

COLLABORATIVE COUNCIL – SUSTAINABILITY FUND PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

1. The proposal's aims/activities must accord with the Sustainability Fund Objectives.

Describe:

- How does the proposed project align with either/both of the Sustainability Fund objectives
- What existing or identified gaps and/or issues in environmental sustainability, climate change, waste management or recycling would you expect to address through this project?

2. Proposed output/s to take the form of a business case, feasibility study, proof of concept or similar.

Describe:

- The scope of your project and the key outputs that will be developed
- The objectives of your project and how it aligns with the Partnership's objectives
- How consistent the project is with the plans of participating councils and/or alignment with current Victorian Government policies?

3. Be a collaborative proposal between 2 or more local governments. Applications with additional non-council partners will also be considered.

Describe:

- The local governments participating in the proposed activity and their respective contributions
- A rationale for the collaborative group, i.e. why this group has formed and the possible benefits
- The role of other non-local government parties if included
- Any previous experience of collaboration between the applicant group

NOTE: there is no requirement for applicant local governments to be geographically contiguous.

4. Demonstrate how the proposal will identify or deliver savings and/or improved business practices.

Describe:

- How does your proposed activity seek to reduce costs or improve services
- Provide some demonstrated benchmarking or outline cost benefits

5. A realistic outline of both environmental and financial potential benefits of the project.

Describe:

- How the proposed activity will directly or indirectly benefit the environment
- What financial or service delivery benefits are anticipated to be realised by undertaking the activity

6. Ability to assess the project's proposed outcomes and some ability for the project to generate a replicable or shareable activity or collaborative model for local governments.

Demonstrate the extent to which your project:

- Trials or tests the feasibility of collaboration
- Contributes to the building of local government's collaborative capacity and capability
- How the project's outcomes can be assessed
- How the project benefits might be implemented or sustained once funding ceases
- Is to be implemented around proven or new collaborative model

7. Written support of participating council CEOs

- Support must be indicated in the form of a letter or email that specifically relates to the proposed activity
- Additional detail of related activities or council actions provided by the CEO to demonstrate endorsement and support will be considered favourably.

8. Provision of 50 per cent in kind services or contribution by councils to the proposed budget

- Applicant councils must demonstrate an investment in the proposed activity via budgetary or in-kind support
- There is no requirement for all proposed activity participants to contribute equally, however activities that demonstrate some support from *all* participants in the form of budget and/or in-kind resourcing will be considered more favourably.

Applications for Round 2 must be lodged online via the DELWP GEMS system by 9 September 2016.

To register an application visit: <https://delwp1.force.com/publicform?id=a0hU000001InDe8>

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