

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Coastal Public Access and Risk Grants 2020-21

### Q. What is the Coastal Public Access and Risk Grants program 2020-21?

**A.** Under the Coastal Public Access and Risk (CPAR) Grants program 2020-21, up to \$500,000 is available as part of a competitive grant program to assist coastal Crown land managers to reduce risk and improve public access.

The CPAR Grants program funding (\$500,000) was made available through the \$11 million for Safeguarding marine and coastal environments in the face of climate change. The funding is part of the broader Government's \$2.7 billion Building Works package.

### Q. When do applications close?

**A.** Applications must be submitted online by Monday 17 August 2020 4:00pm.

### Q. When will we hear whether we have been successful?

**A.** Late September 2020.

### Q. Who is eligible for funding / who can apply?

**A.** Victorian coastal Crown land managers, including Parks Victoria, local councils and Committees of Management. Although project proposals may involve other participating groups, only the appointed Crown land manager is eligible to apply.

### Q. What type of projects will be considered for funding?

**A.** All projects funded under the program must provide outcomes that contribute to the overall objective of reducing risk on coastal Crown land. The following types of activities (or projects) are eligible for funding:

#### 1. Risk identification, assessment and evaluation

- feasibility/preliminary studies and investigations
- condition or safety audits.

#### 2. Risk treatment

- works supported by strategic risk assessments, coastal and marine management plans, preliminary condition audits or engineering and geotechnical reports
- removal of damaged or dangerous assets
- renewal or replacement of coastal dependent assets or infrastructure
- installation of signage and access barriers or fencing
- construction of safe access structures (for example handrails, stairs, ramps)
- engineering responses to geological and erosion risks.

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## 3. Risk monitoring

- land stability monitoring
- longitudinal studies (for example erosion, coastal processes, geotechnical).

A list of successful projects from 2017-18 and 2018-19 can be found at [marineandcoasts.vic.gov.au/grants/coastal-public-access-and-risk-grants](https://marineandcoasts.vic.gov.au/grants/coastal-public-access-and-risk-grants). Successful projects have included:

- new boardwalks and boardwalk extensions
- new all-abilities beach access ramps
- stair replacements
- foreshore paths and trails
- erosion management planning
- coastal stability assessments.

## Q. What will not be considered for funding?

A. The following will not be considered for funding:

- projects that do not meet the assessment criteria
- projects that do not meet the objectives of the program
- late applications
- the purchase of land
- activities that have already started
- routine or ongoing maintenance activities that should be part of the day to day management of the reserve, including weed removal
- recurrent operating costs, for example salaries (including project management), rent and utility costs, and activities establishing expectations of ongoing funding
- projects on reserves with limited public access, or relating to private land or assets
- projects supported by other government funding programs and initiatives such as those relating to local ports, recreational boating and fishing, sport and recreation and non-coastal dependent facilities or infrastructure
- tree risk studies or mitigation works
- activities located outside the State of Victoria.

## Q. What is the purpose of the grant program?

A. To provide financial assistance to coastal Crown land managers for projects that reduce coastal risk through identification, mitigation and monitoring. Given the range of risks that are inherent in a dynamic coastal environment, this program aims to support a strategic and balanced approach to risk management along the Victorian coast.

## Q. How much funding is available for each grant?

A. The maximum funding for each grant is \$80,000. This amount is excluding GST.

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The program provides a financial contribution to projects based on the annual revenue of the applicant. For example, where the applicant's revenue is more than \$600,000, the program will contribute 70% of the project cost.

Applicant annual revenue	CPAR maximum project contribution
< \$600,000	100% of project cost
> \$600,000	70% of project cost
Parks Victoria	50% of project cost

## Q. Will applicants be required to match funding?

A. Applicants are not required to contribute funding to their project, however applications that include a contribution from the applicant (either cash or in-kind) will be considered favourably, particularly for projects of high cost or applications requiring a large program contribution. In-kind contributions will be assessed at \$30 per hour.

## Q. How long do successful applicants have to complete their project?

A. Projects must be completed (including the submission of acquittal documentation to DELWP) by 1 June 2021. This is a much shorter time-frame than previous years as the funding is provided under the Victorian Government's Building Works stimulus package.

## Q. How do I submit an application?

A. All applications (including attachments) are to be submitted online at:  
[www.marineandcoasts.vic.gov.au/grants/coastal-public-access-and-risk-grants](http://www.marineandcoasts.vic.gov.au/grants/coastal-public-access-and-risk-grants).

Applicants can attach documents to an online application as long as they are in an acceptable file type (such as Word, Excel, PDF or JPEG) and don't exceed the maximum file size of 5MB.

Important tips:

- When submitting an application online, check carefully to ensure all attachments have been uploaded.
- The maximum file size limit is 5MB.

If applicants have documents to submit that cannot be attached to an online application, please email them to [marine.coasts@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:marine.coasts@delwp.vic.gov.au), quoting the application number. Attach all documents to one email, zipping the files if required.

## Q. What are the assessment criteria for applications?

A. Applications must first meet the following criteria of eligibility:

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<b>Project location</b>	Coastal Crown land, as defined in the <i>Marine and Coastal Act 2018</i> s.4(1), where the reservation/ management status provides for public access
<b>Applicant</b>	Coastal Crown land manager
<b>DELWP in-principle support</b>	In-principle support from relevant DELWP Regional Manager Land and Built Environment Programs

Applicants should then address all the following relevant criteria (each criterion is given a percentage weighting to indicate its relative importance in the assessment process):

<b>85% proposal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consistent with the scope of the program</li> <li>• Supports outcomes consistent with the program's objectives</li> <li>• Consistent with the Marine and Coastal Policy 2020, including consideration of adaptation planning</li> <li>• Addresses a risk of significant priority and/or provides a strategic approach to a coastal risk mitigation priority</li> <li>• Appropriate to the risk identified including detailing the existing risk to public access and safety</li> <li>• Provides value for money</li> </ul>
<b>15% proposal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity (or access to appropriate resources) to deliver the project outcomes on time and to budget</li> <li>• Compliance with program requirements and conditions where projects have been funded in the past, including acquittals</li> </ul>

## Q. Who can I contact for further information or help in completing my application?

### A. For assistance submitting an application online:

Email [grantsinfo@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:grantsinfo@delwp.vic.gov.au).

### For information about the application guidelines or the assessment process:

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