

Australian Government Black Spot Program



Government of South Australia
Department for Infrastructure
and Transport

2026-2027 Criteria

Who can nominate	Councils, DIT (the department), organisations and individuals
Eligible Roads	National Highways, State and Local Roads
Endorsement of Recommended Projects	Australian Government - SA Consultative Black Spot Panel
Funding & Project Cost Criteria	
Program Funding	100% Australian Government funded (Contributions to project cost encouraged)
Funding Distribution Metro / Rural	Approximately 50:50
Funding Distribution Reactive / Proactive Projects	Up to 30% proactive projects
Maximum funding contribution towards Project Cost	\$3,000,000
Minimum Project Cost	\$20,000
Cost Estimate requirements	Registered DIT estimate required for all DIT projects Detailed cost estimate required for Local Government projects >= \$150,000 – refer nomination form and DIT Estimating Manual
Eligible Costs	All direct costs including capital and design costs
Ineligible Costs	Purchase of road-building plant or equipment / Costs involved in the preparation of Road Safety Audits / Maintenance costs; and Costs incurred after installation

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Crash Criteria

Urban	Intersection or Mid-Block (< 3km)	3 casualty crashes in the last 5 years
	Road Length (≥ 3km)	0.20 crashes/km/year over last 5 years
Rural	Intersection or Mid-Block (< 3km)	2 casualty crashes in the last 5 years
	Road Length (≥ 3km)	0.13 crashes/km/year over last 5 years
Crash Period		Recent 5 years (i.e. from 2020 to 2024 for 2026-2027 program)
Benefit – Cost Ratio (BCR) using either BITRE costs method or Austroads costs method, whichever is higher		≥ 2.0
Discount Rate		7%
Crash Reduction Factors		From Australian Government Black Spot Notes on Administration and DIT BCR calculation spreadsheets
Prioritisation (Reactive Projects)		Based on BCRs using BITRE methodology or Austroads crash type costs method
Prioritisation (Proactive Projects)		Based on ARRB Risk Reduction Cost Ratio
Proactive projects		Require Road Safety Audit, Safe Systems Assessment or equivalent methodology.

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Project Delivery

Funding Deed needed between Council and DIT	Yes
Time Frame	Project to be completed within 2 financial years, up to 3 years by exception.
Approvals	Design and technical approvals from DIT for works on National and State Roads, Environment, Heritage and Aboriginal clearances where required
Project Signs	Yes, for projects value: < \$100,000 – temporary signage during construction ≥ \$100,000 – permanent signage during construction and one year after construction
Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status reporting as specified in Deed • Variation Form - in case of variations to scope and/or cost <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Completion Report, and
Recognition	All media releases to acknowledge that funding is from Australian Government. Australian Government to approve any media releases.