



Dairy Local Roads Program Guidelines

A component of the Dairy Industry Roads Program within the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund

Guidelines and Eligibility

Grants are available to Local Governments in dairying regions of Victoria to improve local roads on key dairy routes with the objective of enabling the safer and more efficient operation of B-double dairy tankers.

Applications will be assessed against eligibility and selection criteria. Funding will be allocated on a competitive basis.

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

Grants will be available on a 50/50 basis and may only be applied to projects on key dairy routes including:

- Improving access to local roads from arterial (VicRoads) roads;
- Improving local road intersections; and
- Improving local roads

to a standard suitable for safe and efficient B-double movements.

Funding will NOT be available for:

- Routine maintenance and resurfacing;
- Bridge works;
- Arterial (VicRoads) roads;
- Private roads;
- Driveways;
- Roads that are not key dairy routes; and
- Works commenced prior to written approval of the application by RDV.

SELECTION AND PRIORITISATION CRITERIA

Applications will be assessed and prioritised on the following selection criteria:

1. Consistency with Program Objectives.
2. Key Dairy Route (ie number of milk tanker movements and dairy farms)
3. Increased use of B-Double dairy tankers
4. Industry and Community Support

5. Road Safety Improvement
6. Regional Benefits
7. Project Management
8. Funding Mix

CONDITIONS

To be considered for funding, projects must also meet the following conditions:

1. The applicant must be a local government;
2. The applicant must provide at least matching funding;
3. Provision of clear evidence that the road is a local road;
4. Provision of clear evidence that the application meets the project eligibility and selection criteria (above);
5. Provision of a completed application form and required attachments;
6. Provision of clear evidence that the road is a key dairy route, that is or will be used by B-Double dairy tankers;
7. Written support from the local dairy processor/s and/or dairy transport company, including an estimate of the number of B-Double dairy tanker movements per day, number of dairy farms on/accessed by the route and a statement that this is a priority project; and
8. A commitment from Council to have the road Gazetted as a B-Double dairy road or to issue permits to Dairy Companies for B-Double access.

Applications will only be accepted from councils, however councils are expected to work closely with their local dairy processor/s in identifying priorities and preparing applications. Written support from local dairy processors is required.

The applicant must provide photographs of the current road and an indication of the works to be completed as part of the project. A diagram of the proposed works is required.

On completion of the project, the applicant must provide photographic evidence of the works undertaken as well as an independent surveyor's report confirming completion of the agreed road works.

All successful applicants will be required to enter into an Agreement with Regional Development Victoria that will formalise the obligations of the Council in delivering the project.

JOINT APPLICATIONS

Where a road crosses Local Government boundaries, Councils are encouraged to submit a joint application for that Road.

In submitting a joint application, one Council should be nominated as the lead Council. The lead Council will be responsible for reporting to RDV on the project and Coordinating the roll out of the project. The lead Council will also enter into the Agreement with RDV.

MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS

Councils may submit applications for more than one project. In the event that more than one project is submitted, Council must nominate an order of priority for their applications. The order of priority should be supported by the local dairy processors.

DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Applications should be submitted by:

Funding Allocation 1	21 June 2006
Funding Allocation 2	TBC

PLACE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

The attached application form is to be completed in full and returned to:

Project Manager, Dairy Industry Roads Program
Regional Development Victoria
121 Exhibition Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Incomplete applications will be returned to Council for completion.

Please direct any queries to Mr Daniel Rodger on:

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