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1 National Regional Roads Australia Mobile Program processes

The National Regional Roads Australia Mobile Program is designed to achieve Australian Government objectives.

This grant opportunity is part of the above grant program which contributes to Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts' Outcome 5. The department works with stakeholders to plan and design the grant program according to the [Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles 2024 \(CGRPs\)](#).



The grant opportunity opens

We publish the Grant Opportunity Guidelines on [GrantConnect](#).



Register with department

Potential applicants must register and meet the eligibility requirements. We will confirm your registration and eligibility for the program.



We confirm funding allocations

Grant funding for registered applicants will be capped. You can only apply for funding up to your allocation. Funding allocations will be reviewed quarterly and may change, based on take-up of grant funding.



You apply for funding for a 'shovel ready' project on an eligible road

The application period commences on release of these Guidelines and is open for 12 months or until funding is exhausted. Registered applicants can submit an application for a 'shovel ready' project (or projects) at any time during the application period.

Registered applicants may seek approval of an additional eligible road. We will add approved eligible roads to the Eligible Locations Database.



We assess grant applications as we receive them

We assess each application for a project (or projects) as we receive it on for eligibility and individual merit against the selection criteria, confirm value with relevant money, and consider the relevant funding allocations.



We make grant recommendations

We provide advice to the decision maker on the eligibility, merit and value with relevant money of your projects.



Grant decisions are made

The decision maker confirms whether your projects will be funded. Projects from eligible applicants which meet the eligibility and merit criteria and deliver value with relevant money can expect to be funded.



We notify you of the outcome

We advise you of the outcome of your application.



We enter into a grant agreement

We will enter into a grant agreement with you for the funded projects. The type of grant agreement is based on the nature of the grant and will be proportional to the risks involved.



Delivery of grant

You undertake the grant activity as set out in your grant agreement. We manage the grant by working with you, monitoring your progress and making payments.



Evaluation of the Regional Roads Australia Mobile Program

We evaluate your grant activity and the Program as a whole (including the Pilot Programs). We base this on information you provide to us and that we collect from various sources.

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1.1 Introduction

These Grant Opportunity Guidelines (the Guidelines) contain information on the National Regional Roads Australia Mobile Program (the RRAMP, the Program). You must read these Guidelines before registering as an applicant for the Program or submitting an application for funding for a project (or projects).

This document sets out:

- the purpose of the grant opportunity
- the eligibility and assessment criteria and how to apply
- how grant applications are considered and selected
- how grantees are notified and receive grant payments
- how grantees will be monitored and evaluated, and
- responsibilities and expectations in relation to the grant opportunity.

This grant opportunity and process will be administered by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts (the department).

We administer the grant program according to the [Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles 2024](#) (CGRPs).

This grant opportunity is a non-competitive, open process. Project Applications can be submitted at any time during the application period and are assessed individually against the selection criteria. Funding decisions on each application are made without reference to the comparative merits of other applications.

If you are a registered applicant and your project meets the eligibility and assessment criteria and delivers value with relevant money, you can expect it to be funded.

We have defined key terms used in these Guidelines in the Glossary.

2 About the grant program

The RRAMP will run over three (3) years to 30 June 2029. The Australian Government is providing \$30 million (GST exclusive) to fund projects that deliver multi-carrier mobile coverage at strategic locations on eligible highways and major roads in regional and remote Australia.

The Program is funded under the *Better Connectivity Plan for Regional and Rural Australia*. It complements the RRAMP Pilot Programs which are being delivered by state and territory governments, with a contribution of \$50 million nationally from the Commonwealth.

The objective of the Program is to increase multi-carrier mobile coverage on regional highways and major roads to:

- improve safety
- strengthen economic growth
- improve social connectivity, and
- support regional development.

The intended outcomes from the Program for regional and remote Australia are:

- new infrastructure and upgrades to existing infrastructure to deliver new or improved multi-carrier mobile coverage
- increased mobile connectivity, competition and coverage on highways and major roads

- improved access to services and critical information during emergencies and natural disasters, and
- improved road safety, liveability and equality for communities and travellers.

The non-competitive grant opportunity allows registered applicants to submit an application for funding at any time during the application period, once the project has received all required approvals and construction is ready to commence (that is, has reached a 'shovel-ready' stage). This approach:

- mitigates risks and delays associated with the acquisition of, and access to, sites and gaining required development, planning, environment and other approvals
- provides certainty to communities and road users that funded projects will be delivered, and
- provides certainty to applicants that, where a project meets the eligibility and assessment criteria and represents value with relevant money, the project can expect to be funded.

The Program contributes to the department's Outcome 5: *Promote an innovative and competitive communications sector, through policy development, advice and program delivery, so all Australians can realise the full potential of digital technologies and communications services.*

The Government has the power to make, vary or administer the Program under Item 647 of Part 4 of Schedule 1AB to the [Financial Framework \(Supplementary Powers\) Regulations 1997](#) (Cth).

2.1 Application process

2.1.1 Applicant registration

All potential applicants are required to register and demonstrate their eligibility for the Program by Day, DD MMMM 2026 (4 weeks after opening). We will assess your request for registration, based on the information you provide, against the applicant eligibility criteria (Section 4). We will confirm your registration and eligibility, and provide an applicant identifier, within 10 days of receipt of your request for registration.

2.1.2 Project applications

Applications for the grant opportunity will be open from Day, DD MMMM 2026 to Day, DD MMMM 2027 (12 months). The Minister for Communications may adjust the application period, pending applications in the pipeline and available funding.

A registered applicant can submit one or more applications for funding for a single project or a number of projects at any time during the application period, subject to available funding for the Program, applicant and jurisdiction (Section 3.4).

We will assess each Project Application as it is received against the eligibility criteria (Sections 4 and 5) and assessment criteria (Section 6), and to confirm it delivers value with relevant money (Section 8.1). Projects will be assessed on their individual merits.

Projects which meet the eligibility and assessment criteria and deliver value with relevant money can expect to be funded, subject to available funding and the applicant's and jurisdiction's funding allocations.

You do not need to wait for the decision on one Project Application before submitting another Project Application.

3 Grant amount and grant period

3.1 Grants available

\$30 million (GST exclusive) is available under this grant opportunity. Funding will be available over three (3) financial years, from 2026-27 to 2028-29.

There is no minimum or maximum grant amount, but grants cannot exceed the available funds. Funding caps apply to registered applicants and each state and territory (Section 3.4).

Grant funding of between 60 and 100 per cent of eligible expenditure (Section 5.3) is available based on the type of project, location and the number of new Mobile Network Operators (MNOs) proposing to deliver new coverage to an Eligible Location (Section 5.2).

- The quantum of grant funding is determined by the number of new MNOs providing coverage from the project (Section 5.1), and not the total number of MNOs delivering services from the site.

For **new infrastructure**, the following grant funding is available:

- Three new carriers on a site in regional, remote or very remote Australia – grant funding of 100 per cent of the Total Project Cost
- Two new carriers on a site in a remote or very remote area¹ – 85 per cent of the Total Project Cost, and
- Two new carriers on a site in regional Australia – 75 per cent of the Total Project Cost.

For **upgrades to existing infrastructure**, the following grant funding is available:

- Two new carriers on a site in a remote or very remote area – 100 per cent of the Total Project Cost
- Two new carriers on a site in regional Australia – 75 per cent of the Total Project Cost
- One new carrier on a site in a remote or very remote area – 85 per cent of the Total Project Cost, and
- One new carrier on a site in regional Australia – 60 per cent of the Total Project Cost.

Unless your project is funded at 100 per cent of the Total Project Cost, you are expected to make a financial co-contribution to the capital costs of constructing or upgrading each funded project and to operational costs over the Operational Period (Section 3.5).

3.2 Grant Period

The maximum period for this grant is 18 months. Funded projects are expected to be delivered in this period, consistent with the Grant Agreement. All funded projects must be delivered by DD MMMM 2029. We will work with you to address any delays in commencing or completing your project, taking available funding into account.

We may approve a further extension to your completion date, provided you have made reasonable progress and can demonstrate that circumstances beyond your control have contributed to delays in the delivery of your project. We will notify you prior to the grant period ceasing whether your project completion date will be extended.

¹ Based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics' Remoteness Structure, Australian Statistical Geography Standard, 2021.

After the completion of your project, you will be expected to provide required reports, consistent with the Grant Agreement.

3.3 Third Party co-contributions

You are encouraged (but not required) to seek financial and in-kind co-contributions from state, territory or local governments and/or other third parties. Interested third parties are encouraged to contact applicants directly in relation to potential co-contributions.

You cannot use funding from other Australian Government programs or the RRAMP Pilot Programs being delivered by state and territory governments to fund your project. You may use funding from other state or territory government grant programs.

You are responsible for forming relationships and negotiating contributions with any relevant third parties, and for testing and/or verifying advice from these parties.

Third party and in-kind co-contributions are your responsibility and should be included in your Project Application.

3.4 Funding allocations

3.4.1 Funding allocations for registered applicants

To provide certainty about available funding for projects, a notional funding allocation will apply to each registered applicant. The funding allocation for each registered applicant will be a pro-rata amount of total Program funding, based on the number of registered applicants.

We will publish an addendum to these Guidelines setting out the funding allocation for each registered applicant. You can only apply for funding up to your funding allocation.

Funding allocations are not an indication that grant funding will be awarded to a registered applicant.

We will review funding allocations each quarter during the application period. The review will consider:

- funding that has been awarded to each registered applicant
- applications for projects under assessment
- information from registered applicants about projects going through the approvals process to reach the 'shovel-ready' stage, and
- remaining grant funding for the Program.

Funding allocations may change, based on committed funds, remaining funds, and expected take-up by registered applicants.

3.4.2 Funding for projects in each state and territory

The intention is to fund projects in each state and territory. Funding for projects in a single jurisdiction will be capped at one quarter of available funding in the first eight (8) months of the application period.

We will review funded projects in jurisdictions during the third quarter of the application period and, pending take-up, may adjust the funding caps.

3.4.3 Advice to registered applicants

We will keep registered applicants informed of progress towards their funding allocation and decisions to adjust the allocations. We will also keep registered applicants informed of the status of caps for jurisdictions.

If funding allocations change, we will publish addenda to these Guidelines setting out the revised funding caps for each registered applicant or jurisdiction.

3.5 Operational period

Funded Projects must remain operational and provide services for at least ten (10) years from the date on which we accept the funded project has been completed (the Operational Period), in accordance with the Grant Agreement.

The Commonwealth will not own or be responsible for the operation of the infrastructure. You must own and/or hold necessary rights to the infrastructure to deliver the contracted services during the Operational Period. While you are encouraged to continue to provide services into the future, asset ownership and operation beyond the Operational Period is a matter for you.

4 Eligibility criteria

We cannot consider your application if you do not satisfy all of the eligibility criteria.

4.1 Who is eligible to apply for a grant?

To be eligible you must:

1. have an Australian Business Number (ABN)
2. be registered for the purposes of Goods and Services Tax (GST)
3. be either an MNO or a Mobile Network Infrastructure Provider (MNIP), and
4. demonstrate that your organisation has:
 - the expertise and experience
 - capacity and capability, and
 - supporting systemsto deliver and maintain regional telecommunications infrastructure.

For the purposes of the Program:

- an MNO means a company that:
 - supplies a public mobile telecommunications service within the meaning of the *Telecommunications Act 1997* (Cth), and
 - holds an apparatus or a spectrum licence (or both) for the supply of public mobile telecommunications services under the *Radiocommunications Act 1992* (Cth).
- an MNIP means a company that provides communications infrastructure in Australia, including the installation and operation of infrastructure used by one or more MNOs to provide public mobile telecommunications services.

We will assess your eligibility when you register for the Program (Section 7.1), including considering your participation in, and delivery of projects funded under, other regional communications grant programs.

5 What the grant money can be used for

5.1 Eligible grant activities

You may apply for funding for one or more projects during the grant opportunity period. Each project must meet all of the following eligibility criteria to receive funding.

5.1.1 Multi-carrier coverage

A project must deliver coverage to an Eligible Location (Section 5.2), which is either:

- new coverage from two or more MNOs in an area that has no coverage, or
- new coverage from one or more MNOs in an area that has coverage from one national MNO.

Areas with existing coverage from two or more national MNOs are ineligible, as multi-carrier coverage is being delivered.

Existing coverage is based on data provided by the national MNOs under the [Telecommunications \(Mobile Network Coverage Maps\) Industry Standard 2026](#)², issued by the Australian Communications and Media Authority, as at 30 June 2026.

The Database (Section 5.2) indicates the areas along highways and major roads which have existing coverage from no or one national MNO, and ineligible areas which have existing coverage from two or more national MNOs.

5.1.2 Infrastructure

Your project must either:

- construct new mobile infrastructure, such as macro cells, small cells, and supporting infrastructure, such as power and backhaul, to deliver mobile telecommunications services from at least two MNOs, or
- upgrade existing mobile infrastructure, such as strengthening towers, increasing backhaul capacity, increasing power capacity, or installing new equipment to make provision for and/or allow an additional MNO(s) to deliver mobile telecommunications services from the site
 - upgrades to existing sites may include improvements to existing infrastructure (for example, to upgrade to 5G), as long as this improvement is the consequence of at least one additional carrier providing coverage from the site.

The infrastructure must, where technically feasible, include an auxiliary back-up power supply which provides back-up power for a minimum of 12 hours in the event of the loss of external power to the site.

5.1.3 Be 'Shovel-Ready'

Your project must have all relevant required approvals in place and be ready to commence construction on execution of the Grant Agreement. This includes:

- all necessary rights to use the land on which the mobile base station is, or will be, located
- all required development, building, environment and heritage approvals or demonstrating that your project meets the definition of a low impact facility under the *Telecommunications Act 1997*
- agreed access to the site where the mobile base station is, or will be, located, including access rights where needed, and
- power to the site or confirmation that a power supply can be connected as part of construction.

² <https://www.legislation.gov.au/F2026L00381/asmade/text>

5.1.4 Endorsement

Your project must have written endorsement from the relevant state or territory government, and the relevant local government.

5.1.5 Evidence of intent

Each Project Application must include written evidence to demonstrate the applicant will enter into a commercially binding commitment from:

- at least two MNOs for new infrastructure, where no MNOs are on the site or the site is owned by an MNIP, or
- at least one MNO where another MNO owns the site and is already delivering a mobile telecommunications service

to use the infrastructure to deliver mobile services for the Operational Period.

The evidence of intent should provide us with confidence that, if a project is approved for funding, agreements between the Lead Applicant and MNO(s) will be finalised within three (3) months of advice that the Project Application has been awarded funding (for example, a master or service level agreement). If binding commitments are not in place within three (3) months, the Commonwealth may withdraw funding for the project.

You are responsible for initiating discussions, forming relationships and entering agreements with any relevant parties, including the distribution of costs and ownership of assets.

5.1.6 Operation Period

The funded project must operate for 10 years from the completion of construction. 4G or 5G mobile services must be maintained, unless replaced with a future equivalent technology providing the same functionality and level of service.

5.2 Eligible locations and roads

Projects must be located at, or provide coverage to, an Eligible Strategic Location on an Eligible Road.

5.2.1 Database

Eligible Roads are listed in the Eligible Locations Database (the Database) published by the department. The Database is available at [\[URL\]](#)

The Database will be updated by the department on the first day of each month (or nearest working day), to ensure currency.

5.2.2 Eligible Roads

Eligible Roads are highways and major roads outside Major Urban³ areas which have existing coverage from no or one national MNO. Eligible highways and major roads have been identified using the Open Street Map road hierarchy classification of 'Trunk' and 'Primary'. Requests for an additional road do not need to meet this classification.

³ Areas classified in the Urban Centres and Localities geographical units by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in 2021 as 'Major Urban', that is with a population of 100,000 or more. See [Australian Bureau of Statistics \(ABS\), 2021, \[online\] Significant Urban Areas, Urban Centres and Localities, Section of State, Australian Statistical Geography Standard \(ASGS\) Edition 3, July 2021 – June 2026.](#)

State and territory governments may submit a request to us to add additional road to the Database. A registered applicant or federal, state or territory parliamentarian may also submit a request to add additional road, following endorsement by the relevant state or territory government.

Requests for another road should be made using the Road Nomination Form, available on GrantConnect or via request to the department at MobileCoverageRoads@infrastructure.gov.au. Requests must be submitted by Day, DD MMMM 2027 (three (3) months before application period closes). We must approve the additional road before a Project Application for the site can be submitted.

We will consider the following factors when assessing a request to approve an additional road:

- use by travellers, the freight industry and emergency services
- number of casualty road crashes over the most recent 12-month period for which data is available
- strategic importance to the relevant state or territory
- proximity to local urban areas
- road usage in emergency situations and/or natural disasters, and
- impacts on, or benefits to, tourism and local economies.

Once we have approved a request, the road will become an Eligible Road for the Program and be added to the Database.

5.2.3 Eligible Strategic Locations

Your project must be located at one of the following types of Strategic Locations:

- rest areas and truck stops
- campgrounds
- service centres
- EV charging stations
- tourist sites, such as swim holes and viewing platforms, and
- public toilets

which are located within 500 metres of an Eligible Road and has existing coverage from no or one national MNO.

A Strategic Location cannot be located in a Major Urban area.

The Database includes Eligible Strategic Locations based on available data (and does not include all Eligible Strategic Locations), for reference.

5.3 Eligible expenditure

You can only spend the grant on eligible expenditure you have incurred on eligible grant activities related to the funded project.

5.3.1 Total Project Cost

Project Applications must provide an itemised cost of your project (Total Project Cost), comprising:

- Capital expenditure (CAPEX): one-off costs to construct new infrastructure or upgrade existing infrastructure, and
- Operational costs (OPEX): costs to deliver mobile services from the completed project for 10 years after its completion.

- Operational costs are the capitalised net present value (using a discount rate equivalent to the 10-year Treasury Bond Rate applied at the date of application) of costs to deliver mobile services over the Operational Period of the funded project.
- Upgrades to existing infrastructure can only seek funding for that portion of operational costs relating to the upgrade (operational costs in respect of existing infrastructure and to deliver existing services are not eligible).

You must incur the expected capital expenditure on your project between the start date and completion date in Grant Agreement.

Costs associated with getting your project to the 'shovel-ready' stage are not included in the Total Project Costs.

Grantees will be responsible for any actual costs that exceed expected costs.

5.3.2 Costs incurred to be 'Shovel-ready'

Certain costs incurred by a registered applicant to get the proposed project to the 'shovel-ready' stage will be funded up to a cap, where the project meets the eligibility and assessment criteria, and delivers value for money.

These eligible costs must be directly related to the funded site, and are limited to be:

- assessing and designing the site
- preparing and submitting development approval applications
- completing environment studies, and
- gaining heritage approvals.

Evidence of costs which have been incurred in getting to the 'shovel-ready' stage must be included in your Project Application.

We will pay 100 per cent of costs incurred in getting your project to the 'shovel-ready' stage, up to \$80,000 (GST exclusive). Costs associated with getting to the 'shovel-ready' stage are separate from the Total Project Cost.

Costs incurred prior to the release of these Guidelines are not eligible.

5.4 What the grant money cannot be used for

You cannot use the grant for:

- work that is not directly related to delivering multi-carrier coverage at Eligible Strategic Locations on Eligible Roads
- any activity for which you or a partner organisation is already receiving funding from the Commonwealth, including the RRAMP Pilot Programs, or have an application for grant funding from another Australian Government program under consideration
- consumer products or equipment (for example, handsets, mobile signal boosters)
- costs which are not directly related to your project or getting your project to the 'shovel-ready' stage, or
- costs associated with your grant (including preparing the application, and negotiation and execution of the Grant Agreement).

6 The assessment criteria

You must address the assessment criteria in your Project Application. The criteria have an equal weighting.

The detail and supporting evidence you provide should be relative to the size, and complexity of your project, and grant requested.

Projects which are awarded at least 50 points will be considered meritorious.

Criterion 1: Deliver Public Policy Benefits (50 points)

You must demonstrate how the proposed project will deliver public policy outcomes, for example by:

- improving road safety
- improving connectivity during a natural disaster
- assisting emergency services organisations, and/or
- delivering other social and public policy benefits through improved coverage and competition.

Points for this criterion will be awarded based on the scoring matrix in Table 1 of Appendix B.

Criterion 2: Deliver Economic Benefits (50 points)

You must demonstrate how the proposed project will deliver economic outcomes, for example by:

- supporting tourism, agriculture, mining or other economic activity
- supporting travellers, grey-nomads or the freight industry, and/or
- delivering other commercial benefits through improved coverage and competition.

Points for this criterion will be awarded based on the scoring matrix in Table 2 of Appendix B.

7 How to apply

Before applying, you must read and understand these Guidelines, the Project Application Form and the sample Grant Agreement.

The application process consists of:

- applicant registration and approval, and
- lodgement of one or more Project Applications for one or more projects at any time during the application period.

All application documents can be found at [GrantConnect](#). Any alterations and addenda⁴ will be published on GrantConnect and by registering on this website, you will be automatically notified of any changes to these Guidelines.

A flowchart describing the application process is at Appendix A.

7.1 Applicant Registration and Eligibility

You must register as a potential applicant with the department by Day, DD MMMM 2026 (4 weeks after opening) by completing the Registration Form and submitting it via email to MobileCoverageRoads@infrastructure.gov.au.

We will confirm your eligibility and provide your assigned identifier within 10 working days of receipt of your registration. You cannot submit a Project Application until we have confirmed your registration and eligibility, and provided your assigned identifier.

⁴ Alterations and addenda may include corrections to published documents, changes to the closing date for applications, Questions and Answers and Frequently Asked Questions documents.

We may request further information from you if we are unable to assess your eligibility.

We may register applicants after the deadline, pending the availability of funding for allocation.

You are responsible for ensuring that your registration is complete and accurate. You must notify us of any changes that may impact your organisation's eligibility before submitting any further Project Applications. We may reconsider your eligibility, pending the nature of these changes.

7.2 Completing and lodging a Project Application

To submit a proposed project for funding, you must:

- complete the Project Application Form and Project Spreadsheet and provide all requested information and supporting documents
- address all eligibility criteria relating to, including demonstrating, that each project is at the 'shovel-ready' stage
- address all assessment criteria
- include all required attachments, and
- submit your applications to MobileCoverageRoads@infrastructure.gov.au during the application period (Section 7.4).

You are responsible for ensuring that your application for registration and Project Applications are complete and accurate. Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the [Criminal Code Act 1995 \(Cth\)](#). We will investigate any false or misleading information and may exclude you from participating in this grant opportunity.

If you find an error in your application after submitting it, you should contact us immediately at MobileCoverageRoads@infrastructure.gov.au. If we find an error or information that is missing, we may ask for clarification or additional information from you. Minor errors or omissions may be corrected during the assessment process, however material changes to a Project Application may require the application to be resubmitted.

Project Applications that are not approved for funding may be re-submitted during the application period. You should provide new or additional information to address feedback on your previous application (Section 9).

Applications must be lodged via email to MobileCoverageRoads@infrastructure.gov.au. Electronic files must be provided in the format set out in the Project Application Form. A number of emails with documents can be provided, where needed. The number of emails being provided should be included in the header to assist in verifying receipt of all information (for example, email 1 of 3, email 2 of 3, email 3 of 3).

You should keep a copy of your applications, including mandatory and supporting documents.

We will acknowledge that we have received your application within three (3) business days.

7.2.1 Attachments to the application

You are required to submit the following documents with your application:

- information about your project (including predictive coverage maps for each MNO)
- evidence of intent from additional MNOs coming onto a site
- details of any other partners delivering your project, including letters of support from partner organisations
- evidence your project is at the 'shovel-ready' stage

- letter of support from the relevant state or territory government, local government and any other stakeholders, and
- budget and costs, justification for costs, evidence of costs incurred to be ‘shovel-ready’, and the requested grant funding.

You should only attach requested documents. We will not consider information in attachments that we do not request.

7.3 Partner organisations

You must appoint a registered Lead Applicant to submit your Project Application and enter into a grant agreement with the Commonwealth.⁵

Partner organisations may be MNOs, MNIPs, infrastructure owners, third-party co-contributors, key delivery partners, and other organisations that will support the Lead Applicant to deliver an eligible project.

The Lead Applicant must identify all other members of the project group and each member’s role in the project. Partner organisations should supply a letter of support for the project setting out:

- an overview of how the partner organisation will work with the Lead Applicant and any other partner organisations in the group to successfully complete the project
- an outline of the relevant experience and/or expertise the partner organisation will bring to the project
- the roles/responsibilities of the partner organisation and the resources it will contribute
- for partner MNOs, evidence of intent, and
- details of a management-level contact officer.

Arrangements between partner organisations must be in place prior to submitting a Project Application. The ownership and operation of assets is a matter for the respective parties and subject to the terms of their commercial arrangements.

Financial co-contributions towards the project made by partner organisations will be considered as third-party co-contributions.

7.4 Timing of grant opportunity processes

The following table sets out timing for this grant opportunity.

Table 1: Expected timing for this grant opportunity

Activity	Timeframe
Guidelines released	DD MMMM 2026
Registration period commences	
Application period commences	
Registration period closes	DD MMMM 2026 (4 weeks after opening)
Funding allocations published	DD MMMM 2026

⁵ Each project must have one Lead Applicant; however, each Lead Applicant can apply for more than one project. Lead Applicants may also be partner organisations on other projects. Partner organisations may be the Lead Applicant for other projects. Eligible applicants should decide the Lead Applicant for a Project Application.

Activity	Timeframe
Last date to submit requests to add Eligible Roads	DD MMMM 2027 (3 months before close of the round)
Funding allocations reviewed	Each quarter during the application period
Application period closes	DD MMMM 2027 (12 months after opening)
Assessment of applications	Project Applications will be assessed as they are received during the application period
Approval of outcomes of assessment process	4 to 6 weeks after submission of each Project Application
Notification to Lead Applicant on outcome of application	6 to 8 weeks after submission of each Project Application
Commencement date of projects	On execution of Grant Agreement
End date of project delivery	Within 18 months of executing the Grant Agreement, with all projects delivered by DD MMMM 2029
End date of Operational Period	10 years after acceptance of project delivery

7.5 Questions during the application process

Questions about the application process should be directed to the department by email at MobileCoverageRoads@infrastructure.gov.au.

8 The grant selection process

8.1 Assessment of grant applications

We will review your Project Application to ensure it is complete, that you are a registered applicant, all necessary supporting documents have been submitted, your project meets the eligibility criteria and funding is available for your organisation and the relevant state or territory.

If your application is complete, meets the eligibility criteria and funding is available, we will assess each project in your application against the assessment criteria. We consider your Project Application on its individual merits, based on whether it:

- meets the assessment criteria, and
- provides value with relevant money.

As this is a non-competitive grant opportunity, funding decisions on each project will be made without reference to the comparative merits of other projects.

8.1.1 Value with relevant money

When assessing the extent to which your project represents value with relevant money, we will have regard to:

- value of the grant (including third party and in-kind contributions)
- the extent to which your project contributes to the objectives and outcomes of the Program

- any risks associated with your project, including the site and the applicant's capacity to deliver the project
- additional resilience measures and the benefits they provide, and
- any additional connectivity, reliability or coverage benefits offered by your project.

Any other value with relevant money considerations taken into account by the Assessment Committee will be documented and form part of the advice to the Program Delegate.

8.2 Who will assess applications?

Your application will be assessed by an Assessment Committee, comprising appropriately skilled officials from the department. Members of the Assessment Committee may also be drawn from other Commonwealth agencies. Due to the length of the application period, the composition of the Assessment Committee may change over time.

The Assessment Committee will assess each Project Application against the eligibility and assessment criteria and for value with relevant money, and provide a recommendation to the Program Delegate (Section 8.3) on whether each project meets those requirements. If a number of Project Applications are received in a short period of time, they may be batched and assessed at the same time by the Assessment Committee. Each project will be assessed on its own merits, and not against other projects.

We may seek advice regarding your project from the relevant state or territory government. The Assessment Committee may take this advice into consideration when assessing your project.

We may also seek advice from external experts to inform the Assessment Committee's consideration of your project. Any expert who is not a Commonwealth Official will be required to perform their duties in accordance with the CGRPs.

We may seek additional information about you, your application, project partners, related bodies corporate, related entities and associated entities (as defined in the [Corporations Act 2001](#)) and related personnel from third party sources, including other Commonwealth entities. We may do this from within the Commonwealth, even if the sources are not nominated by you as referees. We may also consider information about you or your application that is available through the normal course of business.

8.3 Who will approve grants?

The First Assistant Secretary with responsibility for the Program is the Program Delegate and makes decisions on:

- the eligibility of applicants, and
- eligibility of, and funding for, projects, taking into account the recommendations of the Assessment Committee, the availability of grant funds and funding allocations.

The Program Delegate's decision is final, including in:

- eligibility of applicants
- approval of the grant
- grant funding amount to be awarded, and
- terms and conditions of the grant.

There is no appeal mechanism for decisions to approve or not approve a grant.

9 Notification of application outcomes

We will advise you of the outcome of your Project Application in writing. If you are successful, we will advise you of any specific conditions attached to the grant.

If you are unsuccessful, we will give you an opportunity to discuss the outcome. You may ask for feedback within one month of being advised of the outcome. We will give written feedback within one month of your request.

10 Successful grant applications

10.1 The Grant Agreement

You must enter into a legally binding Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth. The Grant Agreement has general terms and conditions that cannot be changed.

A sample Grant Agreement is available on GrantConnect, based on the standard Commonwealth Funding Agreement Template. You must provide any changes to the sample Grant Agreement with your application, and we may not agree to those changes.

We must execute a Grant Agreement with you before we can make any payments. We are not responsible for any of your expenditure until a Grant Agreement is executed. Any work undertaken on your project before you have an executed Grant Agreement is done at your own risk. The Commonwealth may recover grant funds if there is a breach of the Grant Agreement.

10.2 How we pay the grant

Payments will be made as set out in the Grant Agreement. The Grant Agreement will state the:

- maximum grant amount to be paid
- proportion of eligible expenditure covered by the grant (grant percentage)
- any financial contributions you must make
- any in-kind contributions you will make
- any financial contribution provided by a third party, and
- any other requirements.

No payments will be made until the required binding commercial commitments between the Lead Applicant and all partner organisations are in place.

We will not exceed the maximum grant amount under any circumstances. If you incur extra costs, you must meet them yourself. We will make an initial payment on execution of the Grant Agreement. We will make subsequent payments based on the achievement of key milestones, such as project completion, in accordance with the agreed schedule set out in the Grant Agreement. Payments are subject to satisfactory progress on your project.

10.3 Grants payments and GST

If you are registered for the [Goods and Services Tax \(GST\)](#) and where applicable, we will add GST to your grant payment.

Grants are assessable income for taxation purposes, unless exempted by a taxation law. We recommend you seek independent professional advice on your taxation obligations or seek assistance from the [Australian Taxation Office](#). We do not provide advice on your particular taxation circumstances.

11 Announcement of grants

If successful, your grant will be listed on the GrantConnect website 21 calendar days after the date of effect, as required by Section 5.4 of the [CGRPs](#).

12 How we monitor your grant activity

12.1 Keeping us informed

You should let us know if anything is likely to affect your organisation or the delivery of your project.

We need to know of any key changes to your organisation or its business activities, particularly if they affect your ability to complete your grant, carry on business and pay debts due.

You must also inform us of any changes to your:

- name
- address
- nominated contact and details
- bank account details, and/or
- business structure.

If you become aware of a breach of terms and conditions under the Grant Agreement, you must contact us immediately.

You must notify us of events relating to your grant and provide an opportunity for the Minister for Communications or their representative to attend.

12.2 Reporting

You must submit reports in accordance with the Grant Agreement. We will provide sample templates for these reports as schedules in the Grant Agreement. We will expect grantees to report on such matters as:

- progress against agreed milestones
- expenditure of the grant
- contributions of participants directly related to your project
- completion of a project, and
- events relating to your grant.

The amount of detail you provide in your reports should be relative to your project size, complexity and grant amount.

We will monitor progress by assessing reports you submit and may conduct site visits or request records to confirm details of reports. Occasionally, we may need to re-examine claims, seek further information or request an independent audit of claims and payments. We may also inspect the records you are required to keep under the Grant Agreement.

12.3 Financial declaration or audited financial acquittal report

We may ask you to provide a financial declaration that the grant money was spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement and to report on any underspends of the grant money. We may need to re-examine claims, seek further information or request an independent audit of claims.

We may ask you to provide an independently audited financial acquittal report at your expense. A financial acquittal report will verify that you spent the grant in accordance with the Grant Agreement. We will assess the report and may re-examine claims or conduct site visits if necessary.

12.4 Grant agreement variations

We recognise that unexpected events may affect your progress. In these circumstances, you can request a variation to your Grant Agreement. You can request a variation by providing written notice to the department in accordance with the process set out in the Grant Agreement.

You should not assume that a variation request will be successful. We will consider your request based on provisions in the Grant Agreement and the likely impact on achieving outcomes.

12.5 Compliance visits

We (or entities acting on our behalf) may visit you during or at the completion of your grant activity to review your compliance with the Grant Agreement. We will provide you with reasonable notice of any compliance visit.

12.6 Record keeping

We may also inspect the records you are required to keep under the Grant Agreement.

12.7 Evaluation

We will evaluate the grant opportunity:

- to inform the design and delivery of future grant opportunities, and
- to measure how well the outcomes and objectives have been achieved.

We may use information from your application and reports for this purpose. We may also interview you to support the evaluation.

As part of the reporting requirements in the Grant Agreement, you may be required to provide us with a case study on your project.

We may contact you up to three (3) years after you finish your grant for more information to assist with this evaluation.

12.8 Acknowledgement

The program logo should be used on all materials related to grants under the program. Whenever the logo is used, the publication must also acknowledge the Commonwealth as follows:

“National Regional Roads Australia Mobile Program – an Australian Government initiative”.

If you make a public statement about a project funded under the program, we require you to acknowledge the grant. You must seek our written approval prior to making your public statement.

Where applicable and feasible, applicants are encouraged to work with the local council or roads authority to install appropriate signage advising that coverage is available at the funded location.

13 Probity

We will make sure that the grant opportunity process is fair, conducted according to the published Guidelines, consistent with the CGRPs and incorporates appropriate safeguards against fraud and corruption, unlawful activities and other inappropriate conduct.

These Guidelines may be changed from time-to-time by the department. When this happens, we will publish the addendum on [GrantConnect](#). By registering on this website, you will be automatically notified of any changes to these Guidelines.

You should be aware of your obligations under the [National Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2022](#), noting that under the Act grantees will generally be considered 'contracted service providers' [see [NACC fact sheets](#)].

13.1 Enquiries and feedback

The department's [Client Service Charter](#) applies to complaints about this grant opportunity. All complaints about a grant process must be provided in writing.

Any questions you have about grant decisions for this grant opportunity should be sent to MobileCoverageRoads@infrastructure.gov.au.

If you do not agree with the way the department has handled your complaint, you may complain to the [Commonwealth Ombudsman](#). The Ombudsman will not usually consider a complaint unless the matter has first been raised directly with the department.

The Commonwealth Ombudsman can be contacted on:

Phone (Toll free): 1300 362 072

Website: www.ombudsman.gov.au

13.2 Conflict of interest

Any conflicts of interest, or perceived conflicts of interest can affect the performance of the grant opportunity or program. There may be a conflict of interest, or perceived conflict of interest, if departmental staff, any member of a committee or advisor and/or you or any of your personnel, including sub-contractors have a:

- professional, commercial or personal relationship with a party who can influence the application selection process, such as an Australian Government officer
- relationship with or interest in, an organisation, which is likely to interfere with or restrict the applicants from carrying out the proposed activities fairly and independently, or
- relationship with, or interest in, an organisation from which they will receive personal gain because the organisation receives a grant under the grant program/ grant opportunity.

You will be asked to declare, as part of your application, any perceived or existing conflicts of interest or that, to the best of your knowledge, there are no conflicts of interest.

If you later identify an actual, apparent, or perceived conflict of interest, you must inform the department in writing immediately.

Conflicts of interest for Australian Government staff will be handled as set out in the [Australian Public Service Code of Conduct \(Section 13\(7\)\)](#) of the [Public Service Act 1999](#) and section 29 (duty to disclose interests) of the [Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013](#).

Committee members and other officials including the decision maker must also declare any conflicts of interest.

Any contractual arrangements between the department and third parties involved in this grant opportunity, such as external advisors, will include conflict of interest provisions.

13.3 Privacy

We treat your personal information according to the [Privacy Act 1988](#) and the [Australian Privacy Principles](#). This includes letting you know:

- what personal information we collect
- why we collect your personal information, and
- who we give your personal information to.

'Personal information' means information or an opinion about an identified individual, or an individual who is reasonably identifiable:

- (a) whether the information or opinion is true or not, and
- (b) whether the information or opinion is recorded in a material form or not.

Your personal information can only be disclosed to someone else for the primary purpose for which it was collected, unless an exemption under the Australian Privacy Principles applies.

The Australian Government may also use and disclose information about grant applicants and grant recipients under this grant opportunity in any other Australian Government business or function. This includes disclosing grant information on GrantConnect as required for reporting purposes and giving information to the Australian Taxation Office for compliance purposes.

We may share the information you give us with other Commonwealth entities for purposes including government administration, research or service delivery, according to Australian laws.

As part of your application, you declare that you will comply with the Privacy Act and the Australian Privacy Principles and that you will impose the same privacy obligations on officers, employees, agents and subcontractors that you engage to assist with the activity, in respect of personal information you collect, use, store, or disclose in connection with the activity. Accordingly, you must not do anything, which if done by the department would breach an Australian Privacy Principle as defined in the Privacy Act.

13.4 Confidential information

Other than information available in the public domain, you agree not to disclose to any person, other than us, any confidential information relating to the grant application and/or agreement, without our prior written approval. The obligation will not be breached where you are required by law, Parliament or a stock exchange to disclose the relevant information or where the relevant information is publicly available (other than through breach of a confidentiality or non-disclosure obligation).

We may at any time, require you to arrange for you, or your employees, agents or subcontractors to give a written undertaking relating to nondisclosure of our confidential information in a form we consider acceptable.

We will keep any information in connection with the Grant Agreement confidential to the extent that it meets all of the three (3) conditions below:

1. you clearly identify the information as confidential and explain why we should treat it as confidential
2. the information is commercially sensitive, and
3. revealing the information would cause unreasonable harm to you or someone else.

We will not be in breach of any confidentiality agreement if the information is disclosed to:

- the Assessment Committee and other Commonwealth employees and contractors to help us manage the program effectively, including for an integrity purpose
- employees and contractors of our department so we can research, assess, monitor and analyse our programs and activities

- employees and contractors of other Commonwealth agencies for any purposes, including government administration, research or service delivery
- other Commonwealth, state, territory or local government agencies in program reports and consultations
- the Auditor-General, Ombudsman, Privacy Commissioner or National Anti-Corruption Commissioner, or staff of their agencies
- the responsible Minister or his or her advisors, or
- a House or a Committee of the Australian Parliament.

The department may share with state and territory governments (on a confidential basis) any or all information contained in your application.

The Grant Agreement may also include any specific requirements about special categories of information collected, created or held under the Grant Agreement.

13.5 Freedom of information

All documents in the possession of the Australian Government, including those about this grant opportunity, are subject to the [Freedom of Information Act 1982](#) (FOI Act).

The purpose of the FOI Act is to give members of the public rights of access to information held by the Australian Government and its entities. Under the FOI Act, members of the public can seek access to documents held by the Australian Government. This right of access is limited only by the exceptions and exemptions necessary to protect essential public interests and private and business affairs of persons in respect of whom the information relates.

All Freedom of Information requests must be referred to the Freedom of Information Coordinator in writing.

By mail: Freedom of Information Coordinator
 Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications,
 Sport and the Arts
 GPO Box 594
 CANBERRA ACT 2601

By email: foi@infrastructure.gov.au.

14 Glossary

Term	Definition
Additional road	Another road proposed by a state or territory government, or by an applicant or federal, state or territory parliamentarian with the endorsement of state or territory governments, for approval by the department and inclusion in the Database. Must be outside a Major Urban Area which has existing coverage from no or one national MNO.
Administering entity	The entity responsible for the administration of the grant processes.
Assessment Committee	A committee of appropriately skilled officials that assesses each application against the eligibility and merit criteria, and provide recommendations to the Program Delegate.
Assessment criteria	The principles or standards against which projects will be considered to determine their merit.
CAPEX (Capital expenditure)	One-off costs for construction of new infrastructure or upgrades to existing infrastructure.
Commencement date	The expected start date for the grant activity, as set out in the Grant Agreement.
Commonwealth entity	A Department of State, or a Parliamentary Department, or a listed entity or a body corporate established by a law of the Commonwealth. See subsections 10(1) and (2) of the PGPA Act.
Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles 2024 (CGRPs)	Establishes the overarching Commonwealth grants policy framework and articulate the expectations for all non-corporate Commonwealth entities in relation to grants administration. Under this overarching framework, non-corporate Commonwealth entities undertake grants administration based on the mandatory requirements and key principles of grants administration.
Completion date	The expected date that the grant activity must be completed.
Contracted service provider	A person who is a party to a Commonwealth contract or is a party to a subcontract with a contracted service provider and is responsible for the provision of goods or services under contract, either directly or indirectly.
Date of effect	The date on which the Grant Agreement is executed or an alternative start date specified in the Grant Agreement.
Decision maker	The person who makes a decision to award a grant.

Term	Definition
Department	The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts (or any successor entity).
Eligibility criteria	The mandatory criteria which must be met to qualify for a grant. Eligibility criteria applying to the applicant (Section 4.1) will be assessed at the time of registration. Eligibility criteria applying to a project (Section 5) will be assessed when an application is received.
Eligible Locations Database (the Database)	<p>The interactive map with layers that display Eligible Roads and some Eligible Strategic Locations; newly approved Eligible Roads are added regularly (published monthly during the application period).</p> <p>The Database is published and updated by the department and accessed from [URL].</p>
Eligible Road	<p>A highway or major road that is outside Major Urban Areas and which has existing coverage from no or one national MNO (as listed in the Eligible Locations Database).</p> <p>Indicatively, roads classified as 'Trunk' or 'Primary' under the Open Street Map classification in the roads database used for the National Audit of Mobile coverage are considered to be highways or major roads.</p>
Eligible Strategic Location	A location type specified in Section 5.2.3 that is within 500 metres of an Eligible Road, outside Major Urban Areas, and has existing coverage from no or one national MNO.
Existing coverage	Coverage identified in mobile coverage maps provided by national MNOs under the Telecommunications (Mobile Network Coverage Maps) Industry Standard 2026 ⁶ .
Funded project	Project that has been approved for funding
Grant	<p>For the purposes of the CGRPs, a 'grant' is an arrangement for the provision of financial assistance by the Commonwealth or on behalf of the Commonwealth:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> under which relevant money or other Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF) money⁷ is to be paid to a grantee other than the Commonwealth; and which is intended to help address one or more of the Australian Government's policy outcomes while assisting the grantee achieve its objectives.
Grant activity/activities	The project(s) that the grantee is required to undertake.

⁶ <https://www.legislation.gov.au/F2026L00381/asmade/text>

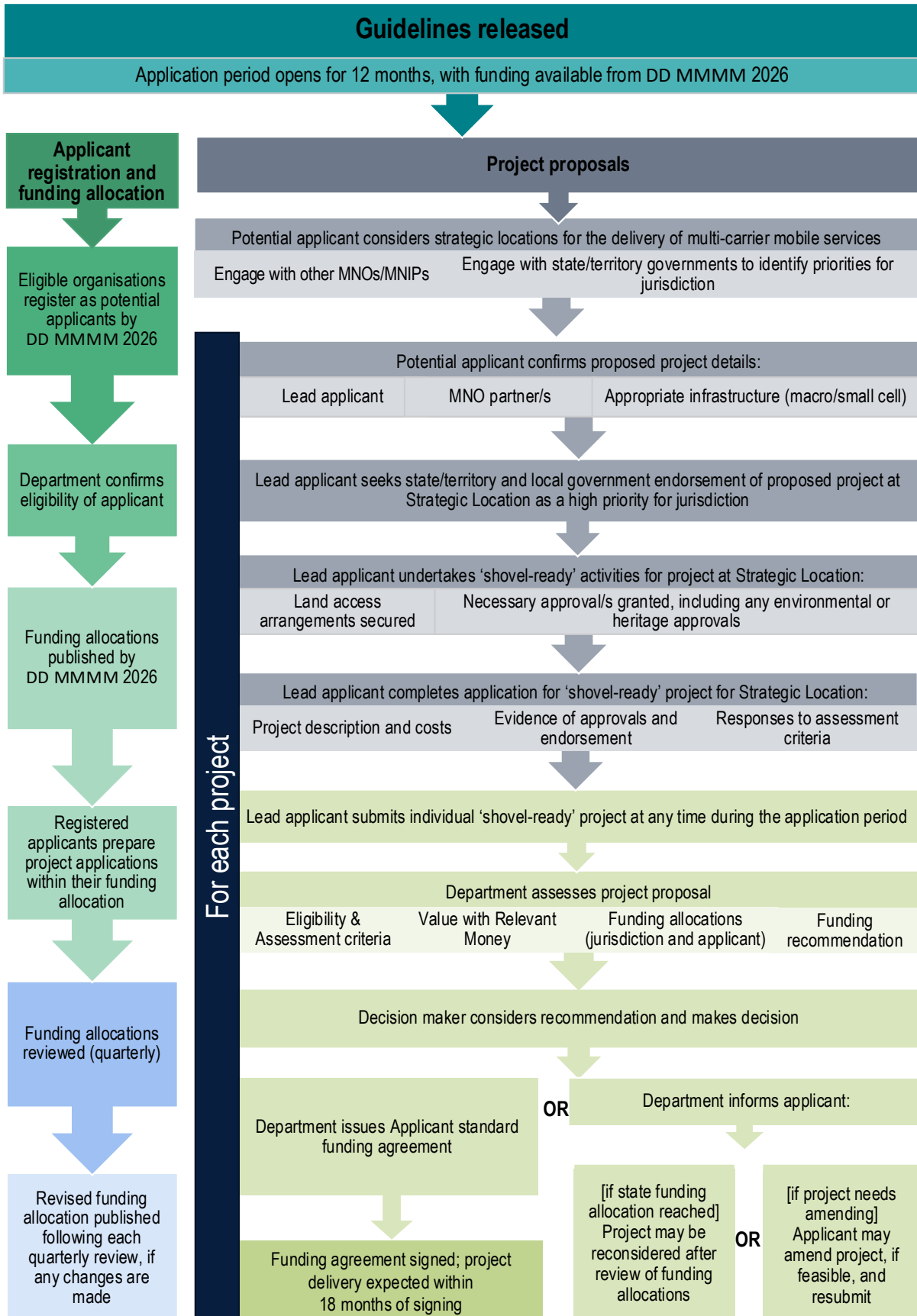
⁷ Relevant money is defined in the PGPA Act. See section 8, Dictionary. Other CRF money is defined in the PGPA Act. See section 105, Rules in relation to other CRF money

Term	Definition
Grant Agreement	Establishes the relationship between the parties to the agreement and specifies the details of the grant, including reporting requirements and payment arrangements.
Grant opportunity	The specific grant round or process where a Commonwealth grant is made available to potential grantees. Grant opportunities may be open or targeted and will reflect the relevant grant selection process.
Grant program	A group of one or more grant opportunities under a single department Portfolio Budget Statement program.
GrantConnect	The Australian Government's whole-of-government grants information system, which centralises the publication and reporting of Commonwealth grants in accordance with the CGRPs.
Grantee	The organisation which has been approved to receive a grant.
Lead Applicant	An organisation which is registered with the department and submits a Project Application. Lead Applicants are expected to work with partner organisations to deliver the project approved for funding. Lead Applicants will also be the grantee and will sign the Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth for funded projects.
Major Urban Area	Areas classified in the Urban Centres and Localities geographical units by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in 2021 as 'Major Urban', that is with a population of 100,000 or more. See Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 2021, [online] Significant Urban Areas, Urban Centres and Localities, Section of State, Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Edition 3, July 2021 – June 2026.
Mobile Network Infrastructure Provider (MNIP)	A company, other than an MNO, that provides communications infrastructure (including installing and operating infrastructure) to be used by one or more MNOs to provide public mobile telecommunications services
Mobile Network Operator (MNO) or carrier	A company that supplies a public mobile telecommunications service (Telecommunications Act 1997) and holds an apparatus or spectrum licence (Radiocommunications Act 1992).

Term	Definition
Mobile services or coverage	Public mobile telecommunications services provided by an MNO, which allows the user to perform a range of functions using mobile devices, such as making and receiving phone calls, sending emails and text messages, browsing the internet, accessing online services, downloading files, using mobile apps, and accessing emergency communications services. Mobile services are expected to be provided under the 4G or 5G, or any successor standard.
Multi-carrier coverage	Coverage from two or more MNOs.
National Anti-Corruption Commission	The National Anti-Corruption Commission is an independent Commonwealth agency. It detects, investigates and reports on serious or systemic corruption in the Commonwealth public sector. The Commission operates under the National Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2022 .
National MNO	An MNO that operates a mobile network providing coverage to at least 80% of the Australian population.
New infrastructure	Mobile infrastructure such as macro cells, small cells, and supporting infrastructure such as power and backhaul.
Funding allocation	Funding available to a registered applicant, as published in an addenda attachment to these Guidelines. Funding allocations are not an indication that grant funding will be awarded to a given registered applicant.
Operational Period	The minimum period of ten (10) years following acceptance of project delivery during which a funded project must remain operational and provide the required services, in accordance with the Grant Agreement.
OPEX (Operating costs)	Costs related to delivering mobile services from the completed project for the operational period. Only incremental costs (operating costs that are additional and incurred as a result of your project) are eligible for funding.
Program Delegate	The First Assistant Secretary with responsibility for the Program (or any official acting in their place, or any successor position or division), who decides which grants to approve (the decision maker).
Project Application	The completed Project Application Form and all information requested at Section 7.2 for one or more projects for which the Lead Applicant seeks funding.
Project	New infrastructure, or upgrades to existing infrastructure, for which an applicant has sought funding under the Program. Projects are assumed to be proposed until they are awarded funding.

Term	Definition
Selection criteria	Comprises eligibility criteria and assessment criteria.
Selection process	The method used to select potential grantees. This process involves the assessment of applicant registration information against applicant eligibility criteria and the assessment of projects against the selection criteria.
Total Project Cost	The combined total of estimated CAPEX and incremental OPEX for a project (excluding any costs incurred to be 'shovel-ready').
Upgrades to existing infrastructure	Works to upgrade existing mobile communications infrastructure; for example to strengthen towers, increase backhaul and power capacity, install equipment for a new MNO, or enable active sharing. To be eligible for funding, upgrades must result in new carriers coming onto the site.
Value with relevant money	<p>A judgement based on the grant proposal representing an efficient, effective, economical and ethical use of public resources and determined from a variety of considerations.</p> <p>Consistent with section 12 of the CGRPs, achieving value with relevant money is a prime consideration in the program.</p> <p>Considerations for value with relevant money are set out in Section 8.1 of these Guidelines.</p>

Appendix A: National RRAMP Application Process Flowchart



Appendix B: Assessment Criteria Scoring Matrices

Table 1: Deliver Public Policy Benefits Scoring Matrix

Rating	Definition	Score
Good	The project will deliver significant public policy benefits to regional or remote Australians, and the evidence demonstrates to a high degree: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> an understanding of the criterion and its requirements; how the project satisfies the criterion; the basis for the majority of claims, including being from recognised and reliable sources, directly relevant to the claim, and up to-date. 	34-50
Satisfactory	The project will deliver some public policy benefits to regional or remote Australians, and the evidence generally demonstrates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> an understanding of the criterion and its requirements; how the project satisfies the criterion; the basis for the claims, including being from recognised and reliable sources, directly relevant to the claim, and up to-date. 	17-33
Poor	The project will deliver limited or no public policy benefits to regional or remote Australians, and the evidence is limited and only partially demonstrates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> an understanding of the criterion and its requirements; how the project satisfies the criterion; the basis for the claims, including being from recognised and reliable sources, directly relevant to the claim, and up to-date. 	0-16

Table 2: Deliver Economic Benefits Scoring Matrix

Rating	Definition	Score
Good	The project will deliver significant economic benefits to regional or remote Australians, and the evidence demonstrates to a high degree: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> an understanding of the criterion and its requirements; how the project satisfies the criterion; the basis for the majority of claims, including being from recognised and reliable sources, directly relevant to the claim, and up to-date. 	34-50
Satisfactory	The project will deliver some economic benefits to regional or remote Australians, and the evidence generally demonstrates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> an understanding of the criterion and its requirements; how the project satisfies the criterion; the basis for the claims, including being from recognised and reliable sources, directly relevant to the claim, and up to-date. 	17-33
Poor	The project will deliver limited or no economic benefits to regional or remote Australians, and the evidence is limited and only partially demonstrates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> an understanding of the criterion and its requirements; how the project satisfies the criterion; the basis for the claims, including being from recognised and reliable sources, directly relevant to the claim, and up to-date. 	0-16