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1. Overview

The Queensland Government's *Less Landfill, More Recycling 2035: Queensland Waste Strategy* (the Strategy) sets a clear direction for reducing waste to landfill, increasing recycling and resource recovery, and supporting Queensland's transition to a circular economy.

The Strategy recognises that improved household participation, expanded recycling and organics services, investment in resource recovery infrastructure, and consistent collection systems are critical to achieving Queensland's waste reduction and recycling targets. It also identifies the need to make recycling easier for households and communities while supporting local governments to deliver practical waste and resource recovery solutions.

The Kerbside Bin Acceleration Fund (the Fund) builds on the success of (and replaces) the Growing the Recovery of Organic Waste via Food Organics and Garden Organics (GROW FOGO) Fund, which commenced in 2023. As at October 2026, over $46 million has been approved under the GROW FOGO Fund, to allow 11 Queensland councils to increase the collection of household organic waste and harmonise kerbside general waste bins to make it easier for Queenslanders to recycle more.

The Fund further supports the objectives and priorities of the Strategy through targeted investment in:

- kerbside recycling and organics collection infrastructure (Initiative 1.1.1);
- bin harmonisation (Initiative 1.1.3);
- household food organics diversion equipment (Initiatives 1.1.2 and 4.1.2); and
- community-based composting infrastructure (Initiative 4.1.2).

The Fund is administered by the Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (the department).

Waste Reduction and Recycling Activation Fund Programs

A number of funding programs are being delivered under the Waste Reduction and Recycling Activation Fund and there may be some overlap in the scope of funded activities. If you are considering multiple projects under multiple grants programs or have any questions about the best program to apply for funding under, please contact the Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling at OWRRPrograms@detsi.qld.gov.auto discuss your project/s and how it can be best supported.

2. Program objectives

The objectives of the Fund include:

- support councils to expand and improve kerbside recycling and organics collection services using bins that meet the Australian Standards;
- reduce the volume of household waste disposed in the kerbside red-lid bin; and
- encourage household and community participation in food organics diversion activities.

3. Program funding

The Fund provides Queensland councils access to five streams of funding. Streams 1 to 4 support councils to improve household kerbside separation and recycling services. Stream 5 supports councils to establish food organics diversion hubs in their communities, further enabling household food waste to be recycled. The five funding streams are:

- Stream 1: New kerbside garden and/or food organics bins (green-lid bins);
- Stream 2: New kerbside recycling bins and/or upsizing of existing kerbside recycling bins (yellow-lid, comingled recycling bins);
- Stream 3: Red lids (bin harmonisation) on kerbside general waste bins;
- Stream 4: At-home food waste diversion equipment; and
- Stream 5: Community food organics diversion hubs.

Funding amounts and other stream specific details are available in Section 5 of these guidelines.

4. Applicant eligibility

To be eligible for funding, applicants must be:

- a local government body constituted under the Local Government Act 2009 (Qld) or the City of Brisbane Act 2010 (Qld); or
- a Regional Organisation of Councils (ROC).

Councils must not have previously received funding for the same activity or activities at the same household/s under the GROW FOGO Fund or any other grant program administered by the department. Calculations and/or supporting evidence may be required to demonstrate compliance with this requirement.

Collaborations

For Stream 5 (community food organics diversion hubs), collaboration with other public or private partners is permitted. Collaborative projects must meet the following requirements:

- one eligible council or ROC must be identified as the lead applicant. The lead applicant will act as the contracting party and will be responsible for contract management and project delivery;
- all project partners must be identified in the funding application; and
- formal written arrangements or signed letters of support and commitment from each project partner's board, Chief Executive Officer or equivalent must be in place between all parties before an application is submitted.

5. Project eligibility and funding

5.1 Conditions relating to all funding streams

General conditions

Funding under each stream can only be provided once per household.

Councils submitting multiple applications under the same funding stream are responsible for maintaining records demonstrating that the number of households funded does not exceed the calculated need.

Funding will be acquitted against actual eligible expenses incurred, except for communications funding, which is provided as a fixed amount per household.

Eligible and ineligible expenses

Eligible and ineligible expenses specific to each stream are listed in Sections 5.2 to 5.6 below.

Additionally, the following expenses are ineligible across all funding streams:

- the operation of kerbside collection services;
- financial oversight costs related to auditing, financial analysis, or oversight that are part of normal business operations, including any contingency costs and the cost of feasibility studies;
- staff salaries and on-costs;
- legal costs;
- procurement costs;
- gifts, sponsorships, membership fees, web hosting or platform fees;
- conference, workshop and training expenses;
- project management or grant administration costs, including staff or contractor salaries;
- insurances, e.g. public liability, volunteer, motor vehicle;
- statutory fees/costs associated with developing applications, obtaining regulatory approvals, permits, or licenses; and
- other costs or additional expenses deemed by the department to be unreasonable or unrelated to project delivery.

Acknowledgement of funding on infrastructure

All publicly available information about the Fund must comply with the Queensland Government's funding acknowledgement requirements. This includes:

- Streams 1 – 4: where household infrastructure includes signage with a QR code/URL that refers to a council website, the website must acknowledge the financial support of the Queensland Government in delivering the new or expanded service, in accordance with the funding acknowledgement requirements; and

- Stream 5: where signage is included, funding must be acknowledged.

Communications with households

Departmental toolkits are available to support the development of communication materials. Materials include Queensland Government funding acknowledgement and can be accessed by emailing OWRRPrograms@detsi.qld.gov.au.

Where recipients do not use departmental toolkit materials, all communications materials must meet the Queensland Government's funding acknowledgement requirements. This applies regardless of whether the department has funded the associated communications. If in doubt, recipients should contact the department to confirm.

Household communications funding is targeted towards the roll-out of the stream-based infrastructure rather than for longer-term behaviour change initiatives.

Evidence of expenditure in the form of invoices (or similar) is not required for funded communications elements, however evidence of completed activities (e.g. photos, copies of communications, screenshots of social media posts) and estimated reach is required to acquit this component.

Direct messaging refers to messaging intended to directly communicate information to target households receiving the funded infrastructure. Examples include letters, flyers, rates notice or postcards delivered to the household receiving the new bin and text messages delivered to the household occupants.

Indirect messaging refers to messaging intended to indirectly target households receiving funded infrastructure. This usually results in both target and non-target households receiving the information. Examples include radio, tv, YouTube, digital media, social media ad placement and signage (e.g. bus stops, road signage), designed to reach the broader community.

Sustainability of infrastructure

Procurement should consider materials with the highest proportion of recycled content.

The waste hierarchy should be applied to maximise resource recovery, where materials are no longer required.

Councils should consider project design to avoid stranded assets.

5.2 Stream 1 – Kerbside organics bins

Available funding	Description
Up to $80 per household (funding based on actual expenditure)	Supply and delivery of new organics bins to households
$5 per household (fixed amount)	Communications to inform householders about the new organics collection service and correct use of the bin

Funding conditions

Infrastructure:

- Funding is available for one kerbside green-lid bin per household, where the household:
  - does not already have a green-lid bin; and
  - is receiving a new organics collection service.
- Bin sizes include 140L/240L. New bins must meet Australian Standard AS4123.7-2024.
- The green-lid bin must be used to collect garden organics (GO), food organics (FO) or both (FOGO).
- Organic material collected by the recipient must be processed at a lawful and appropriately licensed facility that has sufficient capacity to accept the collected waste volumes.
- Where FO will be collected by the recipient, the recipient will be required to provide written confirmation to the department that confirms that materials which contain FO will be processed at a facility that can lawfully receive and process high odour risk feedstocks.
- Projects should be completed within 18 months of the execution of the funding agreement.

Communications:

- Applications must include details on the communications approach to ensure effective delivery of the activity.
- Household communications must include at least 1 direct and 1 indirect messaging activity in each stage.
  - Stage 1: lead-in activities up to 6 months prior to the delivery of bins to households;
  - Stage 2: activities at the time of delivery/commencement of service; and
  - Stage 3: activities conducted up to 6 months after commencement of service.

Eligible expenses	Ineligible expenses
• Supply costs for new kerbside organics bins, including component parts (bin body, lime green lid, hinge pins) • Assembly costs, where required • Full delivery costs of infrastructure from the supplier to the household, including holding/staging fees at council depot or other holding facility, and temporary fencing • Embossment/ hot stamp on bin or lid	• Replacement of existing green bins/lids • Contamination management activities • Processing infrastructure

5.3 Stream 2 – Kerbside co-mingled recycling bins

a) New recycling bins for households that will receive a new recycling collection service

Available funding	Eligible activities
Up to $90 per household (funding based on actual expenditure)	Supply and delivery of new kerbside recycling bins to households
$5 per household (fixed amount)	Communications to inform householders about the new recycling collection service and correct use of the bin

Funding conditions

Infrastructure:

- Funding is available for one recycling bin per household, where the household does not already have a recycling bin or service.
- Bin sizes include 140L/240L/360L. New bins must meet Australian Standard AS4123.7-2024.
- The recycling bin may only be used to collect household co-mingled recyclables.
- Projects should be completed within 18 months following execution of the funding agreement.

Communications:

- Applications must include details on the communications approach to ensure effective delivery of the activity.
- Household communications must include at least 1 direct and 1 indirect messaging activity in each stage:
    - Stage 1: lead-in activities up to 6 months prior to the delivery of bins to households;
    - Stage 2: activities at the time of delivery/commencement of service; and
    - Stage 3: activities conducted up to 6 months after commencement of service.

Eligible expenses	Ineligible expenses
• Supply costs for new kerbside recycling bins, including component parts (bin body, yellow lid, hinge pins) • Assembly costs, where required • Full delivery costs of infrastructure from the supplier to the household, including holding/staging fees at council depot or other holding facility, and temporary fencing • Embossment/ hot stamp on bin or lid	• Replacement of existing bins/lids • Contamination management activities • Processing costs

b) Upsized recycling bins to replace smaller bins at households with an existing kerbside recycling collection service

Available funding	Eligible activities
Up to $100 per household (funding acquittal based on actual expenditure)	Supply and delivery of upsized kerbside recycling bins to households, including removal of the smaller bins

Funding conditions

Infrastructure:

- Funding is available for one upsized recycling bin per household, where there is an existing recycling bin and service.
- Bin sizes include 240L (if upsizing from a 140L recycle bin) or 360L (if upsizing from a 140L or 240L recycle bin). New bins must meet Australian Standard AS4123.7-2024.
- The recycling bin may only be used to collect household co-mingled recyclables.
- Councils may implement opt-in or city-wide approaches to upsizing recycling bins.
- For opt-in approaches, justification of estimates of forecast uptake will be required. Additional information may be sought from the applicant, especially where forecast uptake is high.
- Projects should be completed within 3 years following execution of the funding agreement.

Communication:

- Applications must include details on the communications approach to ensure effective delivery of the activity.

Eligible expenses	Ineligible expenses

• Supply costs for new kerbside recycling bins, including component parts (bin body, yellow lid, hinge pins)
• Assembly costs, where required
• Full delivery costs of infrastructure from the supplier to the household, including holding/staging fees at council depot or other holding facility, and temporary fencing
• Embossment/ hot stamp on bin or lid
• Where a council intends to reuse bins from a donor council:
  ○ Holding / staging fees and temporary fencing for security, where required
  ○ Transport and delivery costs from the donor council to the recipient council (claimed by the receiving council)
	• Replacement of existing recycling bins / lids
	• Contamination management activities
	• Processing infrastructure

5.4 Stream 3 – Bin harmonisation

Available funding	Description
Up to $40 per household (funding based on actual expenditure)	Supply, delivery and replacement of non-conforming household general waste bin lids to ensure compliance with the Australian Standard.
Up to an additional $40 per household (funding based on actual expenditure)	Supply and delivery of new kerbside general waste bins (140L/240L) to households where bins were broken during lid replacement

Funding conditions

Infrastructure:

- Funding is available for one red bin lid per household, where there is an existing residual bin and service, and the bin lid does not comply with the Australian Standard AS4123.7-2024**.**
- New lids/bins must meet Australian Standard AS4123.7-2024.
- Where a council is unable to achieve bin harmonisation at all identified households due to non-presentation of bins, funding will be limited to the number of households successfully harmonised.
- Reasonable delivery costs include an appropriate and limited number of delivery attempts to the household. Councils will be required to anticipate maximum costs at the application stage.
- Where bins are broken during lid replacement, funding of up to an additional $40 per household may be accessed to replace the entire red lid bin (i.e. funding total of up to $80 per household):
    - limited to a maximum of 20% of all households where bins are harmonised;
    - evidence of broken bins is required; and
    - for broken bins requiring replacement, kerbside bin sizes include 140L, 240L or 360L.
- Requires contractor confirmation that replaced lids have been recovered for reprocessing/recycling.
- Projects should be completed within 18 months following execution of the funding agreement.

Communications:

- Applications must include details on the communications approach to ensure effective delivery of the activity.

Eligible expenses	Ineligible expenses
• Supply costs for new kerbside general waste bins and lids meeting the AS4123.7-2004, including component parts (bin body, lime green lid, hinge pins) • Replacement costs (for lid replacement) • Assembly costs of bins, where required • Full delivery costs of infrastructure from the supplier to the household, including holding/staging fees at council depot or other holding facility, and temporary fencing • Embossment/ hot stamp on bin or lid	• Replacement of existing lids/bins that already conform to AS4123.7-2024 • Replacement of lids on incompatible bins • Contamination management activities • Processing infrastructure

5.5 Stream 4 – At-home organics diversion equipment

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<tr><th>Available funding</th><th>Description</th></tr>
<tr><td>Up to $10 per household (funding based on actual expenditure);

OR</td><td>Supply and delivery of kitchen caddies for use at the household with the purpose of collecting and recycling food waste.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Up to $30 per household (funding based on actual expenditure)</td><td>Supply and delivery of the following items for use at the household:
home compost bins (above/in-ground)
bokashi bins
worm farms
home food dehydrators
similar items as approved by the department</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Funding conditions</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Infrastructure:
Funding is designed to support councils with new or existing household rebates or other incentives to improve at-home food organics diversion.
Maximum length of the activity is 3 years following execution of the funding agreement.
Councils can apply for a maximum of one item per participating household in their council area e.g. kitchen caddy or compost bin.
Justification of forecast uptake estimates will be required. Additional information may be sought from the applicant, especially where forecast uptake is high.
Communications:
Applications must include details on the communications approach to ensure effective delivery of the activity.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Eligible expenses</td><td>Ineligible expenses</td></tr>
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Delivery costs of infrastructure from the supplier to council facility or household</td><td>Insinkerators
Web hosting / platform fees</td></tr>
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5.6 Stream 5 – Community food organics diversion hubs

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<tr><th>Available funding</th><th>Description</th></tr>
<tr><td>Up to $10,000 per hub (acquittal based on actual expenditure)</td><td>Supply, delivery and installation of infrastructure to enable establishment of food organics diversion hubs that receive and process household kitchen waste from the local community.

A tiered funding system denotes the maximum number of hubs funded per local government area, based on council population as per the most up to date Census data:
○ <25,000: 2 hubs
○ 25,001-100,000: 4 hubs
○ 100,001-200,000: 6 hubs
○ 200,001/+: 10 hubs.</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Funding conditions</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Infrastructure:
• Hubs must accept and process household food waste, but may also accept and process commercial or other non-household sources of food waste.
• Hubs can include composting or other lawful and licensed method of processing of food waste on site e.g. black soldier fly processing and commercial dehydrators.
• Hubs must be on appropriate land tenure and be hosted by an appropriately insured group e.g. council, community gardens, neighbourhood houses, or similar. They may also be privately owned and insured.
• Infrastructure for the hubs includes capital equipment and commissioning required to establish the hub e.g. composting bays, signage, security fencing and cameras.
• To ensure the long-term viability and sustainability of the investment, applications must demonstrate a considered project plan, including arrangements for maintaining operational support, a budget, the intended use of the compost end product, and appropriate risk management measures.
• Data must be collected on use and collection volumes, as well as learnings. Capturing lessons learnt is particularly important where compost hubs are new to the local community and/or council.
• Projects should be completed within 2 years following execution of the Agreement.
Communications:
• Applications must include details on the communications approach, including how the hub will be accessible to and promoted within the local community.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Eligible expenses</td><td>Ineligible expenses</td></tr>
<tr><td>• Supply, delivery and installation of new capital infrastructure, or upgrades to existing infrastructure where it expands capacity. For example, composting bays/equipment, delivery/mobilisation, framing, signage, and security (e.g. fencing, cameras)
• Contractor costs associated with design, supply, delivery and installation of capital infrastructure</td><td>• Organics waste processing
• Ongoing or operational costs
• Long-term site maintenance
• Administration costs
• Communication / education materials (excluding signage)</td></tr>
</table>

6. Applications

6.1 Submitting applications

All applications must be submitted using SmartyGrants, the department's online grants administration program. The application portal will remain open throughout the duration of the program.

Applicants must read these program guidelines in full before applying for funding and are strongly encouraged to familiarise themselves with the SmartyGrants online application system and other supporting documentation before beginning the application process.

Applicants are required to submit their complete application and all supporting documentation in full.

- Applicants must provide all required information at the time of submission of their application. Required information is clearly identified in the application form by a red asterisk (*). Failure to submit all required documents may result in your application being deemed ineligible.
- By submitting an application, the applicant agrees to abide by all of the terms and conditions as specified in these guidelines.

If submitting an application for more than one funding stream, applicants should consider their capability to deliver multiple activities at the same time.

The department reserves the right to refuse project funding where an applicant or project partner is undergoing formal investigation or has a departmental management process or court order in place.

New SmartyGrants users will need to set up a free online account. If you already have a SmartyGrants account, you can login using your existing details. The SmartyFile option also allows organisations to manage applications through a shared organisational profile, reducing the risks associated with relying on a single user login.

The Help Guide for Applicants explains the steps you need to take to complete and submit your form.

If you experience technical difficulties creating an account or completing an online form, contact SmartyGrants on (03) 9320 6888 or email service@smartygrants.com.au.

6.2 Application requirements

Applicants must:

- meet the application requirements to the satisfaction of the department, including (but not limited to) the following elements:
    - applicant information;
    - project plan – objectives, background, scope, schedule, budget, baseline data calculations/estimates, risk management, governance and communications; and
    - quotes (where relevant);
- be able to complete the proposed activities and comply with all reporting and acquittal requirements;
- at a minimum, hold the following insurance:

  - public liability insurance of a minimum of $20 million; and
  - workers and volunteers under the Queensland *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* (Qld) (where applicable);
- have authorisation to submit the application and certification of applicant contributions:
  - for council applicants this includes CEO endorsement of the project including direct financial contributions, in-kind contributions and contingency fund;
  - for ROCs this includes executive management or board endorsement of the project including direct financial contributions, in-kind contributions and contingency funds; and
  - if applicable, a letter of commitment from each project partner, signed by an officer with appropriate financial delegation. The letter must include the partner's financial and non-financial contributions and expected benefits of participation.

6.3 GST

Applicants registered for GST will receive funding that includes a GST component to cover relevant costs, which must be paid to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). As a result, these applicants are required to present their budgets in the application excluding GST. GST-registered recipients can subsequently claim back the GST component on eligible expenses from the ATO.

Applicants who are not registered for GST may include the GST in the budget as a cost component of the grant. As a result, all expenses listed in applications should be calculated including GST where applicable.

The department does not provide tax advice to applicants and recommends applicants seek independent professional advice on their tax obligations. For advice on GST, please seek assistance from the Australian Tax Office.

For more information, please email OWRRPrograms@detsi.qld.gov.au.

7. Assessment

The Fund is non-competitive. Applications that meet the eligibility requirements and satisfy assessment requirements to the department's satisfaction may be approved for funding, subject to the availability of program funding.

Applications will be assessed by an assessment panel established by the department. Departmental staff involved in the assessment will operate under the Queensland Public Service Code of Conduct.

Where necessary, technical advice will be sought from external representatives with expertise in a relevant field. External advisors will operate under confidentiality and conflict of interest requirements.

The department may seek additional advice from applicants regarding their application at any time.

Based on assessment outcomes, the department will make funding recommendations to the relevant delegates.

8. Notification and announcement of successful and unsuccessful applicants

Successful applicants

The Queensland Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation will announce successful applicants. Successful applicants will also be advised of the outcome in writing.

Successful recipients are to treat their funding as confidential prior to the announcement of the successful applicants, i.e. no media or public announcements of the project should be made until then.

Following the announcement, successful applicants will be listed on the Queensland Government website.

Unsuccessful applicants

Unsuccessful applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application in writing.

Unsuccessful applicants can request feedback on their application or lodge an appeal with the department for any decisions made relating to their grant application by emailing OWRRPrograms@detsi.qld.gov.au.

9. Funding Agreements

Successful applicants will enter into a funding agreement with the department.

The funding agreement will specify the financial and operational requirements of the grant.

The department uses a Head Funding Agreement to establish the contractual terms and conditions that apply to funding arrangements with Queensland councils. Approved projects are then managed through a Project Funding Schedule, which outlines the specific project scope, overall funding and instalment amounts, project milestones, reporting obligations, project timeframes and any special conditions relevant to the project.

The Head Funding Agreement in combination with the Project Funding Schedule comprise the Project Funding Agreement between the department and the council.

Successful applicants who do not have a Head Funding Agreement in place with the department will be required to enter into one prior to contracting.

Successful applicants must return a signed funding agreement within a reasonable time period of the date of that agreement being issued by the department or the funding offer may be withdrawn.

Funding may be provided in milestone payments with a final payment withheld until completion of the project and the department's acceptance of acquittal documentation.

The date and value of the milestone payments will be negotiated however the final decision will be made by the department.

10. Reporting requirements

Following execution of a funding agreement, grant recipients will be required to submit:

- periodic progress reports;
- milestone reports, including evidence of expenditure; and
- a final report.

Reporting templates will be provided by the department.

All grant recipients will be required to maintain full financial records of expenditure relating to the grant (including, but not limited to, profit and loss statement and receipts for expenditure). This excludes communication activities.

Grants may require annual financial acquittal reports (expenditure statements) accompanied by a signed statutory declaration by the recipient's Chief Financial Officer.

11. Privacy statement

11.1 General information

The department is collecting personal information in the application for the program to assess the application for funding and prepare a Project Funding Agreement, should the application be successful.

All personal information provided in the application form, including all attachments, will be routinely provided to the following parties for assessing the application:

- other Queensland Government agencies; and/or
- external assessment panel members as decided by the department.

Where necessary, information contained in the application may also be provided to the Queensland Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation and the Minister's members of staff for reporting purposes (except for that information is limited by the department's confidentiality obligations).

If the application is successful, the following information will be routinely published on the Queensland Government website and may be announced through media including social media:

- the organisation's name;
- the total amount of funding allocated per stream; and
- the project name, location and description.

The department will not otherwise use or disclose any personal information unless consent is provided, or if the use or disclosure is authorised or required by law.

11.2 Applying online using SmartyGrants

The department has a contract service arrangement with 'Our Community', which operates SmartyGrants, a secure online grants administration system. For further information, please read: https://www.ourcommunity.com.au/privacy.

Your grant application and associated documentation is subject to the *Right to Information Act 2009* (Qld). If you wish to access your personal information that is in the control of the department, you may contact Right to Information Services.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the privacy of your personal information, please contact the department's Privacy Services unit by email privacy@detsi.qld.gov.au.

12. Further information

Further information about the program is available in the Frequently Asked Questions.

If you have any questions relating to these program guidelines or if you would like to discuss your application, please contact the department by email at OWRRPrograms@detsi.qld.gov.au.

Appendix A – Glossary and acronyms

Term	Definition
At-home organics diversion equipment	Equipment supplied for use at a household to collect or divert food waste from landfill, including kitchen caddies, home compost bins, bokashi bins, worm farms and home food dehydrators. Other similar items may be approved by the department on a case-by-case basis.
Australian Standard (AS4123.7-2024)	The Australian Standard (AS4123.7-2024) outlines the minimum colour, marking, and designation requirements for mobile waste and recycling containers.
Bin harmonisation	Replacement of non-conforming household general waste bin lids with red lids that comply with AS 4123.7-2024.
Bin infrastructure	All the components of a kerbside bin: bin body, bin lid, hinge pins, axle and wheels.
Community food organics diversion hub	A community-based facility that receives domestic food waste from the local community and processes it on site using an approved organics recovery method. The hub may accept a portion of commercial or non-residential waste.
Delivery of infrastructure	The transportation of infrastructure from the point of manufacture or sale to the point where it will be used. For bin infrastructure (Streams 1 to 3), this includes: • freight costs charged by the supplier to deliver the items to a council facility; • if required, reasonable costs associated with a storage or staging facility where the items are stored and/or assembled prior to delivery to households; • if required, assembly costs; and • the cost of delivering the bin infrastructure to households. For at-home organics diversion equipment (Stream 4), this includes: • freight costs charged by the supplier to deliver the equipment to a council facility; and • if required, reasonable costs associated with the storage of the equipment at a council facility. For organic processing equipment (Stream 5), this includes: • freight costs charged by the supplier to deliver the equipment to the composting hub.
FO	Food organics
FOGO	Food organics and garden organics

Term	Definition
Funding acknowledgement requirements	Requirements governing how recipients must acknowledge financial support provided by the Queensland Government – see Funding acknowledgment requirements - qld.gov.au.
General waste	Waste that is not recyclable.
General waste bin	A household kerbside bin used for the collection of general waste that is not separated for recycling or recovery.
GO	Garden organics
Household	For the purposes of this Program: • eligible applicants may access funding for single-unit dwellings under Streams 1, 2 and 3; • eligible applicants may access funding for single-unit dwellings and multi-unit dwellings under Streams 4 and 5.
Incompatible bins	Incompatible bins are those with bin bodies that are not compatible with (i.e. do not fit) replacement lids that comply with AS 4123.7-2024, being replaced as part of a bin harmonisation project. Incompatible bins do not include bins and/or their lids that require replacing because they are at end-of-life, or with undesirable branding or information.
Kerbside collection	Collection of household waste or recyclable material from the kerbside through council-provided or council-contracted collection service via a kerbside bin provided by council.
Lead applicant	The council (or ROC) that applies for grant funding on behalf of itself and/or other councils or project partners. The lead applicant is responsible for project management and delivery, including executing a funding agreement with the department, coordinating project delivery and reporting to the department on the delivery of milestones.
Multi-unit dwelling (MUD)	For the purpose of the Fund, a MUD is a residential property comprising multiple households that share a council or commercial waste collection service or use shared or bulk bins. See also “Single unit dwelling”.
Non-presentation	A household’s failure to present its kerbside bin for collection or scheduled lid replacement..
Organics bin	A kerbside FO, GO or FOGO bin that complies with AS 4123.7-2024 and comprises a dark green or black body with a lime green lid.
Organics kerbside collection service	A kerbside collection service for collecting FO, GO or FOGO material from households.

Term	Definition
Participating household	A household that is approved or registered to receive a funded bin, service, lid replacement or an item of at-home organics diversion equipment under the relevant funding stream.
Presentation rate	The proportion of participating households that present their kerbside bin for collection or scheduled lid replacement.
Program	The Kerbside Bin Acceleration Fund.
Project Funding Agreement (Agreement)	The Project Funding Agreement is the legal contract which the department and the recipient enter into to deliver the grant activities. Comprises the Head Funding Agreement and Project Funding Schedule.
Project partner	A council, ROC, community organisation, non-government organisation, private entity or other public or private organisation that collaborates with a lead applicant to deliver a project under the Program.
Recipient	An applicant that enters into a funding agreement with the State of Queensland.
Single unit dwelling (SUD)	For the purpose of the Fund: a household that receives its own, standalone council kerbside bin collection service. Typically includes free-standing houses; may include duplexes or similar where they comply with the standalone council kerbside collection service requirements. It excludes households that use shared bins, have a shared collection service, have a commercial (non-council) collection service, or have no kerbside collection service. See also “Multi- unit dwelling”.
Staging facility	A staging facility includes the council or waste contractor’s facility, or project site. Infrastructure that is intended to be delivered from the supplier to the household or hub may be stored temporarily at a staging facility. Insurance is required at a staging facility.
Upsized recycling bin	A 240-litre or 360-litre comingled recycling bin intended to replace a smaller comingled recycling bin with one of a larger volume. Under the Fund, upsizing is only available to households that already receive a kerbside comingled recycling collection service.

Appendix B – Terms and conditions

Reservation of rights

(a) Despite any provision of these guidelines to the contrary, the Queensland Government reserves the right to administer the program and conduct the process for the assessment and approval of applications to the program in any such manner as it thinks fit, in its absolute discretion.

(b) Without limiting paragraph (a), the Queensland Government retains all rights and powers to make all decisions and actions in order to achieve the program objectives, and the department reserves the right, in its absolute discretion and at any time, to:

i. change the structure, procedures, nature, scope or timing of, or alter the terms of participation in the process or overall grant program (including submission and compliance of applications), where in such circumstances, notice will be provided to applicants;

ii. consider or accept, or refuse to consider or accept, any application which is lodged other than in accordance with these guidelines or is lodged after the relevant date for lodgement, or which does not contain the information required by these Guidelines or is otherwise non-conforming in any respect;

iii. vary or amend the eligibility or assessment criteria;

iv. take into account any information from its own and other sources (including other government agencies and other advisors);

v. accept or reject any application, having regard to these guidelines, the eligibility criteria, the assessment criteria or any other item, matter or thing which the department considers relevant, including the limitations on the funds available for the program;

vi. give preference by allocating weighting to any one or more of the eligibility or assessment criteria over other criteria;

vii. conduct due diligence investigations in respect of any applicant and subject applications to due diligence, technical, financial and economic appraisals;

viii. require an applicant to clarify or substantiate any claims, assumptions or commitments contained in an application or provide any additional information;

ix. terminate the further participation of any applicant in the application process;

x. terminate or reinstate the program or any process in the program;

xi. not proceed with the program in the manner outlined in these guidelines, or at all;

xii. amend the nature, scope or timing of the program;

xiii. allow the withdrawal of an applicant;

xiv. seek presentations from or interviews with any applicant and conduct negotiations with any one or more applicants after the applications have been lodged;

xv. publish the names of applicants to the program; and

xvi. take such other action as it considers, in its absolute discretion, appropriate in relation to the grant program processes.

(c) Where, under these guidelines, it is stated that the Queensland Government may exercise a right or discretion, or perform any act or omit to perform any act, then, unless stated otherwise, the department may do so at its sole and absolute discretion and will not be required to act or be restrained from acting in any way or for any reason, or to take into account the interests of any third party (including an applicant).

No relationship

(a) The Queensland Government's obligations in connection with the application process are limited to those expressly stated in these guidelines.

(b) No contractual or legal relationship exists between the Queensland Government and an applicant in connection with the grant program, these guidelines, the application process or any stage of the grant program.

(c) An applicant, or its representatives:

i. has no authority or power, and must not purport to have the authority or power, to bind the department or make representations on behalf of the Queensland Government;

ii. must not hold itself out, engage in any conduct or make any representation which may suggest to any person that the applicant is, for any purpose, an employee, agent, partner or joint venturer with the Queensland Government; and

iii. must not represent to any person that the Queensland Government is a party to the proposed project other than as a potential funder, subject to the application process detailed in these guidelines.

No action

(a) To the extent permitted by law, no applicant will have any claim of any kind whatsoever against the Queensland Government (whether in contract, tort (including negligence), equity, under statute or otherwise) arising from or in connection with:

i. any costs, expenses, losses or liabilities suffered or incurred by the applicant in preparing and submitting its application (including any amendments, requests for further information by the Queensland Government, attendance at meetings or involvement in discussions) or otherwise in connection with the grant program;

ii. the Queensland Government, at any time, exercising or failing to exercise, in its absolute discretion, any rights it has under or in connection with the grant program; or

iii. any of the matters or things relevant to its application or the grant program in respect of which the applicant must satisfy itself under these guidelines.

(b) Without limiting paragraph (a), if the Queensland Government cancels or varies the grant program at any time, does not select any applicant following its assessment of the applications, or does (or fails to do) any other thing referred to under clause 6.1 of these guidelines, no applicant will have any claim against the Queensland Government arising from or in connection with any costs,

expenses, losses or liabilities incurred by the applicant in preparing and submitting its application or otherwise in connection with or in relation to (whether directly or indirectly) the grant program.

(c) For the avoidance of doubt, each applicant:

i. participates in the grant program at its own risk; and

ii. is wholly responsible for its costs of applying for, participating in, or otherwise in connection with, the grant program.

Non-exhaustive

(a) These guidelines do not contain all the information that applicants may require in reaching decisions in relation to whether to apply. Applicants must form their own views as to what information is relevant to such decisions.

(b) Applicants must make their own independent investigations of the information contained or referred to in these guidelines. Applicants must obtain their own independent legal, financial, tax and other advice in relation to information in these guidelines or otherwise made available to them during the application process.

Disclaimer

(a) The Queensland Government makes no warranty or representation, express or implied, and does not assume any duty of care to the applicants, that the information in these guidelines or supplied in connection with the grant program (together, **Information**) is accurate, adequate, current, suitable or complete, or that the Information has been independently verified.

(b) The Queensland Government accepts no responsibility, whether arising from negligence or otherwise (except for liability that cannot lawfully be excluded), for any reliance placed upon the Information or interpretations placed on the Information by applicants.

Intellectual Property

(a) Any intellectual property rights that may exist in an application will remain the property of an applicant or the rightful owner of those intellectual property rights. Any part of an application considered to contain intellectual property rights should be clearly identified by an applicant.

(b) The applicant grants to the Queensland Government (and will ensure relevant third parties' grant) a non-exclusive, royalty free and irrevocable licence to use and reproduce the intellectual property for the purpose of administering the grant program.

Law

These guidelines are governed by the laws applicable in Queensland.