

Justice and Community Safety Directorate

ACT Road Safety Fund

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The ACT Road Safety Fund was established in July 2015 to fund projects and initiatives related to road safety research and education and road trauma prevention, in support of the Government's road safety strategy.

Terms of Reference

The Fund's [terms of reference](#) [PDF 77KB] provides that the Fund will conduct an annual grants program and will provide funding to:

- road safety awareness activities including public awareness campaigns,
- encourage and promote road safety education in the ACT community;
- promote and stimulate research and investigation on road safety issues, and the implementation of accident and injury counter measures, especially in the area of accident prevention and injury minimisation;
- support or facilitate the construction of any physical improvements to any land in the Territory to promote road safety, for example road safety audits, feasibility studies and research into road design and construction; and
- aid in the establishment of initiatives aimed at rehabilitating persons seriously injured or traumatised as a result of road accidents.

Road Safety Advisory Board

The Advisory Board will provide advice and recommendations to the Minister for Justice on the distribution of funds, including the allocation of grant funding made by the Fund. It's functions include undertaking a grants round for road safety initiatives at least once a year, and providing support, advice and recommendations based on expert advice and assess allocation of grant funding to road safety organisations and projects.

The following members of the Board have been appointed by the Minister for Justice, for a period of three years:

Chair: Deputy Director-General for the Justice and Community Safety Directorate;

Road Safety Expert: Eric Chalmers, Kidsafe ACT CEO and Chair of the ACT & Region Chapter of the

Australasian College of Road Safety;

Road Safety Expert: Station Sergeant Susan Ball, Officer-in-Charge of ACT Policing Traffic Operations;

Road user representative: Dr Roderick Katz, road safety and active travel consultant;

Road user representative: Jennifer Woods, President of Motorcycle Riders Association ACT;

Road user representative: Ron Collins, Corporate Affairs and Regional Policy Specialist for NRMA Motoring and Services;

CTP Insurer representative: Naomi Graham, Senior Manager of Personal Injury and Road Safety for IAG Limited; and

CTP Insurer representative: Surayez Rahman, Manager CTP performance for the ACT for AAI Limited.

Each member is appointed for a three year term and the positions are not remunerated.

ACT Road Safety Fund Grants Program

The 2017 application round for grants closed on 19 June 2017.

The successful ACT Road Safety Fund Community Grant recipients for 2017 are:

Organisation	Project Name	Funded Amount	Description
Centre for Automotive Safety Research (The University of Adelaide)	An evaluation of bicycle passing distances in the ACT	\$57,960	This project will use devices attached to 20 bicycles to record the lateral distance of any objects passing on the right. The aim is to measure compliance with the ACT's minimum overtaking laws, and how this changes in various traffic environments or locations.

University of Melbourne, Dr Jasper Wijnands	Identification of road design characteristics associated with unsafe driving	\$50,000	This project will use GPS information to identify high risk areas of extreme braking and acceleration in the ACT road network, which can inform decisions about future road treatments for areas of concern.
Road Safety Education Limited	RYDA road safety education program	\$25,000	This project will deliver four one day “RYDA road safety education” workshops to approximately 600 year 11 ACT students. This program focuses on cognition development and increasing social competency and resilience.
Traffic Management Association of Australia	Safety at roadworks advertising campaign	\$43,000	This project will deliver a communications campaign aimed at improving safety at roadworks.
Stay Upright Rider Training	Training area to on road transition for novice motorcyclists	\$50,000	This project will provide a half-day, on-road training for new riders, after they achieve their L-plates, aiming to increase their skills and ultimately reduce the number of motorcyclists in road trauma.
Kidsafe ACT	Road safety support brochures	\$30,000	This project will develop a suite of brochures including information on child restraints, low speed run-overs and cycling safety, for distribution online and via social media.

Aboriginal Legal Service	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Driver Licensing Pilot Project	\$125,124 over 18 months	This project will deliver a culturally relevant program including driver instruction, education and support, designed to increase licensing rates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the ACT.
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For further information on the grants program and its assessment process, please read the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and the [Assessment Criteria and Guiding Principles](#). You can also contact the Justice and Community Safety Directorate at actroadsafetyfund@act.gov.au.