

## Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the total funding budget for Round 4?

A: Each year, RAC provides up to \$80,000 for WA Town Teams to apply for funding to support their community placemaking project.

2. When does the round open and close?

A: Connecting Communities Fund Round 4 opens on Friday, 3 June 2022 and will close 11.59pm, Sunday 10 July 2022.

3. How do we apply via the online process?

A: From 3 June 2022, the funding round will be open via the 'Apply Now' button on the TTM page of the RAC website - <https://rac.com.au/about-rac/community-programs/sponsorships/town-team-movement>. Full Application Guidelines will be available to download, and each applicant will be required to complete questions for parts one, two and three.

4. What do we need to submit for the online submission?

A: Complete parts one, two and three from the full Application Guidelines which will be available to all applicants from 3 June 2022. Submit your answers in your preferred format in, either a Word, Powerpoint or PDF, including a few images to promote your project.

5. What makes a strong submission?

- A clearly described project idea/community initiative/activation
- Strong correlation to placemaking concepts which may be fixing a problem within a town or suburb to better connect your community
- A high-level budget outlining how the funds will be used
- Correspondence of council approval if obtained, however confirmation of conversations is also accepted. This is not a requirement but is desirable.

6. What is the timeframe that projects need to be delivered?

A: RAC is supporting projects that are going to be completed between 1 October 2022 and 30 June 2023.

7. Do you have to be incorporated to apply?

A: No you don't have to be incorporated, but you will need to identify the organisation who is able to Auspice your project, and provide a letter of support to this effect.

8. We were unsuccessful last year can we resubmit the same idea?

A: Definitely, as long as the idea fits into one of the three categories, and there has been some progression to the concept or more succinct plans confirmed. Sometimes RAC is unable to support every project, however sometimes there are submissions which are stronger than others.

9. We're not in a Town Team can we start one now and apply?

A: Yes, as long as you have signed onto the Town Team Movement charter, all WA Town Teams are eligible to apply.

10. Can we submit more than one project?

A: Yes, you can submit more than one project, providing you complete separate submissions for each project.

11. Do you need to have local council approval to apply?

A: It's important that some conversations have started with local council, to get the general concept/idea across the line, if your project requires council approval. If you have a letter of support from local council, please include this in your submission. It will help support your project case up with the assessment panel.

12. Do you need to have Public Liability insurance before applying?

A: Public Liability Insurance is a requirement for RAC to support any community project/initiative, however this can be sourced if your project is successful, through [www.localcommunityinsurance.com.au](http://www.localcommunityinsurance.com.au)

Town Teams have previously worked with a partner group to auspice under that group's insurance, for example a Shire, community group, or Community Resource Centre.

A quote would be useful to request and to itemise insurance in your budget. However, it's not necessary to secure insurance prior to application.

13. Why do we need to provide a high-level budget in our submissions?

A: Providing a guided budget will help support your project particularly with the Sponsorship Committee and will further endorse the category you are applying for to ensure Town Teams are applying for the correct amount of funding, that's reflective of your project concept.

14. If RAC supported our local event last year, can we apply for another event this year in category 1?

A: RAC has not typically supported events, however we recognise this as an opportunity for newly established Town Teams to be able to get off the ground within their community, so these will be assessed individually and will be more favourable to first-time events only, or revival of local festivals.

15. How do we know which category to submit our project into?

A: Get in touch with TTM and share your idea, they will be able to support you to navigate the best category.

16. How do we get more information if we need additional application guidance?

A: If you need extra application guidance, RAC will be holding a second online information session on Wednesday, 22 June, please register your interest by emailing [sponsorship@rac.com.au](mailto:sponsorship@rac.com.au)

17. Will RAC be offering the Reconnect WA grant again in the near future?

A: Yes, this is likely to be available again to Local Governments to apply which will be later in 2022. This is a separate funding round to Connecting Communities Fund.

18. Is it beneficial for our application to demonstrate where RAC volunteers can be involved in the project?

A: Yes, this would be valuable to include, and even more so if you can identify what sort of activities you would like to them to be involved with. RAC volunteers is a great way to add value to your project.