

Plastic Free Riverpark program grant funding - Round 2

Riverfront businesses, vessel charter operators and sporting organisations

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (the department) is calling for applications for grant funding from the Plastic Free Riverpark program 2022-23 funding round.

An eligible food or beverage business, vessel charter operator or sporting organisation can apply for up to \$500 plus GST of funding to help eliminate single use packaging or plastic products and adopt zero waste solutions in venues and organisations. There is currently \$25,000 funding available for the second round of grants.



Objectives of grant funding

The Plastic Free Riverpark program aims to reduce single use plastic packaging in and around the Swan and Canning rivers. The grants are designed to help Riverpark venues or organisations eliminate single use plastic products, including but not limited to those banned in [Western Australia's Plan for Plastics](#), and adopt solutions which reduce waste.

The Plastic Free Riverpark program grant funding 2022-23 is a competitive process and limited funds are available. Priority will be given to projects which propose solutions that align with zero waste principles. This could include introducing reusable alternatives (e.g.: establishing a mug library or reusable cup or container scheme), or, where single use product alternatives cannot be avoided, engaging a waste provider who can compost legislation compliant certified biodegradable products.

Eligibility criteria

The applicant

Must:

- Operate on the Swan or Canning rivers, or within 500m of the shoreline.
- Either be:

- A food or beverage business (café, restaurant, bar, pub, mobile food truck) operating for at least three hours per day, three days per week, in a Riverpark location.
- A sporting organisation such as a rowing club or yacht club whose primary activity occurs on the rivers and foreshores.
- A vessel charter operator with one or more vessels operating on the Swan and/or Canning rivers.
- Complete a free consultation with the Boomerang Alliance (WA Plastic Free) prior to applying (required only for a business with a café, restaurant, bar, function centre or who provides food and beverage in takeaway packaging). Contact plasticfreeriverpark@dbca.wa.gov.au for further information.
- Supply an ABN and notice of GST registration.
 - In some cases, notice of GST registration may not be required i.e., if the applicant is a not-for-profit or volunteer organisation.

Must not:

- Be a service station, supermarket, deli, or other food or beverage business who does not prepare food and drink on-site, and whose primary form of business is not serving dine-in or takeaway food and beverage to customers.
- Be a charter operator that allows the public on board a vessel without a crew operating the vessel at all times.

The project

Must:

- Be implemented during 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023.
- Eliminate single use plastic products or packaging including, but not limited to, those banned in [Western Australia's Plan for Plastics](#).
- Show consideration of how the project will avoid and reduce waste, particularly in relation to single use packaging such as plates, bowls, cutlery, drink stirrers, straws, cups, takeaway food containers and bags.

Must not:

- Be for staff salaries or wages, or training courses.

How to apply

Applications must be made by submitting a clearly completed application form to plasticfreeriverpark@dbca.wa.gov.au.

Due to limited funding, applications are encouraged as soon as possible and will be assessed weekly.

A panel of three members will assess and select those applications which most effectively meet the criteria and eliminate single use plastic packaging from a venue or organisation. The provision of funds will be conditional upon signature of a letter with conditions.

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

1. The project will eliminate single use plastic packaging and products, including but not limited to, those banned in [Western Australia's Plan for Plastics](#).
2. The project will seek zero waste outcomes.
3. The project will deliver positive environmental outcomes for the Swan Canning Riverpark.



4. The project has considered how it will deliver positive environmental or behaviour change outcomes now and into the future.
5. The project represents good value for money.

Emailed applications are preferred. If you are unable to email your entire application, including attachments, please contact the Plastic Free Riverpark program project officer on 9278 0985.

Email to:

plasticfreeriverpark@dbca.wa.gov.au

Applications must be received by the Plastic Free Riverpark program on or before:

Closing date: 4 pm, Friday 28 April 2023

Please note applications are encouraged well before the closing date and will be assessed on a weekly basis.

Acknowledgement of receipt of applications

You can expect acknowledgement of your application within one week of applying. If you do not receive acknowledgement within one week, please contact the Plastic Free Riverpark program Project Officer on 9278 0985.

Notification of funding decisions

Applicants will be advised of assessment outcomes within one month of applying. Successful projects will be notified of the conditional funding approved for their project. This funding will be conditional on a letter with conditions being signed.

Unsuccessful applicants will be notified in writing and will have the opportunity to receive feedback on their application by contacting the Plastic Free Riverpark program.

Media protocol

It is a condition of funding that all media and communication activities relating to the Plastic Free Riverpark program is developed in collaboration with the department. This includes but is not limited to presentations, publications, signage, articles, newsletters or other written or digital works relating to the project or its activities.

Who to contact if you need further help

If you require help with your application please contact the Plastic Free Riverpark program project officer by email at plasticfreeriverpark@dbca.wa.gov.au, or by phone on 9278 0985.