



# Single-use Waste Reduction Fund 2017

## Small Grants information

### Introduction – Some Facts about Single-use Waste

1. Single-use waste includes shopping bags, bottled water, coffee cups, plastic cups, straws and product packaging. It refers to any product that is intended only to be used once and then discarded.
2. The used energy and economic cost of disposing single use plastic is immense. Australians use 10 million plastic bags per day and three billion coffee cups per year. Often these items end up in parks and waterways and are washed into the ocean.
3. The War on Waste Program (ABC-TV) disclosed that of the more than 1 billion disposable coffee cups used by Australians each year, approximately 92% go to landfill. According to [businessrecycling.com.au](http://businessrecycling.com.au), that equates to 2.7 million coffee cups per day.

### Funding

Up to \$2,000 (plus GST) is available to fund innovative measures that meet the Program goals. Funding may be a part contribution towards the cost of a larger program of work or it may fund the complete initiative.

Some examples of likely eligible projects include:

- the purchase of re-use items that avoid single use items such as bags, cups, straws and bottles
- a customer based campaign to promote available recyclable or re-use items.

The City of Melbourne welcomes other innovative measures that will meet the Program goals.

## Eligibility

To be eligible for a Single-use Waste Reduction Fund Small Grant, you must be:

- the business owner or manager, within the City of Melbourne. If you are the manager, you will have obtained the permission of the business owner or managing agent.
- willing to commit to using the funding for the agreed purpose within a defined time period.

All applicants will need to provide evidence of public liability insurance.

## What won't be funded

Work that is inconsistent with program objectives, policies, laws or regulations will not be funded.

Businesses not within the City of Melbourne.

## Program goals

Single-use Waste Reduction Fund Small Grant applications must:

- reduce or remove a single use waste item from use in your business (for example, replace single use cups with a reusable alternative); and
- replace the single use waste item with a sustainable, reusable (or avoidance) alternative.

Information collected in this short term program will be used to develop our next Waste and Resource Recovery Plan. The data received through the grant process and acquittal will allow us to make decisions about how to best support businesses who want to work with us to reduce waste to landfill in our municipality.

## Assessment criteria

Recommendations will be guided by the following principles:

- the extent of the proposed waste reduction;
- the proposal would be a genuine business expense not easily absorbed in the usual costs of doing business; and
- the visibility of the waste reduction and its ability to set a good example to customers/patrons.

## Key dates

Applications open	24 August 2017
Applications close	20 October 2017
Applicants notified	3 November 2017
Funding released	17 November 2017
Deadline for project completion	9 February 2017
Project acquittal	23 February 2017

## If your application is successful

1. All successful applicants will need to sign a letter of agreement before funding can be released.