



Thriving Suburbs Program

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Co-funding requirements

The Thriving Suburbs Program requires project proponents to contribute toward the cost of their projects. However, we recognise there are a number of project circumstances where applicants may have limited access to contribute a minimum of 50 per cent co-funding towards their projects. The program guidelines included three co-funding groups to ensure eligible applicants delivering projects under these circumstances could access reduced co-funding requirements and deliver projects targeted towards the objectives and intended outcomes of the program.

Co-funding methodology

The table below summarises the information provided in section 3 of the guidelines for the three co-funding groups, and outlines the methodology used to determine co-funding eligibility specific to the objectives and intended outcome of the program:

Co-funding group	Project circumstance	Total Australian Government funding towards eligible project costs	Methodology used and evidence required to support the request for co-funding
Group 1	Projects run by First Nations Community Controlled Organisations.	Up to 90%	Meet organisational definition as defined in glossary within program guidelines.
Group 2	Projects run by 27 identified 'low rate-based' councils, determined using the ratio of Financial Assistance Grant to Net Rate Income.	Up to 70%	Council is one of 27 councils listed in Appendix E of the guidelines. Low rate-based councils determined based on Financial Assistance Grant to Rate Income ratio. The Financial Assistance Grant to Rate Income ratio is used as a proxy for a council's ability to generate their own source of revenue – a higher ratio indicates a higher reliance on Financial Assistance Grant. The ratio was calculated for each council eligible for the program (those located within the GCCSAs). The top 20% of LGAs most reliant on Financial Assistance Grants ie ratio of above 9.4% were identified as low rated-based councils. Noting that the ratio was calculated based on the total FA Grant allocation rather than the per capita allocation.
Group 3	All remaining projects.	Up to 50 per cent of eligible project costs	Application demonstrates eligibility for up to 50% Commonwealth co-funding.