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Pothole Repair Round

Program Guidelines

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Message from the Minister

People living in regional NSW have been doing it tough over the past few years. Many are still rebuilding their lives, while also dealing with the ongoing impacts of drought, bushfires, floods and COVID-19.

In 2022, repeated flood events wreaked havoc across NSW and caused unimaginable devastation in our communities. Persistent rainfall and unprecedented wet weather conditions have significantly impacted the road network in regional NSW.

The Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair Round (PRR) is funded by the NSW Government to assist councils in regional NSW increase their ongoing maintenance and repair of damaged local and regional roads under their care and responsibility.

This is the first time a dedicated program has been established by the NSW Government to assist councils with fixing potholes on the local and regional road network.

We have seen first-hand the impacts potholes are having on regional communities. We want to ensure that our roads are efficient, safe and reliable so that people can get around town, go to work, and visit their family and friends. The PRR comes at a critical time for our state and is in addition to other funding programs local councils in regional NSW are eligible to apply for, including Round 4 of Fixing Local Roads, Round 6 of Fixing Country Roads and the \$312.5 million Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package.

I understand local councils in regional areas are feeling overwhelmed by the amount of paperwork they have had to complete recently as they recover and rebuild. Please be reassured that we have simplified the application process so that funding can be released quickly to undertake urgent works on the local road network.

I encourage local councils to review the PRR Guidelines and to apply for the funding needed to repair, enhance and make their local road network safer to keep communities, families, and businesses connected.



Sam Farraway MLC

Minister for Regional Transport and Roads

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Introduction

1. The Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair Round

Overview of the round

The Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair Round (PRR) is a Transport for NSW grant program under Fixing Local Roads providing funding to Local Government to assist councils with pothole repair work across their Local and Regional Roads.

The Pothole Repair Round provides support to councils by allowing them to focus on priority maintenance (patch) and repair of potholes on Local and Regional Roads.

Local and Regional Roads are council-controlled roads which provide for local circulation and access. They are two of the three administrative classifications used in NSW:

- Local Roads
- Regional Roads
- State Roads

The grant funding is made available to eligible regional councils and authorities to repair potholes on their regional and local roads up to an upper funding envelope, based on kilometres of road network managed in their Local Government Area (\$/km).

Works covered under the round

Works covered under the program include, routine corrective maintenance of potholes in rigid and flexible pavements, sealed and unsealed road shoulders.

“Corrective Maintenance” includes unplanned maintenance activities that are necessary to ensure continued access and the safe operation of the network.

Type of works not covered under the round

There are several works which are not covered under the program including:

- Reconstruction work
- Re-sheeting work
- Rehabilitation work
- Any bridge repairs or maintenance work

The NSW Road network is over 180,000 kilometres in length, with Local councils responsible for maintaining well over 85 per cent of this network. Recent weather events have increased the impact of potholes on the local and regional road network, increasing the workload and cost for councils as well as reduced road safety and ride quality for communities and industry.

How funding is determined for each council

The funding is determined by considering:

- The number of kilometres of Local Roads in each council area

- The number of kilometres of Regional Roads in each council area
- Program funding availability

Funding will be determined using the below formula

*(Total funding / total regional and local road kilometres submitted) * total council area regional and local road kilometers*

2. The Application Process

Applying for funding

Each council is entitled to apply for Pothole Repair Round Funding, provided that the following minimum criteria is met.

- Work must be completed between 1 January 2023 and 1 January 2024
- Work must be completed on Local Roads and Regional Roads only
- Council must be able to provide details of length of road network to Transport for NSW
- Council must be able to report on expenditure and work delivered to Transport for NSW

Councils can apply for funding by making a submission through SmartyGrants. The submission will be a simple form to capture key details including:

- Length (in Kms) of regional and local network within the LGA
- The benefits of the additional funding and how it will help repair potholes across the regional and local road network

Submissions can be lodged through SmartyGrants at the following link:

[Pothole Repair Round - Transport for NSW \(smartygrants.com.au\)](https://smartygrants.com.au) and councils only need to submit one application for all proposed work.

Submissions will be open for a period of two weeks between 25 October 2022 and 8 November 2022.



3. Successful Applicants

Notification of funding allocations

Once the submission period has closed, each submission will be assessed to ensure the minimum criteria is met. Funding allocations will then be determined based on the number of applications received, road network details in each application and the program funding availability.

Councils will receive notification of successful funding via a letter and funding deed that will need to be signed and returned to Transport for NSW before work can commence.

Payment to successful councils

Council will receive a 100% upfront payment of the grant funding when the funding deed is signed and returned by council, and fully executed by Transport for NSW.

Any funding that is not expended by 1 January 2024 will be forfeited and recovered by Transport for NSW.

Reporting requirements

Council will be required to submit regular status updates of expenditure and work completed to Transport for NSW.

4. Further information

Questions about Pothole Repair Program, including eligibility and the application process, can be emailed to potholegrantprogram@transport.nsw.gov.au

For additional information on the program please visit nswroads.work/potholerepair

**Appendix 1 – Eligible
local government
bodies**

Albury City Council

Armidale Regional Council

Ballina Shire Council

Balranald Shire Council

Bathurst Regional Council

Bega Valley Shire Council

Bellingen Shire Council

Berrigan Shire Council

Bland Shire Council

Blayney Shire Council

Bogan Shire Council

Bourke Shire Council

Brewarrina Shire Council

Broken Hill City Council

Byron Shire Council

Cabonne Council

Carrathool Shire Council

Central Coast Council

Central Darling Shire Council

Cessnock City Council

Clarence Valley Council

Cobar Shire Council

Coffs Harbour City Council

Coolamon Shire Council

Coonamble Shire Council

Cootamundra-Gundagai
Regional Council

Cowra Council

Dubbo Regional Council

Dungog Shire Council

Edward River Council

Eurobodalla Shire Council

Federation Council

Forbes Shire Council

Gilgandra Shire Council

Glen Innes Severn Council

Goulburn Mulwaree Council

Greater Hume Shire Council

Griffith City Council

Gunnedah Shire Council

Gwydir Shire Council

Hay Shire Council

Hilltops Council

Inverell Shire Council

Junee Shire Council

Kempsey Shire Council

Kiama Municipal Council

Kyogle Council

Lachlan Shire Council

Lake Macquarie City Council

Leeton Shire Council

Lismore City Council

Lithgow City Council

Liverpool Plains Shire Council

Lockhart Shire Council

Lord Howe Island Board

Maitland City Council

MidCoast Council

Mid-Western Regional Council

Moree Plains Shire Council

Murray River Council

Murrumbidgee Council

Muswellbrook Shire Council

Nambucca Shire Council

Narrabri Shire Council

Narrandera Shire Council

Narromine Shire Council

Oberon Council

Orange City Council

Parkes Shire Council

Port Macquarie-Hastings
Council

Port Stephens Council

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional
Council

Richmond Valley Council

Shellharbour City Council

Shoalhaven City Council

Singleton Council

Snowy Monaro Regional
Council

Snowy Valleys Council

Tamworth Regional Council

Temora Shire Council

Tenterfield Shire Council

Tweed Shire Council

Unincorporated Far West

Upper Hunter Shire Council

Upper Lachlan Shire Council

Uralla Shire Council

Wagga Wagga City Council

Walcha Council

Walgett Shire Council

Warren Shire Council

Warrumbungle Shire Council

Weddin Shire Council

Wentworth Shire Council

Wingecarribee Shire Council

Yass Valley Council



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