



Frequently asked questions (FAQs) about SWIS Funding

Where does the SWIS Grant money come from?

The Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Account (WARRA) is generated from a levy on waste disposed to landfill in the Perth Metropolitan Area. The Strategic Waste Initiatives Scheme (SWIS) provides funding support for waste initiatives, under the Strategic Direction and the WARR Account.

How much money is available?

In the past, around \$1,000,000 per year has been made available, but this is only a guide. All applications are assessed on their merit, and the total available for SWIS may be adjusted upwards or downwards according to the collective merit of applications each round and other initiatives.

How much money can I ask for?

There is no maximum amount for the SWIS grants.

The amount requested should match the scope of the project you want to undertake, and the size and capacity of your organisation. The amount you request should also take into consideration the amount being contributed by other sources, and your own organisation's contribution. You should bear in mind that applications for SWIS are highly competitive, and that value for money is a key criterion.

In previous rounds, successful projects have often been within the \$50,000 – \$150,000 range, which allows the Waste Authority to support a variety of projects within the priority areas.

When is the closing date for applications?

Applications for the current round will close 3rd September 2010.

How do I know if the WARRA would consider my project?

Please read the '[Guidelines for Applicants](#)' document and familiarise yourself with the Priority Focus Areas for Funding 2010 and the Waste Authority's Strategic Direction 2008.

Providing you have read this information, and checked your eligibility, you can be confident that your application will be considered.

Am I able to discuss my application with someone from the WARRA?

Yes. Applicants are welcome to talk to a member of the WARRA Team to obtain information and advice. However, please bear in mind we are limited in our advice as we are part of the assessment process. We do not currently have the capacity to give environmental advice, so advice will be limited to the SWIS grant process only.

Do you make grants to individuals?

Yes, the WARRA will provide funding to GST registered individuals / groups.

Please Note: Schools are ineligible for funding, as the Department has a Waste Wise Schools (WWS) grants program, available specifically to provide assistance to schools with their waste management projects. More information on WWS is available from: www.wastewise.wa.gov.au/schools.



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Does my project have to be done in Western Australia?

Yes. Projects are required to be based in W.A. However, projects have been funded in the past for WA components of National initiatives, and overseas companies have been funded to conduct research in WA.

Do I have to complete an application form?

Yes. Applications not on the supplied form(s) will **not** be accepted. Applicants can obtain a copy of the current application form by emailing their request to the WARRA Grants Officer when there is a round of funding open. Out of Session Grant applications will not be accepted

Who reviews my application, and what is the process for deciding which applications will be funded?

Every application is reviewed by the WARRA assessment panel. Recommendations are made by the panel, and these recommendations are considered by the Waste Authority. Once these recommendations have been considered and approved, the Authority then liaises with the Minister's Office regarding the final announcements. Expert external reviews may also be sought.

How long will it be before I have an outcome?

The process, from the date of closure for applications to a decision on funding, should take around three months. The WARRA Grants Officer will notify applicants with any information by email, however is not at liberty to advise applicants of the final outcomes of the funding round until such time as the Minister's Office makes its announcements. It is important that you allow enough time between the lodgement of your application and the commencement of your project. *Please note that we do not acknowledge receipt of applications, unless specifically requested.*

Can I apply for SWIS funding for more than one project?

Yes, you can apply more than once. It is a little unusual for the WARRA to make more than one grant per round or year to the same organisation, but if an organisation applies for a number of different projects with merit, this situation can occur. However, please consider your organisation's ability to undertake and successfully complete the project(s) if choosing to submit more than one application. Previous poor grant performance is taken into consideration in the SWIS assessment process.

If I am successful, do I have to sign a contract or agreement?

Yes. We require all successful grant recipients to sign a grant contract, which outlines the details of funding, general obligations of the organisation, and reporting requirements. The Department will not enter into any negotiations about the form or content of the grant funding contract.

Can I re-apply in future if I'm unsuccessful this time?

Yes. New projects are welcome. Previous projects will be considered if you have used the feedback given to improve your application. Applicants not paying due attention to feedback received will find that their applications will not receive funding.