strategy, evaluation and costings. A total of \$280,000 is available for all NSW Regional Waste Groups to participate in Stage 1.

Stage 2

Providing access to funding to deliver priority projects outlined in the Regional Litter Implementation Plan. Regional Waste Groups will be asked to prepare a grant application for funding, to be considered within a contestable funding process.

A total of \$1 million is available for project delivery in Stage 2. The funding provided to successful recipients will be based on the cost of delivery the project to 30 May 2017. Successful applicants will be expected to make a co-contribution towards project delivery costs.

The L-RIP process

Stage 1

Objectives

- build long term capacity of councils to tackle litter by increasing knowledge and skills of effective litter prevention projects; and
- develop and submit effective Regional Litter Implementation Plan with clear objectives, priority projects, program implementation strategy, evaluation and costings.

Requirements

- submit completed Application Form committing the member councils and their regional waste coordinators to developing a Litter Regional Implementation Plan by Friday 23 October 2015.

Once funding is approved:

- attendance at a tailored L-RIP Regional Litter Implementation Plan workshop by regional waste coordinators, nominated council staff and any consultants/contractors that will assist in the planning/development of the plan
- participation of local councils in regional litter planning process
- develop and submit a Litter Regional Implementation Plan to the EPA by 29 April 2016 for priority funding consideration in Stage 2.

Follow-up mentoring support from EPA will be provided to assist councils in implementing workshop learnings and to assist in the development of a Litter Regional Implementation Plan.

EPA will provide a framework and template to support the development of this plan.

Funding of \$20,000 is provided to successful applicants to support development of the Regional Litter Implementation Plan. The funding can be used for council participants to attend workshops (travel and/or wage expenses), engage a program planner to write the Litter Regional Implementation Plan and/or to coordinate planning and engagement meetings with member councils. Funding has been made available for each of the 15 Regional Waste Groups to participate in Stage 1.

Stage 2

Objectives

- support the delivery of Litter Regional Implementation Plans prepared under Stage 1.
- support the development of positive regional partnerships to deliver effective regional litter prevention projects that deliver on regional waste strategies and NSW targets.
- integrate EPA tools and resources in the delivery of regional programs where appropriate.

Stage 2 provides access to funding to deliver priority projects outlined in the Regional Litter Implementation Plan.

It will build on the knowledge, mentoring and program planning of Stage 1 to deliver projects identified in Litter Regional Implementation Plans. It is anticipated that Regional Litter Implementation Plan proposal projects will include, but not be limited to:

- research and evaluation
- litter education campaigns
- roadside litter prevention
- litter prevention at priority regional sites
- enforcement and compliance projects.

Stage 2 begins following submission of a completed Litter Regional Implementation Plan to the EPA. Each plan will be reviewed and be considered within a contestable funding process for multi-year funding until 2016–2017. The EPA will establish an independent technical review panel to assess the Regional Litter Implementation Plans and recommend funding based on innovation and achieving regional waste objectives and long term litter prevention in the region. \$1 million in funding is currently available in Stage 2.

Relationship of L-Rip to Round 3 NSW Council Litter Prevention Grants

L-RIP program is specifically designed for regional projects that drive multi-year regional waste strategy outcomes. Regional groups of councils will not be able to apply for Round 3 Council Litter Prevention Grants, which will open later in 2015. All individual NSW Councils will be able to apply for Round 3 Council Litter Prevention Grants including all councils involved in L-RIP.

Timing

Stage 1: Application



Applications to participate open



Applications close 5.00pm



Tailored regional workshop and mentoring support to develop a regional Litter Regional Implementation Plan



Final Regional Litter Prevention Implementation Plans submitted to EPA. Grant applications for Stage 2 funding of plans submitted.

Stage 2: Planning, funding and delivery



Stage 2 funding allocated to deliver on Regional Litter Implementation Plans