



Keep Australia Beautiful WA

Community Litter Grants 2026-27

Guidelines

Applications open 1 May 2026

Applications close 2 June 2026, 10am.





Overview

This document outlines the objectives of Keep Australia Beautiful Western Australia's (KAB WA) [Community Litter Grants Program](#). It defines applicant eligibility, assessment criteria, funding conditions, and the application process.

KAB WA's Community Litter Grants provide financial support to communities to applicants to implement projects that create lasting change, reduce litter, and influence littering behaviour. The program encourages integrated litter prevention projects that incorporate education and community engagement and align with [KAB WA's Litter Prevention Strategy](#). The Strategy is being reviewed and continue to be followed while a new Western Australian Litter Prevention Action Plan is developed.

KAB WA Litter Grants – Litter Vs Waste

Waste reduction or recycling projects are not eligible.

What is the difference between litter and waste?

Litter is something that people discard on the ground and is not in its right place. Think of plastic in the waterways, cigarette butts or discarded food and drink containers.

Waste refers to materials placed in a bin for resource recovery through recycling, reuse or correct sorting. Past recipients can be viewed on the KAB WA website [here](#).

Funding amounts, GST and payments

KAB WA will provide grants of **up to \$10,000** for litter-related projects, including event litter management and education initiatives. The total funding pool for the 2026–27 round is **\$50,000**.

Payment is made **in full (100%)** once the funding agreement is signed and the Milestone Form has been submitted. Applicants are expected to contribute in-kind or financial resources to support their project.

All funding amounts in your application must be GST-exclusive.

- If your organisation is **registered for GST**, KAB WA will add **10% GST** to the approved grant amount at the time of contracting.
- If your organisation is **not registered for GST**, no GST will be added.
- Quotes attached to your application should clearly show whether they include GST.

Eligibility - who can apply?

Western Australian organisations must have an ABN registration or be auspiced by an organisation that does. Eligible applicants include: local governments, associations,



community groups, small to medium enterprises, event organisers and festivals and schools.

Funding priorities - eligibility requirements

Eligible applications must:

- Address a defined litter problem in a local or regional area
- Demonstrate engagement with stakeholders in planning and delivery
- Show research or evidence supporting the litter issue
- Align with KAB WA's [Litter Prevention Strategy for Western Australia](#)
- Provide an evaluation at project completion
- Contribute in-kind or financial resources where possible

Projects and elements that will not be considered

Funding will **not** be provided for:

- Waste recovery or recycling projects not focused on litter
- Projects solely focused on infrastructure (e.g., purchasing/placing bins only)
- Projects consisting only of litter clean-ups
- Projects previously funded by a KAB WA litter grant (unless it is a new project component)
- Projects that have already commenced
- Interstate or overseas travel
- Applicant staff wages (administration, acquittal, coordination, etc.)
- Contractor costs (e.g., artists, consultants) **are** eligible
- Fuel to run the project may be considered

Assessment criteria - Projects will be assessed by a panel against six criteria

- **Litter Research and data**
 - An understanding of the litter problem in the project area
 - Inclusion of relevant research or best practice examples
- **Objectives and Educational Component**
 - Clear and specific goals
 - Inclusion of an educational component to influence litter behaviour change
- **Partnerships**
 - Stakeholder engagement in planning, delivery and continuation of the project
- **Outputs (deliverables)**
 - Creation of assets such as video, flyer, workshop, bin installation, events
- **Cost Effectiveness**
 - Value for money relative to expected community outcomes
 - Evidence of co-contributions or in-kind support
- **Milestones and Evaluation**
 - Clear plan for evaluation (e.g., audits, surveys) at the start, during, and at completion

Applications - SmartyGrants

- Applications must be completed in SmartyGrants. Register or log in before starting
- Quotes are required for all items costing **\$500 or more**
- Applications must be authorised by an approved officer of the organisation
- Late applications will not be accepted



- Applicants will receive screen and email confirmation upon submission
- The KAB WA Grants Officer may contact applicants for clarification
- Applicants will be notified by email of their outcome. Feedback will be provided to unsuccessful applicants.

Funding Agreement

Successful applicants will receive a funding agreement outlining terms and conditions. This agreement is the contract between the applicant and the State of Western Australia and is administered by KAB WA.

Milestone Form

Successful applicants will provide a milestone form which details project stages and associated funding allocations, to return with the signed funding agreement.

Conditions

Funding must only be used for the activities approved in the funding agreement. Misuse may result in repayment. Successful applicants will be announced in **July 2026** (subject to change). Funding will be available once all required documents are completed and received - including milestones form and supplier form if applicable.

Risk Assessment

Applicants must demonstrate appropriate health and safety practices proportionate to the risks involved. Compliance with the **Work Health and Safety Act 2020 (WA)** and the **Work Health and Safety (General) Regulations 2022 (WA)** is required.

Acquittal and Evaluation

Recipients must acquit grant funds by the date specified in their funding agreement and no later than **31 May 2027**.

Acquittal requires:

- Copies of invoices
- GST component to match funding if applicable
- A completed evaluation and acquittal form

Media and use of KAB WA logo

Acknowledgment of KAB WA funding is required on all advertising, materials, products, or publications relating to the funded project. The Government Crest, Waste Authority logo, KAB WA logo, and Community Litter Grant logo must be included where applicable.

View and download logos [here](#).

Contact

For further information and assistance please contact the Grants Officer on 6364 6643 or email: grants@kabc.wa.gov.au

