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1. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

This is the second Annual Report for the Local Government and Community Road Safety Grants Program. This financial year of 2007/2008 has seen another successful year for the Local Government and Community Road Safety Grants Committee. With 24 road safety projects being approved, out of 26, is one of the highest percentages of approval grants, showing that we are receiving a higher standard of grant applications than ever before. The committee allocated \$254,797.46 with an average of \$10,616.56 per grant.

Grants are made available for projects that focus on key behaviours or risk factors that are the major contributing factors to road crashes in WA and align to the key classes of initiatives described in Arriving Safely, the WA Road Safety Strategy 2003-2007. This financial year has also seen the development of a new state strategy for road safety.

The development of the recommended strategy, entitled "Towards Zero 2008-2020" involved expert advice from practitioners and researchers and from the community. The recommended strategy is based on scientific research about the best solutions to WA's unique road safety problems. The process for the development of the strategy for 2008 - 2020 involved considerable community and stakeholder input which allowed the community to see and debate the evidence about the best options available to improve safety. Following reflection on the community feedback, the recommended strategy was endorsed by Road Safety Council members. The Towards Zero Strategic Plan develops an across the board representation of the direction of road safety. We hope to see future projects following this structure.

The Community Road Safety Grants Program Committee strives "to assist in the development of road safety projects which foster widespread community support and participation throughout the State to prevent road crashes causing serious injury and death." with collaboration with various stakeholders in the community it can become a reality and accordingly, this approach has continued to inform the Committee's focus in 2007/2008.

I would like to thank the members of the Committee for their time, commitment and valuable contributions over the past twelve months. I also thank the staff for their excellent support. I would also like to thank all the applicants for their continued commitment to road safety.

The Committee is looking forward to continuing its collaborative work with local government and the community to prevent road crashes.

Mayor David Boothman
Chairperson
Local Government and Community Road Safety Grants Program Committee



2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Community Road Safety Grants Program was established in the 2002-2003 financial year to provide funding for community groups to implement local or regional community based road safety projects that contribute to the implementation of *Arriving Safely*, the WA Road Safety Strategy 2003-2007. Originally set up to run for three years, the Program has proven successful and is now in its sixth year. The Program is administered by the WA Local Government Association's (WALGA) RoadWise Program. Funds for the Program have been made available by the State Government from the Road Trauma Trust Fund (one third of speed and red light camera fines).

The Local Government and Community Road Safety Committee assesses applications received on a monthly basis. Preference is given to projects that are consistent with the classes of initiatives outlined in *Arriving Safely*, foster community participation, are evidence based, effective and demonstrate a measure of sustainability.

This year a sponsorship grant category was established to provide small amounts of funding for events. Also funded this year was financial assistance for people to attend the 3rd International Road Safety Conference held in Perth in November 2007.

The Royal Automobile Club of WA (RAC) withdrew from the Committee in February 2008, as the funds of the National Safety Committee, for which the RAC was trustee, had been fully allocated. As per their request, the RAC logo was removed from all correspondence and promotional material associated with the Committee at the end of March 2008.

A total of 24 projects were approved in the 2007-2008 financial year which is 10 less than in the previous financial year. However in addition to project grants, 26 sponsorship grants (new grant category) were approved for events as well as 38 one-off professional development grants to allow participants to attend the 3rd International Road Safety Conference.

Local Government is getting more involved in Safe Speed projects with a third of successful grants funding speed display trailers in 2007-2008. Over the life of the grants 31 speed trailer projects have been funded to a total of \$553,061.71, with eight trailers funded in 2007-2008 (\$165,610.60).

Only two regions did not apply for or receive grant funding this year, both had extensive periods where there was no Regional Road Safety Officer present to encourage and assist Local Governments and communities.

Community participation in the Community Road Safety Grants Program has seen 23 primary organisations and 105 secondary organisations involved in grant funded projects in 2007-2008. A further 26 primary organisations were involved in sponsorship grants.

To ensure continual improvement of the Community Road Safety Grants Program, the Committee attended a one-day workshop to look at ways to enhance the Program such as expanding the scope of the Program, maintaining good governance and acting on issues raised in the 2006-2007 Annual Report. The Committee is investigating the benefit of establishing professional development grants to further build road safety capacity in the community.



A paper showcasing the Community Road Safety Grants Program was presented at the 3rd International Road Safety Conference in November 2007.

3. INTRODUCTION

The Local Government and Community Road Safety Committee (LG & CRSC) was set up in 2003 with the aim of facilitating and enabling the planning, development, implementation and evaluation of community based road safety projects to support the implementation of *Arriving Safely*, the WA Road Safety Strategy 2003 – 2007.

The LG & CRSC meets once a month to assess grant applications and determine the allocation of funds for distribution via the Community Road Safety Grants Program.

OBJECTIVES:

- To increase the proportion of road safety activities aligned with the priorities of the WA Road Safety Strategy;
- To provide funds to enable the implementation of community based road safety activities;
- To increase community participation in road safety; and
- To build the capacity of community groups in addressing road safety issues in an effective and sustainable manner.

Each grant application is assessed in accordance with eligibility criteria, and the extent to which the project will effectively and efficiently meet the aims and objectives of the Program.

This year (2007-2008) saw the introduction of sponsorship grants to fund one and two day events. Sponsorship grants are also assessed in accordance with eligibility criteria and must promote one of a selection of road safety messages.

Local Government and Community Road Safety Committee Membership

The Local Government and Community Road Safety Committee meet monthly and a total of 11 meetings were held during the 2007-2008 financial year. The December 2007 meeting was held in conjunction with the January 2008 meeting. All meetings were held at the WA Local Government Association, Local Government House, 15 Altona St, West Perth.

Some committee members do not represent any agency and attend meetings as volunteers. The Committee acknowledges with gratitude the time they give and the value of their contribution to the Community Road Safety Grants Program.

Attendance by members was as follows:

Name	Organisation represented	Meetings attended
Mayor David Boothman	WA Local Government Association	9
Brian Webb	Regional community representative	8
John Pintabona	WA Police	6
Gavin Maisey*	Royal Automobile Club of WA	3
Rina Cercarelli	Research and evaluation	10

Brian Kidd	Main Roads WA	8
Esme Bowen	Community representative	9
Terri-Anne Pettet**	WALGA RoadWise Program	8
Engel Prendergast (representing Terri-Anne Pettet)	WALGA RoadWise Program	2
Elizabeth Kelly (representing Terri-Anne Pettet)	WALGA RoadWise Program	1
Rob Willis*	Institute of Public Engineers and Works	3
Sheryl Harvey**	Office of Road Safety	6
John Doak (representing Sheryl Harvey)	Office of Road Safety	3
Linda Parsons	School Drug Education and Road Aware	8
Chris Paino	Apex	5

* Not member for full year

** Currently on long service leave



Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference for the Local Government and Community Road Safety Committee are as follows:

1. to provide advice and monitor the administration, approval, monitoring and evaluation of the Community Road Safety Grants Program;
2. to ensure that community road safety grants are allocated in a manner which is transparent, accountable and equitable and takes into consideration road safety needs, effectiveness of programs, regional coordination/support and Local Government and local community participation and ownership;
3. to work with the Regional Road Safety Coordination Committees and RoadWise Committees to facilitate community involvement in road safety and the provision of advice in relation to funding applications under the Community Road Safety Grants Program;
4. to provide advice and feedback to the WALGA President and State Council on Local Government involvement in road safety and the operation of the Community Road Safety Grants Program;
5. to provide guidance and feedback, where requested, to RoadWise and the RoadWise Committees on matters relating to community involvement in road safety;
6. to provide issue-based advice to the Road Safety Council on road safety initiatives;
7. to encourage and provide advice to member agencies on community involvement in road safety;
8. the Local Government and Community Road Safety Committee have a minimum of ten members which will include a minimum of one State Councillor and two other Local Government elected members, other members will come from government and non government agencies and community groups and representatives;
9. a minimum of five members shall constitute a quorum of the Local Government and Community Road Safety Committee;
10. the provisions of the Local Government Act will apply in respect to "Declarations of Interest" that constitute impartiality;
11. membership to the Local Government and Community Road Safety Committee be reviewed regularly by the Association to ensure contemporary relevance;
12. the Chairman of the Local Government and Community Road Safety Committee be a Local Government representative;
13. where the Local Government representative on the Road Safety Council is not a State Councillor, a reporting/accountability mechanism with State Council be established.

These are the revised Terms of Reference as endorsed by the State Council on 5 December 2007.

The Community Road Safety Grants Program is administered by the Western Australian Local Government Association's RoadWise Program and reported on a quarterly basis to the Office of Road Safety in accordance with Road Trauma Trust Fund contract.

4. METHODOLOGY OF REPORT

The information in this report has been extracted from the Community Road Safety Grants database and files which are kept at the WA Local Government Association. This information has been kept current by the Community Road Safety Grant Project Officer.

5. PROJECTS

Projects 2007-2008 Financial Year (Year 6)

The following information refers to project grants only.

A total of 26 project applications were submitted in the 2007-2008 financial year with 24 (92.3%) being approved at a total value of \$254,797.46.

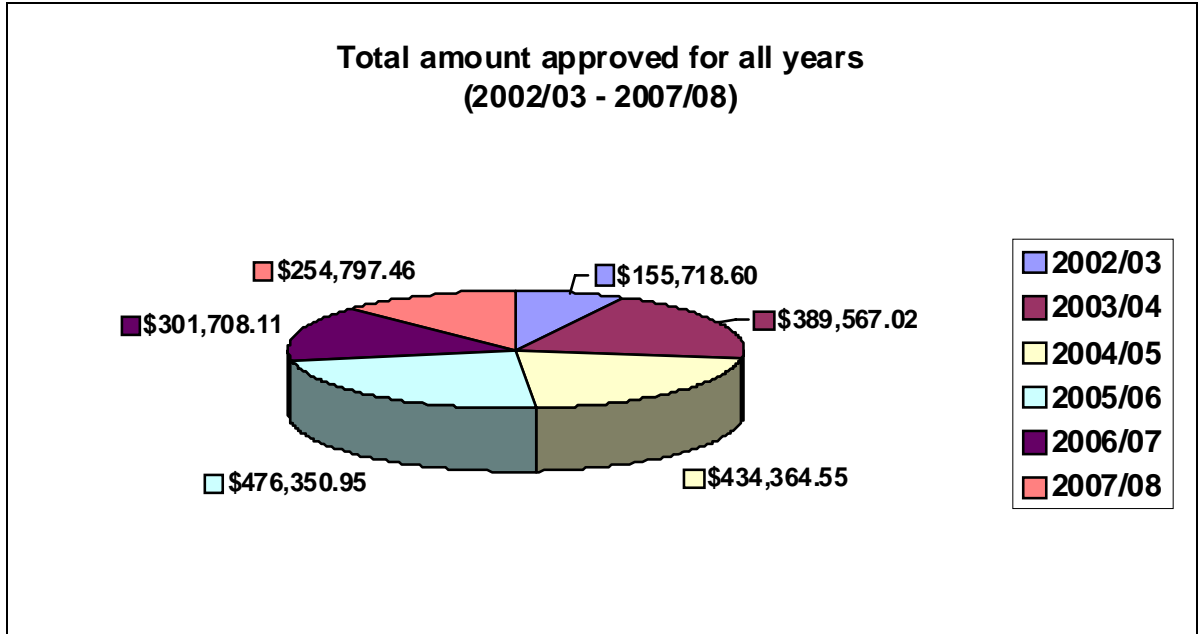
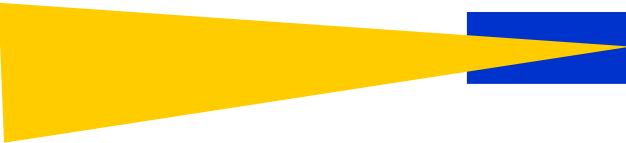
Projects All Years

A total of 421 project applications have been submitted over the life of the Community Road Safety Grants Program (from February 2003 to May 2008) with 292 (69.3%) being approved at a total value of \$2,012,506.69.

Table 1 and Graph 1 (page 12) shows a yearly comparison of the total number of projects submitted, total number approved for funding and amount approved over the life of the Community Road Safety Grants Program. Except for the first year of the Program in 2002-2003 (this year covered only four funding rounds from February to May), the total number of projects submitted and approved has been gradually declining since the beginning of the Program, however the percentage of approved grants is increasing. It should also be noted that this financial year saw the introduction of sponsorship grants which provides funding for events.

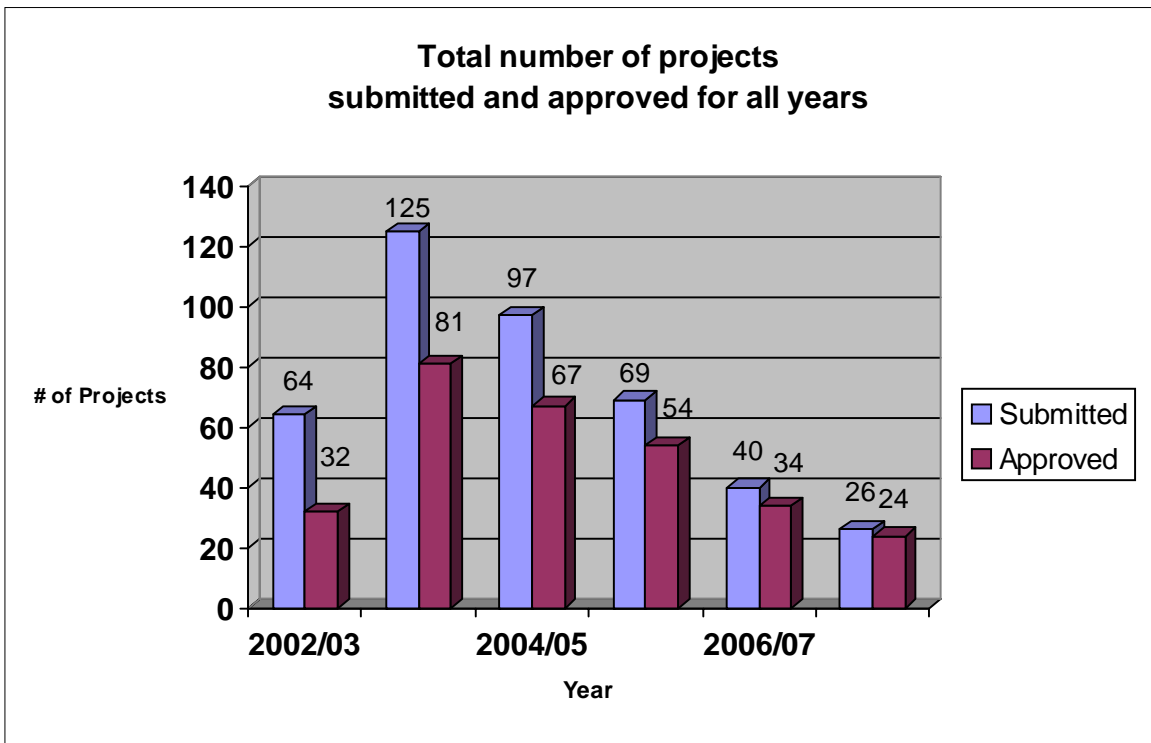
Year	Number of Projects Submitted	Number of Projects Approved (%)	Total Amount Approved	Average Amount of Grant
2002/2003	64	32 (50%)	\$155,718.60	\$4,886.20
2003/2004	125	81 (64.8%)	\$389,567.02	\$4,809.46
2004/2005	97	67 (69%)	\$434,364.55	\$6,483.05
2005/2006	69	54 (78%)	\$476,350.95	\$8,821.31
2006/2007	40	34 (85%)	\$301,708.11	\$8,873.76
2007/2008	26	24 (92.3)	\$254,797.46	\$10,616.56
TOTAL	421	292 (69.3%)	\$2,012,506.69	\$6,892.14

Table 1: Total number of projects submitted, approved and funding amount for all years of the Community Road Safety Grants Program.



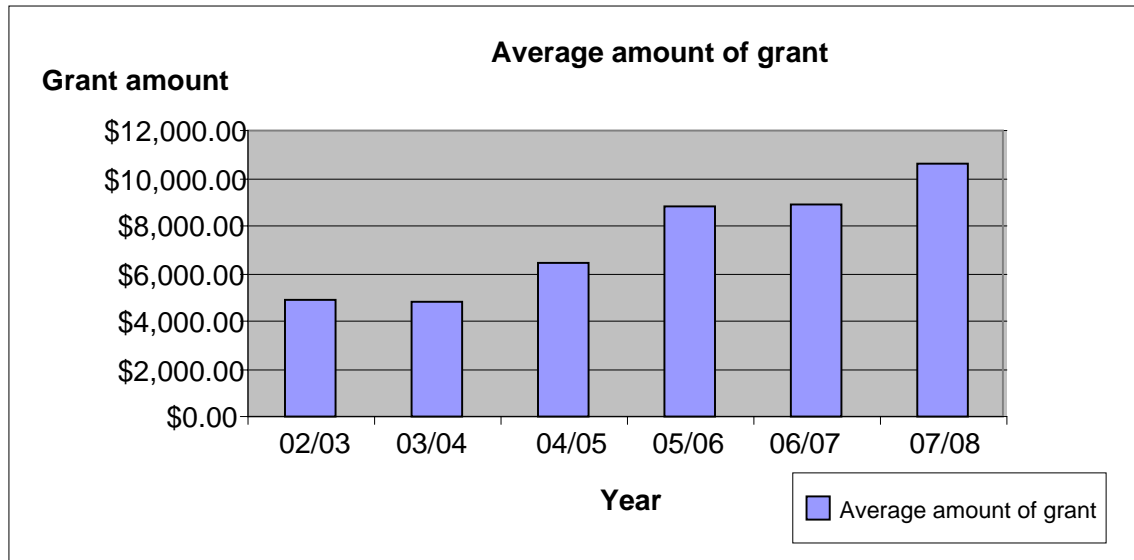
Graph 1: Total funding amount approved for all years of the Community Road Safety Grants Program.

Graph 2 (below) shows the number of projects submitted and approved for each year of the Community Road Safety Grants Program. Though the number of projects submitted for funding is decreasing, the percentage of the projects funded is increasing.



Graph 2: Total number of projects submitted and approved for all years of the Community Road Safety Grants Program.

Graph 3 (below) demonstrates a general increase in the average amount of grants for approved projects over the life of the Community Road Safety Grants Program. The substantially higher average amount of grants in 2005-2006 through to 2007-2008 could be attributed to the uptake of speed display trailers.



Graph 3: Average amount of grant for approved projects

Table 2 (below) shows the number and percentage of approved grants in funding level increments of \$5000. This shows an ongoing trend to higher funding amounts with more than 41% of projects receiving funding amounts over \$15,000 in 2007-2008, compared to 16.4% in all years combined. This continues to be influenced by the number of speed display trailers funded.

Amount Approved	All Years		2007-2008	
	Number of Projects	Percentage of Projects (%)	Number of Projects	Percentage of Projects (%)
< \$5000	161	55.13	9	37.5
\$5000-\$9999	61	20.89	2	8.3
\$10,000-\$14,999	22	7.53	3	12.5
\$15,000-\$19,999	37	12.7	9	37.5
\$20,000-\$24,999	2	0.68	0	0
\$25,000-\$29,999	6	2.05	1	4.2
\$30,000-\$34,999	1	0.34	0	0
\$35,000-\$39,999	1	0.34	0	0
\$40,000+	1	0.34	0	0
TOTAL	292	100	24	100

Table 2: Number of approved grants in \$5000 increments for all years and for 2007-2008 financial year.

6. WITHDRAWN PROJECTS

Over the life of the Grants Program 22 approved project applications have been withdrawn, with one withdrawn in 2007-2008. Projects are withdrawn for a variety of reasons including insufficient resources from other sources, loss of staff or changing priorities. The remaining information presented in this report does not include the withdrawn projects.

7. CLASSES OF INITIATIVES

Classes of Initiatives 2007-2008 Financial Year (Year 6)

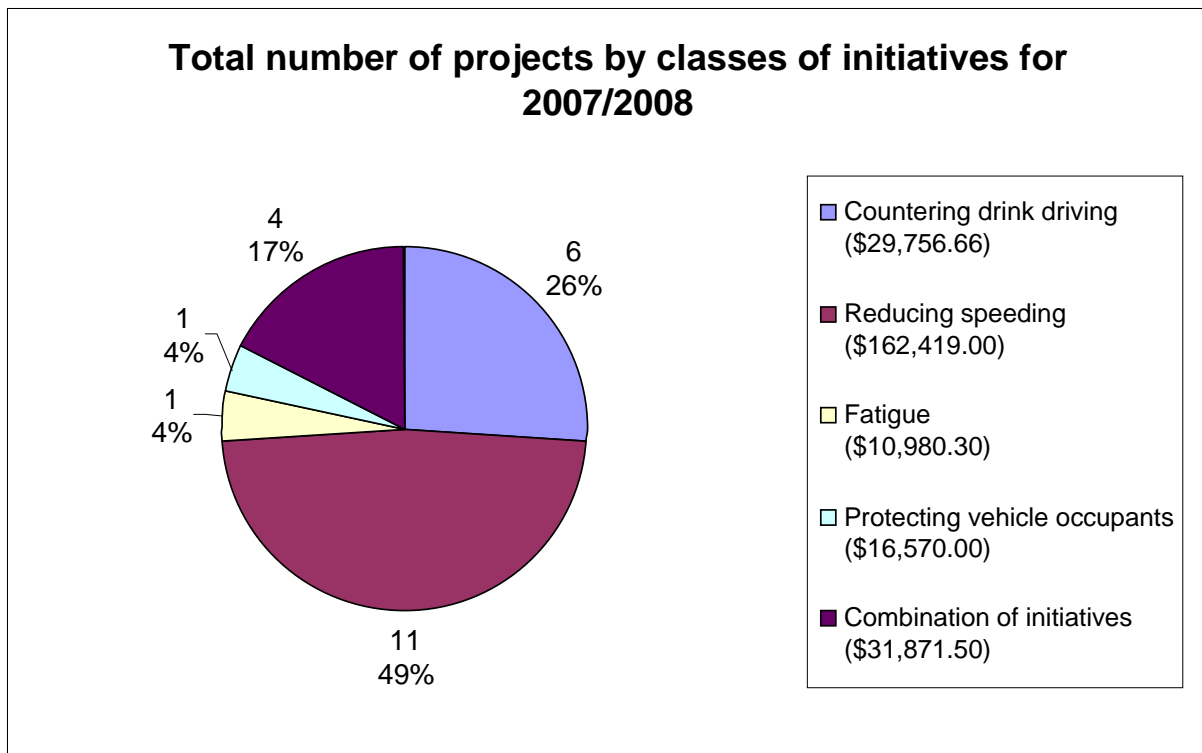
Table 3 (below) shows projects funded by class of road safety initiatives (as identified in *Arriving Safely*, Road Safety Strategy for Western Australia 2003-2007) as well as the total amount funded for the 2007-2008 financial year (Year 6).

Classes of Initiatives 2007-2008 Financial Year		
Class of Initiative	Number of Projects	Amount
Countering Drink Driving	6	\$29,756.66
Reducing Speeding	11	\$162,419.00
Increasing Restraint Use	0	\$0.00
Fatigue	1	\$10,980.30
Protecting Vehicle Occupants	1	\$16,570.00
Improving the Safety of Roads	0	\$0.00
Safer Modes of Travel	0	\$0.00
Improving the effectiveness of enforcement	0	\$0.00
Planning a safer system	0	\$0.00
Combination of initiatives	4	\$31,871.50
TOTALS	23	\$251,597.46

Table 3: Classes of Initiatives, total number of projects funded and funding amount for 2007-2008.

Graph 4 (page 15) shows a continued trend of high percentages in the number of projects that addressed reducing speeding/reducing travel speeds in the 2007-2008 financial year. This appears to reflect an increased emphasis on Safe Speeds as a component of the Safe System Approach to road safety.

The Community Road Safety Grants Program funded a further eight speed display trailers this year, allowing more Local Governments across the state to purchase a valuable resource that helps promote Safe Speeds and raises community awareness of lower travel speeds.



Graph 4: Total amount and number of projects funded by class of initiatives for the 2007/2008 financial year.

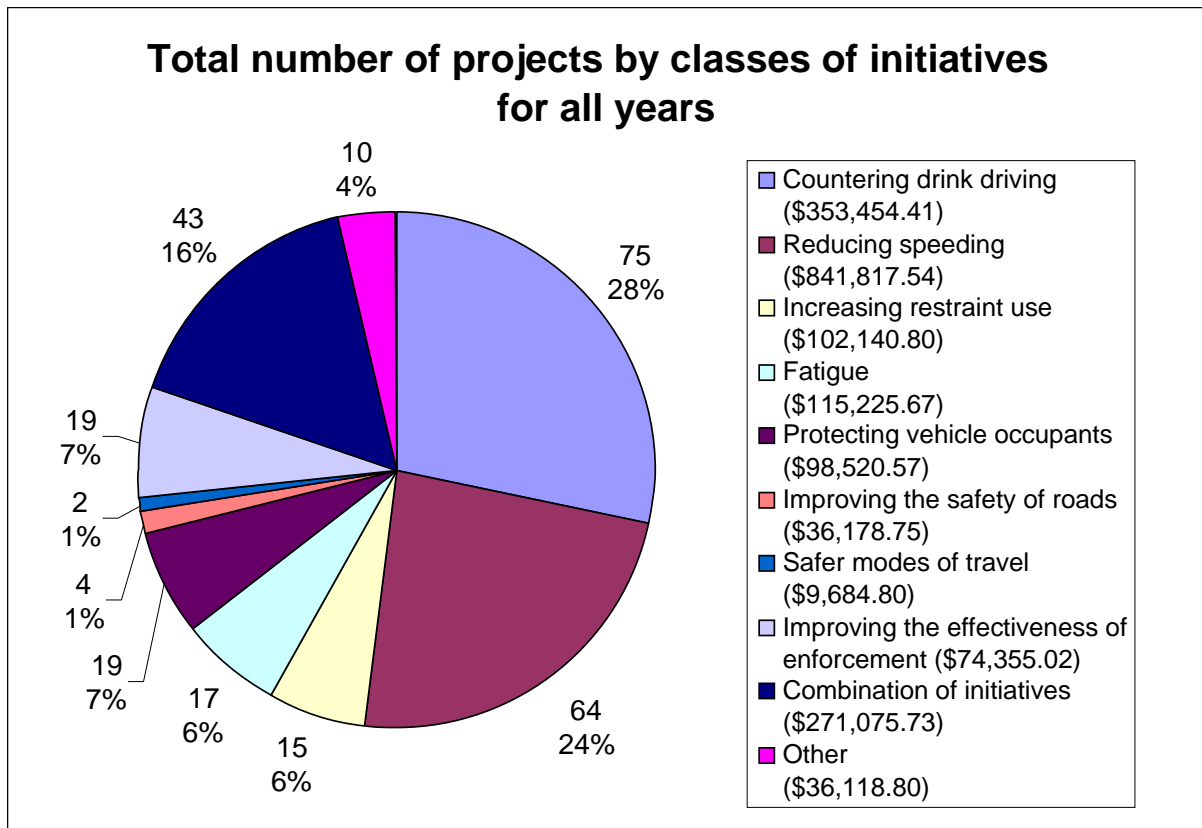
Classes of Initiatives All Years

Table 4 and Graph 5 (page 16) show projects by class of initiative and the total amount funded for the life of the Community Road Safety Grants Program (all years). As can be seen, 'countering drink driving' remains the issue targeted in the highest number of grant funded projects. However, as previously noted, reducing speeding/reducing travel speeds continues to become a more prominent intervention, with more funding being allocated to projects addressing speeding or travel speeds.

It should be noted that the Community Road Safety Grants Program has in the past funded some projects that sat outside the priorities of the WA Road Safety Strategy. However, as organisations and community groups gain a greater awareness of these priorities, the Program has moved to fund only projects that align to these priorities.

Classes of Initiatives Over life of Grants Program (all years)		
Class of Initiative	Number of Projects	Total Amount
Countering Drink Driving	75	\$353,454.41
Reducing Speeding	64	\$841,817.54
Increasing Restraint Use	15	\$102,140.80
Fatigue	19	\$115,255.67
Protecting Vehicle Occupants	19	\$98,520.57
Improving the Safety of Roads	4	\$36,178.75
Safer Modes of Travel	2	\$9,684.80
Improving the effectiveness of enforcement	19	\$74,355.02
Planning a Safer System	0	\$0
Combination of Initiatives	43	\$271,075.73
Other (includes bicycle safety and education, post trauma counseling, driver awareness, road rules, day time running lights and pedestrians)	10	\$36,118.80
TOTALS	270	\$1,938,602.09

Table 4: Classes of Initiatives, total number of projects funded and total funding amount for life of Grant Program (all years).



Graph 5: Total number of projects funded and total funding amount

8. GRANTS BY REGION

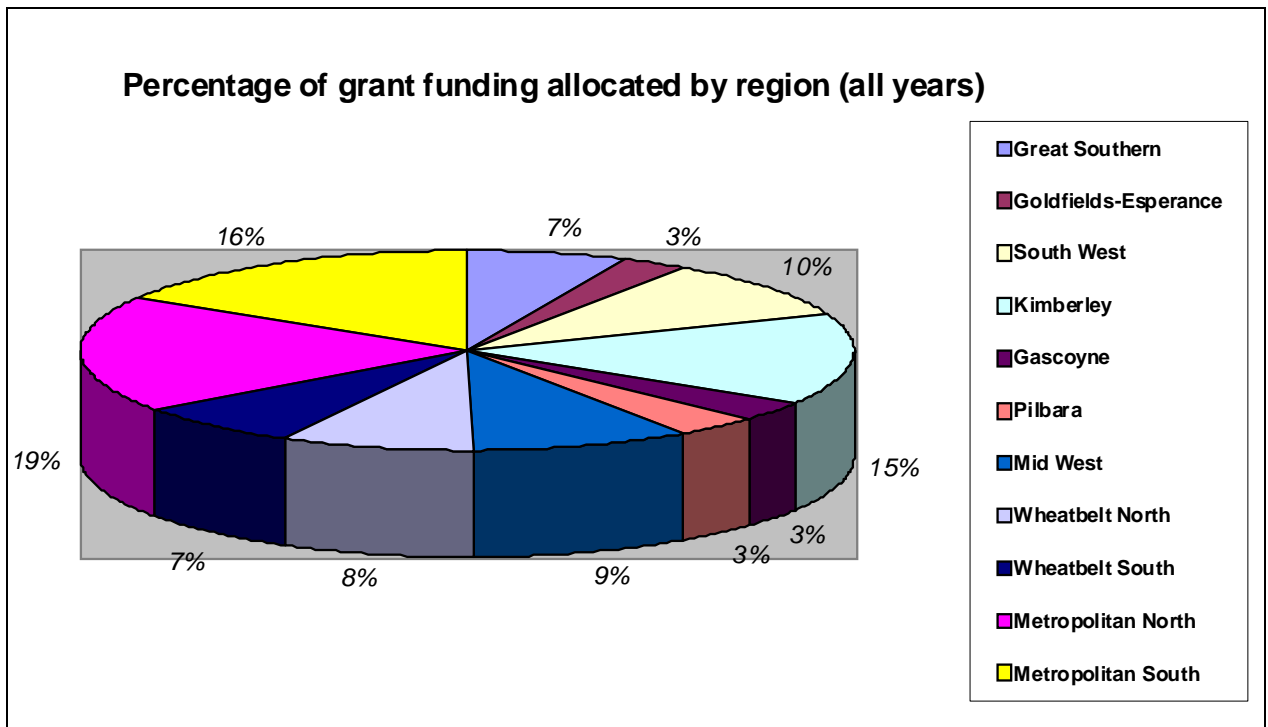
Tables 5 and 6 (below) and Graph 6 (page 18) show the distribution of grants by region both for the financial year 2007-2008 and for all years of the Community Road Safety Grants Program.

Grants by region 2007-2008 financial year		
Region	Number of Projects	\$ Amount
Great Southern	3	\$37,061.40
Goldfields-Esperance	2	\$18,405.00
South West	5	\$36,820.00
Kimberley	0	\$0.00
Gascoyne	0	\$0.00
Pilbara	1	\$19,761.60
Mid West	1	\$10,980.30
Wheatbelt North	2	\$18,960.50
Wheatbelt South	2	\$34,208.00
Metropolitan North	4	\$62,855.66
Metropolitan South	3	\$12,545.00
TOTALS	23	\$251,597.46

Table 5: Grants distributed by region and total amount funded for the 2007-2008 financial year.

Grants by region over life of Grants Program (all years)		
Region	Number of Projects	\$ Amount
Great Southern	20	\$128,363.90
Goldfields-Esperance	15	\$55,814.92
South West	25	\$185,914.00
Kimberley	30	\$288,949.00
Gascoyne	7	\$58,697.50
Pilbara	13	\$66,001.10
Mid West	29	\$177,866.55
Wheatbelt North	21	\$161,030.97
Wheatbelt South	19	\$140,028.40
Metropolitan North	34	\$361,477.43
Metropolitan South	57	\$314,458.32
TOTALS	270	\$1,938,602.09

Table 6: Grants by region and total amount funded over the life of the Grants Program (all years)



Graph 6: Total percentage of grant funding allocated by region all years.

Although all regions have received funding, there is some imbalance in the number of grants and amount of funding to different regions. Part of this may be attributed to projects and activities being funded through other means, for example: some Councils allocate funding to RoadWise or Road Safety Committees in their annual budgeting process; local projects are sometimes funded with contributions from local businesses or through Regional Road Safety Officers (Capacity Building).

Some areas may experience either a lack of capacity, experience or knowledge in obtaining grant funding through appropriate project development. There are also some areas that are experiencing a staff and skill shortage which makes it difficult to resource, plan, develop, implement and evaluate road safety projects and to apply for funding projects.

9. ORGANISATIONS

The Community Road Safety Grants Program aims to increase community participation in road safety. A record is kept of the primary and secondary organisations that are involved in each grant funded project. A primary organisation coordinates the project whilst the secondary organisation is involved in the implementation of a project.

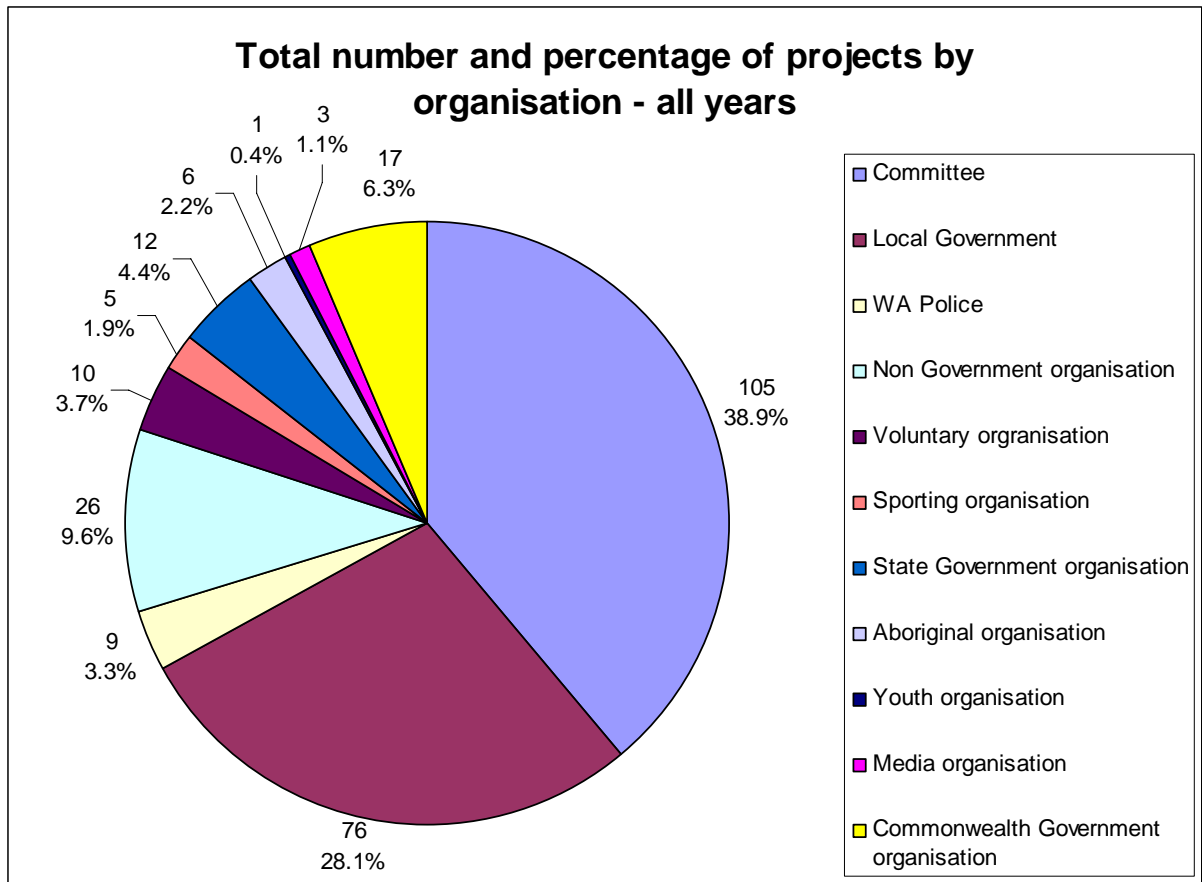
Total Number of Grants by Organisation Type

Table 7 (below) shows the number of grants by different organisation type, this being the primary organisation. As would be expected, RoadWise Committees and Local Governments continue to apply for and receive the highest percentage of grant funded projects.

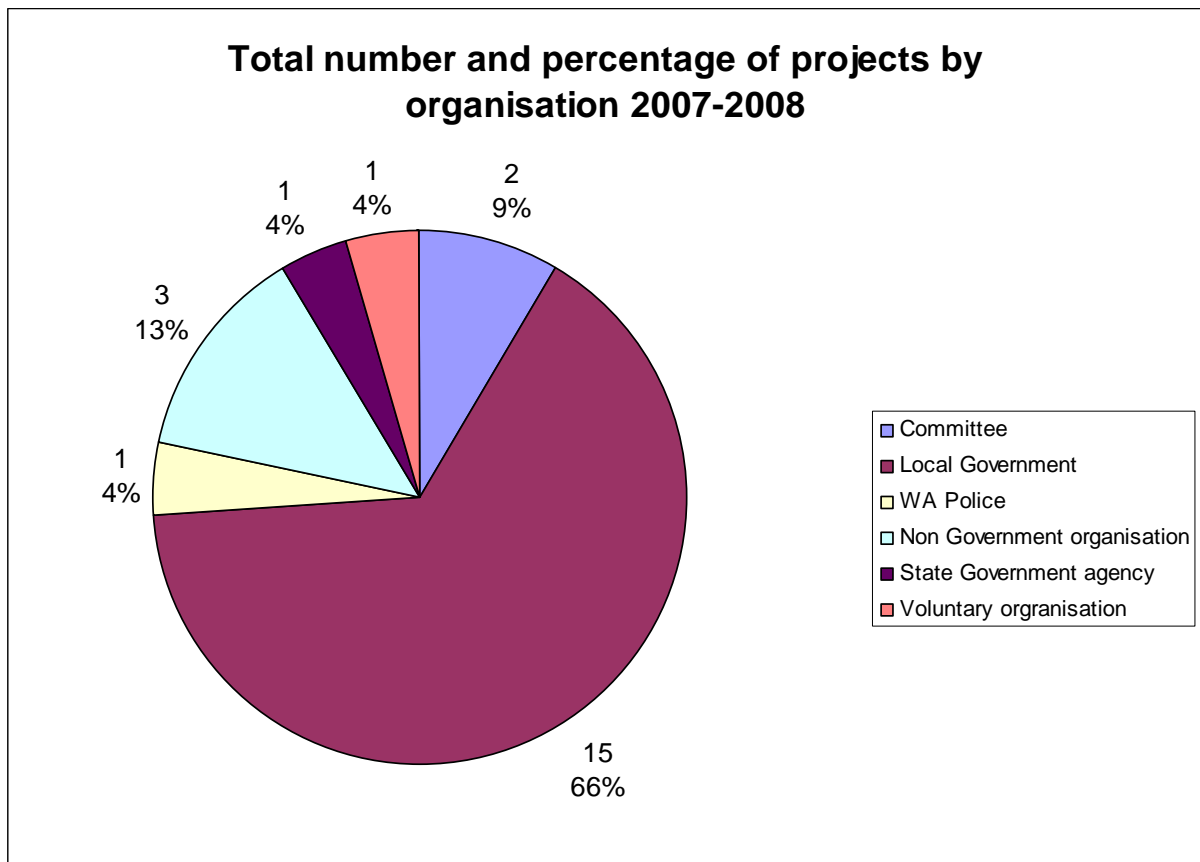
Organisation	All Years		2007-2008	
	Number of Projects	Percentage of Projects (%)	Number of Projects	Percentage of Projects (%)
Committee	105	38.9	2	8.7
Local Government	76	28.1	15	65.3
Voluntary group	9	3.3	1	4.3
WA Police	26	9.7	1	4.3
Sporting organisation	10	3.7	0	0
Youth group	5	1.9	0	0
State Government agency	12	4.4	1	4.3
Aboriginal organisation	6	2.2	0	0
Commonwealth Government agency	1	0.4	0	0
Media organisation	3	1.1	0	0
Non-Government organisation	17	6.3	3	13.1
TOTAL	270	100	23	100

Table 7: Total number of grants by organisation type for all years and 2007-2008.

Graph 7 (below) and Graph 8 (page 16) illustrate the number of projects and percentage of projects by different organisation type (primary).



Graph 7: Total number of projects and percentage of projects by organisation – all years



Graph 8: Total number of projects and percentage of projects by organisation 2007-2008

Degree of Community Participation

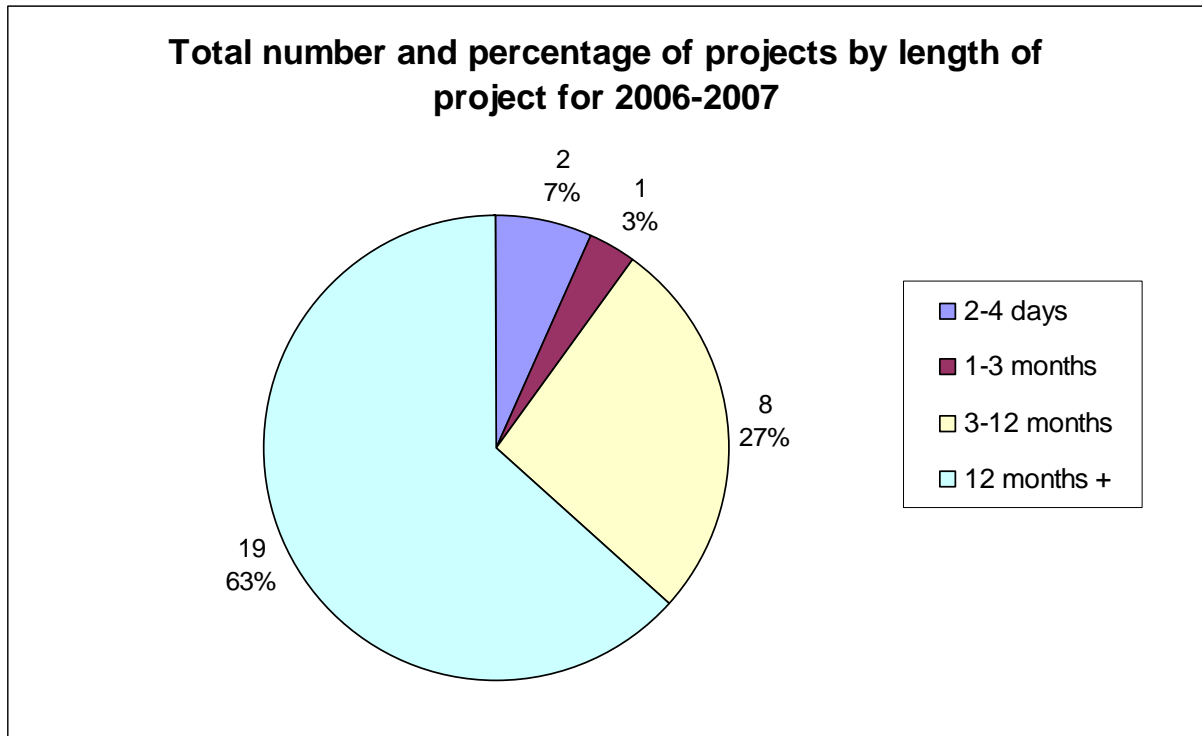
Community participation is assessed (in this instance) by the number of primary and secondary organisations involved in grant funded projects. In 2007-2008, 23 primary organisations and 105 secondary organisations were involved in grant funded projects, some in more than one project. Over the life of the Community Road Safety Grants Program there have been 616 organisations involved in community based road safety projects. Of these, 151 (24.5%) have been involved in more than one year showing ongoing commitment to road safety. A number of organisations have shifted from being a secondary organisation to taking a leading role as the project coordinator. This trend may indicate growing capacity. Each organisation provides further networks that become involved in community based road safety, indicating expanding participation.

10. LENGTH OF PROJECTS

Over recent years there has been some concern about funding one-off events with the view that they provide little long term effect or sustainability of message intervention. To improve this, applicants have been encouraged to look at longer term projects or improve the effectiveness of one-off events by incorporating pre and post media and other longer term activities. This has resulted in applications for a greater number of medium to long term projects such as those using speed display trailers, as well as those incorporating policy changes which lead to more structural change.

The Local Government and Community Road Safety Committee has also established the sponsorship grant category to accommodate the funding of events.

Graph 9 (below) shows that 63% of the projects for 2007-2008 were of a 12 month or more duration whilst a further 27% were for 3-12 months. Only 10% of projects were of a duration of less than three months.



Graph 9: Total number and percentage of projects by length of project for 2007-2008

11. EVALUATIONS

A project evaluation report is due no later than 15 months after the date the project was funded. Letters are generated and sent out on a regular basis to those organisations with outstanding evaluations. A total of 168 (57.5%) project evaluations have been received for the life of the Community Road Safety Grants Program. There are 67 outstanding project evaluations as at the end of the 2007/2008 financial year.

Overall Quality of project Evaluations

Project evaluations are assessed by the evaluation and research representative of the Local Government & Community Road Safety Committee. This process ensures consistency in assessment.

Table 8 (below) shows the quality of project evaluations by percentage, where one is unsatisfactory, three is satisfactory and five is excellent. The majority of project evaluations, 119 (70.8%), rated satisfactory or above.

Assessment rating	Number of Projects	Percentage of Projects (%)
1	3	1.8
2	31	18.4
3	86	51.2
4	31	18.4
5	2	1.2
Unrated *	15	9
TOTAL	168	100

Table 8: Overall quality of project evaluations.

* some project evaluations are still being assessed at this time

Level of media generated

The level of media generated is determined from information taken from project evaluations. Of the evaluations received, 124 (73.8%) of the projects have generated some level of media coverage. The different types of media generated are shown in Table 9 (below). It should be noted that some projects generate more than one type of media. Print and radio media are the most common forms of media generated by funded projects.

Media type	Number of Projects	Percentage of Projects (%)
Print	112	66.7
Radio	71	42.2
Television	17	10.1
Other	13	7.7

Table 9: Type of media generated by funded grants.

12. SPONSORSHIP GRANTS

This year (2007-2008) saw the introduction of sponsorship grants. These grants have been made available to further encourage community groups to participate in road safety.

Sponsorship grants provide funding of up to \$1,500 for events. Successful applicants are given a message and promotional materials along with relevant information and suggestions for supporting policies. There were 25 sponsorship grants submitted this year with a total value of \$29,750. All sponsorship grants were approved for a total of \$22,250 with some grants not funded to the full amount requested.

Sponsorship grants by message

The messages offered to applicants cover the four cornerstones of the Safe System approach to road safety: Safe Speeds, Safe Vehicles, Safe Roads and Roadsides and Safe Road Use. Most (21) chose to display messages relating to Safe Road Use with four choosing Safe Speeds. Table 10 below shows the number of projects and amount funded for each message area.

Sponsorship grants by message 2007-2008 financial year		
Message	Number of Projects	\$ Amount
Safe Speeds	4	\$1,750.00
Safe Vehicles	0	\$0.00
Safe Roads and Roadsides	0	\$0.00
Safe Road Use	21	\$20,500.00
TOTALS	25	\$22,250.00

Table 10: Sponsorship grants by message 2007-2008

Sponsorship grants by region

The majority of regions applied for and received sponsorship grants this year. This grant type has been most popular in the Wheatbelt regions as seen in Table 11 below.

Sponsorship grants by region 2007-2008 financial year		
Region	Number of projects	\$ Amount
Great Southern	1	\$1,000.00
Goldfields-Esperance	0	\$0.00
South West	1	\$500.00
Kimberley	0	\$0.00
Gascoyne	0	\$0.00
Pilbara	0	\$0.00
Mid West	4	\$4,000.00
Wheatbelt North	9	\$5,750.00
Wheatbelt South	6	\$7,000.00
Metropolitan North	4	\$4,000.00
Metropolitan South	0	\$0.00
TOTALS	25	\$22,250.00

Table 11: Sponsorship grants by region 2007-2008

Sponsorship grants by organisation

Community groups were the most common organisation type applying for sponsorship grants (see table 12 below). It appears to be an effective way to encourage these groups to incorporate road safety into their local events.

Sponsorship grants by organisation 2007-2008 financial year		
Organisation	Number of projects	Percentage of projects (%)
Local Government	5	20
Community group	9	36
Sporting club	4	16
Non government organisation	6	24
Committee	1	4
TOTALS	25	100

Table 12: Sponsorship grants by organisation 2007-2008

13. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE GRANTS

In order to improve the capacity for some individuals to learn more about road safety, the Local Government and Community Road Safety Committee allocated funds to provide financial assistance to people to attend the 3rd International Road Safety Conference held in Perth in November 2007. Successful applicants then shared the information learnt for the benefit of road safety in their communities.

Regional applicants were given the opportunity to apply for funding to cover some of their travel and accommodation costs as well as the full conference registration fee. Metropolitan applicants were able to apply for the full conference registration fee only.

In all 38 applications were received and approved. One applicant subsequently withdrew leaving 37 people receiving funding assistance to attend the conference to a total of \$28,367.

International Conference grants by region

Most applications were received from the Metropolitan area which was not unexpected. Though subsidised, the cost of travelling from some regional areas and the time needed proved too much for some regions. Table 13 (Page 26) shows the breakdown of International Conference grants by regions.

International Conference grants by region 2007-2008 financial year

Region	Number of projects	\$ Amount
Great Southern	3	\$2,520.00
Goldfields-Esperance	1	\$1,250.00
South West	5	\$3,550.00
Kimberley	0	\$0.00
Gascoyne	0	\$0.00
Pilbara	3	\$3,642.00
Mid West	2	\$2,030.00
Wheatbelt North	1	\$650.00
Wheatbelt South	1	\$1,075.00
Metropolitan North	14	\$9,100.00
Metropolitan South	7	\$4,550.00
TOTALS	37	\$28,367.00

Table 13: International Conference grants by region 2007-2008

International Conference grants by organisation

Table 14 (below) shows which organisations applied for and received funding assistance to attend the 3rd International Road Safety Conference. WA Police account for nearly half of recipients with Local Government the next biggest recipient.

International Conference grants by organisation 2007-2008 financial year		
Organisation	Number of projects	Percentage of projects (%)
Local Government	10	27
State Government organisation	3	8.1
Committee	5	13.5
Non government organisation	2	5.4
Police	17	46
TOTALS	37	100

Table 14: International Conference grants by organisation 2007-2008



14. CONCLUSION

The Community Road Safety Grants Program aims to provide funding to community based groups to plan, develop, implement and evaluate road safety projects that contribute to the implementation of *Arriving Safely*, WA Road Safety Strategy 2003-2007 thereby increasing community participation in road safety activities.


Although fewer grant applications are being received, the percentage of approved applications is increasing. There is also a move to more effective and sustainable projects with higher levels of community involvement and projects of longer duration. There is a continuing shift towards 'speed' related projects.

To further enhance the Community Road Safety Grants Program, the Committee introduced sponsorship grants to provide funding for events. Sponsorship grants further encourage community groups to be involved in road safety activities.

The Committee is investigating the development of professional development grants following the success of the funding subsidies given to applicants to attend the 3rd International Road Safety Conference and information obtained through the one-day Local Government and Community Road Safety Committee workshop.

In the 2007-2008 financial year a total of \$302,214.46 was allocated in funding for community based road safety activities, sponsorship of events and subsidising of costs for attendance at the 3rd International Road Safety Conference.

The Community Road Safety Grants Program will continue to increase community participation in road safety in Western Australia by improving the knowledge and understanding of community groups and Local Governments of evidence based road safety priorities and effective interventions.



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