An interim review of Victorian municipal road safety strategy development

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TAC at a glance

Annual vehicle registration

Premiums

TAC

Road safety programs

Road crashes

Care for accident victims

TAC COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY GRANTS
TAC Community Road Safety Grants Program

- Government announcement - October 2006
- Managed by TAC
- Initially $4 million over 4 years
- Program continuing
- Grants initially up to $20,000
- From 2012/13 up to $25,000
- Overseen by Reference Group – TAC, VicRoads, Police, Municipal Association of Victoria, LGPro and the RACV
Program objectives

• Encourage community involvement in local road safety programs that are consistent with State road safety strategy

• Provides opportunities for communities to address local road safety issues
‘Substantial benefits can be achieved by involving the community in road safety activities as much as possible.’

arrive alive 2008-2017
To date

- 10 Rounds of funding
- March 2008 to February 2012
- 326 applications received
- 213 approved projects
- Around $3.7 million committed
Eligibility

- Incorporated Association
- Not for profit
- Demonstrate financial viability
- Demonstrate partnerships
- Demonstrate local road safety problem and identify solution
- Evidence based project ideas
- Sustainability
Diverse range of community groups

- Local Councils
- RoadSafe Groups
- Community organisations
- Sporting Clubs
- Schools
- Migrant Resource Centres
- Service Clubs
- Youth and Health Services
- Faith Groups
- Cycling Clubs
Project themes

- Community/municipal road safety strategies
- Reducing drink driving
- Reducing speed
- Pedestrian safety
- Bicyclist safety
- Youth programs
- CALD road safety
- Safety around schools
- Fatigue
Monitoring and reporting

- Progress reports
  - activity to date
  - expenditure
  - issues/risks
  - summary
  - activates payments
- Final report
  - includes ‘development plan’ for sustainability
Good practice approaches

- Know the issue
  - Data
  - Consultation
  - Surveys
- Understand good practice
  - What works, what doesn’t and why
- Partnerships
  - Road safety
  - Community-based
Good practice approaches

- Develop project plan
  - Goals
  - Objectives
  - Activities
  - Timeline
  - Evaluation
- Clear budget
- Realistic timeframes
- Focused and targeted – not trying to do everything
- Sustainable
The review

- 25 of around 200 projects focus on community or municipal road safety strategies
- Project activities include:
  - Review of current strategy
  - Review data (crash & infringement)
  - Consult with stakeholders and community
  - Strategy development
  - Actions determined
Three stage approach

Stage 1 - Project Planning
- Consultation plan
- Data collection plan
- Consultant workplan

Stage 2 - Data Collection
- Document review and analysis
- Visits to selected projects (5)
- Stakeholder interviews

Stage 3 - Analysis & Reporting
- Case Studies
- Interim Report (preliminary findings)
- Final Report
Key findings

Consistent with the CRSG guidelines, the most effective strategies demonstrated:

- **Data** to pinpoint focus
- High level **community engagement** and consultation
- Effective **partnerships**, with clear communication channels and defined roles
- Council **support** and commitment
- Translation of strategy to **practice**, including evaluation
Next steps

• Develop a ‘ready reckoner’ for Councils to refer to when developing an application
• Include key findings that = high quality applications and strategy development
• Work with TAC key partners – VicRoads, RACV and municipal stakeholders to review and refine policy and guidelines
Thank you