

About the program

What is the purpose of the Sharing Scheme Grant Program?

The Sharing Scheme Grant Program provides funding to councils and state government land managers (authorities) to deliver dedicated parking bays for shared devices, support rider education, encourage positive rider behaviour, and better integrate shared devices into the transport network to improve safety, accessibility and public amenity.

How does the program work?

Transport for NSW administers the program, which is funded through fees paid by Sharing Scheme operators. Funding will be allocated on a demand-driven, rolling basis. The program aims to:

- accelerate delivery of parking infrastructure
- improve rider behaviour and compliance
- improve local amenity and reduce safety risks
- improve integration of shared devices with the transport network.

What types of funding are available through the Sharing Scheme Grant Program?

The program offers four funding streams:

1. Footpath parking
2. On-street parking
3. Miscellaneous footpath and road treatments
4. Safety, education and awareness programs

Applicants may seek funding under one stream or combine multiple streams in a single application. Further details are provided in Appendix 1 - Grant Rate Card of the [NSW Sharing Scheme Grant Guidelines](#).

Applicants seeking funding for planned works will be able to seek up to \$200,000 (ex. GST) per application.

Applicants will also be able to make a one-off application for additional funding to cover the costs of works and activities already delivered or in delivery in before the program launch. There is no pre-defined cap for this funding, but applications will need to meet the requirements in the NSW Sharing Scheme Grant Guidelines.

Why is funding capped at \$200,000 (ex. GST) for planned works?

A funding cap of \$200,000 has been applied for planned works to enable a rapid and targeted rollout of parking facilities through manageable tranches. This enables delivery to commence immediately while maintaining strong oversight.

This approach supports staged deployment, with each tranche demonstrating clear, visible outcomes that can be evaluated and refined before scaling. By prioritising early, on-the-ground implementation, the capped funding model reduces delivery risk, accelerates community benefit and provides tangible evidence of impact within shorter timeframes.

When do applications open?

Round 1 applications open on 22 July 2026 and close on 31 March 2027, unless funding is fully allocated earlier. The next funding round will open on 1 July 2027.

When will successful applications be announced?

An application outcome will be notified within six weeks of application for successful applications. Once assessed, successful applications will be published on the NSW Government Grants and Funding Finder website no later than 45 calendar days after the grant funding deed takes effect.

Who can applicants contact for more information?

For more information email sharingschemegrants@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Who should applicants contact if they wish to make a complaint about the grant process?

Applicants who wish to make a complaint about the grant process should do so in writing and send to sharingschemegrants@transport.nsw.gov.au. All complaints will be handled in accordance with the [Transport for NSW Complaint Handling Policy](#).

Who should applicants contact if they have a probity concern?

Applicants with probity concerns can contact the independent probity advisor at adindar@procuregroup.com.au

Who should applicants contact if they experience technical issues with the SmartyGrants portal during the application process?

Applicants are encouraged to refer to the [SmartyGrants help guide](#) in the first instance. If the issue is not resolved, they can email sharingschemegrants@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Key dates

Date	Activity
22 July 2026	Applications open for the FY2026–27 funding round
Within six (6) weeks of the application being submitted	Application assessment
Nearest working day after the six (6) week assessment period	Application notification
Within four (4) weeks of funding offer acceptance	Funding accepted
Within six (6) months of funding deed execution	Works completed
31 March 2027 – 5:00pm	Funding round closes. No further applications will be accepted after this date. ¹
1 July 2027	Applications open for the FY2027–28 funding round

Will the program be reviewed?

Yes. The grant program, including the rate card, will be reviewed annually to reflect market changes, prescribed rates and any other required adjustments.

Applications, eligibility and assessment

Who can apply for a grant?

The grant program is open to authorities as defined in the draft [Schedule 7 of the Road Transport \(General\) Amendment \(Micromobility Shared Arrangements\) Regulation 2026 \[NSW\]](#), including:

- local councils
- state government land managers, including Centennial Park Moore Park Trust, Parramatta Park Trust, Place Management NSW, Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust, Sydney Olympic Park Authority and Western Sydney Parklands Trust.

Applicants must have Sharing Scheme services operating, or planned to operate, in their area.

How do applicants apply?

Applicants can apply through the NSW Grants and Funding website application portal. Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the [NSW Sharing Scheme Grant Guidelines](#) and application questions before applying, and to prepare their submission ahead of the closing date. Applications can be started, saved and completed later if required.

How many applications can be submitted?

Applicants may submit multiple applications for planned works and activities in a funding round, but only one active application can be submitted at a time. Applicants cannot submit another application while they are:

- awaiting the outcome of an application,
- delivering funded works, or
- acquitting a grant to Transport's satisfaction.

¹ Funding rounds may close sooner if funding for the round has been fully allocated before this date.

Applicants may also submit a one-off application for additional funding to cover the costs of works and activities delivered/or in delivery prior to program launch, subject to the requirements in the NSW Sharing Scheme Grant Guidelines. This must be submitted prior to any applications for planned works.

What resources are available to support applicants in applying for funding?

The following resources are available to support applicants:

- [NSW Sharing Scheme Grant Guidelines](#)
- [TfNSW Bike and Micromobility Device Parking Guide](#)
- [Applicant On-Street Parking Bay Assessment Template exemplar](#)
- [Authorities' Communications and Engagement Toolkit](#)

The Transport Sharing Scheme team can also support applicants to identify sites for parking bays and treatments. Limited application support is available by request at sharingschemegrants@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Are behaviour change programs that encourage compliant and safe rider behaviours eligible for funding?

Yes. Applicants may request funding to develop and deliver safety, education and awareness initiatives that improve riding and parking practices in areas where Sharing Schemes operate.

Will applicants need to compete with other applicants for funding?

No. Funding is allocated on a demand-driven, rolling basis. Applications are assessed individually against the selection criteria and are not compared against other applications.

Note: Transport will review all applications and monitor geographic distribution to ensure the program can:

- prioritise underserved and regional areas
- prioritise applicants with limited existing infrastructure
- reserve funding or adjust sequencing, where required, to support equitable access to funding
- give appropriate consideration to first-time recipients and areas with identified gaps.

Will preference be given to authorities with more shared devices?

No. Funding is available to all authorities with shared e-bike schemes operating, or planned to operate, in their area. Authorities with larger schemes may submit more applications due to higher demand for parking infrastructure, but all applications will be assessed on their merits against the same criteria.

Funding decisions will consider demonstrated need, demand and the justification provided for proposed parking locations, including identified priority areas.

Applicants may seek up to \$200,000 per application (for planned works) and may submit future applications. However, depending on overall program demand, priority may be given to authorities that have not previously received funding or are underserved in shared device parking infrastructure.

Can applicants apply for multiple projects in a single application?

Yes. Applicants may seek funding across multiple streams to deliver footpath and on-street parking across several locations within their jurisdiction, so long as the total value of the application does not exceed \$200,000 (ex GST) for planned works. The program is designed to support concurrent delivery of infrastructure and communications activities within the six-month delivery timeframe.

Applicants making a one-off application for funding for retrospective works and activities, can include multiple projects in the application. There is no pre-defined cap on funding for retrospective funding, however, funding is subject to the requirements in the [NSW Sharing Scheme Grant Guidelines](#)

Can applicants request an extension on the closing date?

No. Applications are open from July to March the following year to allow for multiple applications in a funding round. Once the application period closes, no further submissions will be accepted and submitted applications cannot be changed.

When do applications close?

Applications close when total program funding is allocated or on 31 March 2027, whichever occurs first. The next funding round will open on 1 July 2027.

What types of information do applicants need to supply to support the application?

Refer to section 3.3 of the [NSW Sharing Scheme Grant Guidelines](#)

Can an applicant preview the application questions and prepare a submission offline before completing it online?

Yes. The application form is available to download as a PDF from the application portal, by selecting the 'Download preview form' button at the top of the page.

If an application was unsuccessful in a previous funding round, can it be resubmitted?

Yes. Unsuccessful applications from previous rounds may be resubmitted in any given year. Applicants should consider any feedback received and address the current [NSW Sharing Scheme Grant Guidelines](#) before resubmitting.

How will applications be assessed?

Applicants must meet all eligibility and assessment criteria to be considered for funding. These include:

- being an authority as defined in the draft [Schedule 7 of the Road Transport \(General\) Amendment \(Micromobility Shared Arrangements\) Regulation 2026 \[NSW\]](#)
- having a Sharing Scheme operating, or planned to operate, in their area
- demonstrating project deliverability
- demonstrating community need and benefit
- demonstrating safety outcomes
- demonstrating value for money.

Where an applicant has previously received program funding, priority may be given — depending on demand — to applicants that have not yet received funding or are underserved in shared device parking.

What processes are in place to ensure that all applications are assessed fairly?

An independent probity advisor is overseeing the process, including assessment, to support fair and impartial consideration of each application. Applications will be assessed by a committee of experienced subject matter experts and scored against the criteria in the [NSW Sharing Scheme Grant Guidelines](#).

Do applicants need to complete the funding estimate template as part of the application?

Applicants seeking funding for planned works or activities must complete the funding estimate template as part of their application. The template summarises the funding sought which must be within the \$200,000 (ex. GST) limit. Supporting documentation is required to substantiate the estimate.

The funding estimate template is not required for retrospective works or activities. However, itemised details of the funding being sought will need to be provided.

Funding

How much funding is available?

Initial program funding of \$6.6 million over three years has been allocated to this grant program.

What can funding be used for?

Funding supports:

1. footpath parking
2. on-street parking
3. miscellaneous footpath and road treatments
4. safety, education and awareness programs.

These activities are guided by the Transport rate card in the [NSW Sharing Scheme Grant Guidelines](#), which sets out pre-defined works and standardised costs aligned with program objectives.

Applicants can seek funding for a mix of minor works and education items.

There is no limit on the number of items included, provided the total funding sought does not exceed \$200,000 (ex. GST) per application, for planned works.

Transport may consider activities not listed on the rate card where the applicant provides strong justification and demonstrates clear alignment with program outcomes. Applicants who wish to put forward activities that are not listed on the rate card should contact sharingschemegrants@transport.nsw.gov.au before lodging an application.

Are particular funding streams prioritised over others for funding?

While all streams have merit, applicants are encouraged to address parking needs in their jurisdiction first, to improve safety and public amenity for shared devices.

Can an applicant apply for funding to retrospectively claim for works completed that support sharing scheme operations?

Yes. Applicants must meet the requirements in the [NSW Sharing Scheme Grant Guidelines](#) to be eligible.

How many applications can be submitted for retrospective funding?

Only one retrospective funding application is permitted. Applicants must include all retrospective funding requests in one submission. They may also submit a separate request for new funding for planned works, however, will need to finalise the application and execution of funding prior to submitting a new application.

Will administrative costs of project delivery be funded?

The rate card includes an allowance for project-related expenses within the standardised item costs for each eligible work or activity.

What is the maximum amount of funding each applicant can receive under the NSW Sharing Scheme Grant Program?

There is not a limit to the level of funding an applicant may receive under the program overall.

However, applicants must demonstrate project delivery before another application will be considered. Additional applications will be assessed under the NSW Sharing Scheme Grant Guidelines to support equitable funding allocation.

Individual applications allow for funding of up to \$200,000 (ex. GST) per application for planned works, and each application will be assessed against the guidelines.

Retrospective funding is available once only for parking infrastructure and safety, awareness or education programs delivered or being delivered prior to program launch. There is no pre-defined cap for applications for retrospective funding, however, funding is subject to meeting the eligibility and assessment requirements in the [NSW Sharing Scheme Grant Guidelines](#).

Do applicants need to provide a co-contribution?

No co-contribution is required.

Is there guidance to help authorities locate parking facilities?

Authorities may choose where to place parking bays on the assets they manage, including footpaths, No Stopping zones, and other on-street or public spaces where trips commonly end.

Applications should refer to the [Transport for NSW Parking Guidance](#) to identify suitable parking locations. Applicants should prioritise areas with high trip-start or trip-end demand, or locations with frequent complaints or congestion.

Transport's dedicated team can support applicants to identify parking locations, convert physical bays into digital formats for rider apps, and use data platform insights to understand parking demand.

Projects

Are there any activities that are ineligible for funding?

Any application submitted by an authority who is already awaiting the outcome of a grant application or in the process of planning, delivering or acquitting a successful grant application will be deemed ineligible.

Any additional applications for retrospective funding, once one has already been submitted will be deemed ineligible.

Any application which includes works for which alternate funding has been secured is not eligible for this grant program. Authorities must declare that they have not secured any funding directly from operators (excluding regulated fee-per-trip revenue), or through other grants or government sources for works included in their application.

Applications that do not provide clear and sufficient detail and supporting documentation to address the eligibility and assessment criteria will be deemed ineligible and will not be given the opportunity to provide additional information. Applicants will be able to submit a new application with additional detail once that application has been closed off.

Full details must be provided about the organisation, the proposed items and locations. Adequate supporting documentation must be provided around the safety risks considered, assessment of community need, deliverability of the project, value for money and justification for any variations. Full details of the documentation required are provided in the Grant Guidelines.

Is there a deadline for completion of projects or initiatives under the NSW Sharing Scheme Grant Program?

Yes. Funded projects must be delivered within six (6) months of funding deed execution.

When can applicants commence delivery of their funded projects?

Successful FY2026–27 projects may commence after the funding deed has been executed.

Background: NSW Sharing Schemes

What are Sharing Schemes?

Sharing Schemes allow people to hire shared devices, such as e-bikes and e-scooters, from private companies known as Sharing Scheme operators for short trips. These devices are typically parked in public spaces to support easy access and use.

Where can Sharing Schemes operate in NSW?

Shared e-bikes are currently available in several Local Government Areas (LGAs) in Greater Sydney. Once the new statewide regulatory framework commences, shared e-bikes will be able to operate in any LGA where they are authorised.

Shared e-scooters are currently limited to government-approved trial areas.

What evidence shows that parking bays have a positive impact on public amenity?

Transport conducted a pilot between November 2024 and May 2025 that delivered dedicated shared bike parking at selected transport hubs. The evaluation found fewer bikes obstructing pedestrian access and fewer bikes that were fallen or disorderly during the pilot.

When parking infrastructure was provided, more riders used the designated spaces and compliance increased over the trial. Clear, visible places to park help reduce clutter, improve pedestrian access and support a better experience for everyone using transport hubs.

What else is being done to help deliver parking bays for shared devices?

Transport has supported delivery of parking bays for shared e-bikes, including a 2024–25 pilot to test new parking approaches. Since December 2025, Transport has worked with authorities to deliver permanent marked parking bays around train and Metro stations, ferry wharves and cultural institutions.

To support this initiative, Transport for NSW is targeting delivery of 250 parking bays for 2,500 shared e-bikes this year.