Streamlining For Growth Program Application Form

Project Name:

Council:

**1. Overview**

The **Streamlining for Growth Program** is managed by the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) and provides support and capacity building initiatives for councils in regional Victoria and metropolitan Melbourne. Through the provision of targeted funding and staff resources, including development facilitation officers, the program assists to unblock delays in the strategic planning system and speed up the delivery of projects that provide employment growth and/or increased housing choice, diversity and affordability.

The Program works with:

* **regional Councils** to:
* build council capacity through grants and assistance
* ensure a land supply pipeline to facilitate regional growth
* implement Regional Growth Plans
* undertake master planning for strategic sites
* **metropolitan Councils** to:
* streamline post-PSP subdivision approvals processes and provide strategic planning backlog support in greenfield growth areas
* provide strategic planning backlog support for Councils in established areas to help unlock brownfield and strategic development sites.

Councils are invited to apply to the Streamlining for Growth Program for project support. Project applications will be assessed by the VPA against the Program’s selection criteria.

Please provide enough information to enable full consideration of the submission (including summary attachments, if applicable). Succinct responses (e.g. dot points) are encouraged. Notes have been provided to clarify response requirements and should be removed when filling out the form. Completed application forms must be submitted to the VPA at **vpa.vic.gov.au**

All approved applications require Council to agree to the VPA’s reporting requirements.

**2. Application Detail**

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| **Summary information** |
| **Project name:** |  |
| **Project contact:** | **Name:****Title:****Telephone:****Email:****Council postal address:** |
| **Summary description of the project:** | *Note: Brief summary detailing the purpose of the project and, if applicable, how, it assists the completion of a wider project and/or planning scheme amendment (e.g. Technical reports completed as part of this project will support a future precinct structure plan).*  |
| **Requested funding grant (GST exempt) and/or VPA staff support:** | *Note: Total funding grant request should be itemised if multiple tasks are proposed (e.g. Technical reports) and staff support should be specified in requested expertise and estimated duration (e.g. Strategic planner to manage preparation of plan for 12 months, strategic planner to manage procurement and completion of technical studies for 6 months).* |
| **Will the project be delivered within the 2017-18 funding period?** | *Note: If the project will run over more than one financial year, please detail how it might be staged (including past and future stages of the project, if relevant).* |
| **How does the project align with local and state government policy? List relevant local and state policies.** | *Note: e.g. SPPF, LPPF, Regional Growth Plans, Plan Melbourne.*  |

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| **Project details:** Provide the following details for the project or task for which assistance is being sought. *Attach summarised supporting information, if applicable.* |
| **Project objectives**  | *Note: Provide clear and concise objectives and benefits of project (e.g. The project will increase the supply of residential land in xxx area).* |
| **Project deliverables** | *Note: Provide specific deliverables (e.g. a drainage study, a housing strategy, a framework plan, a CBD masterplan, etc.).* |
| **Project timelines & milestones** | *Note: If successful, you will be required to monitor and report against timelines and milestone achievements outlined in this application.* |
| **Project Predominant Land Use** | 🞎 Residential🞎 Employment (commercial/Industrial🞎 Mixed Use – Town Centre/CBD🞎 Mixed Use – Other🞎 Rural/Open Space/Conservation |
| **Project land impact** | *Note: Provide an estimate of the amount land benefitting from the successful completion of the project (e.g. xxx hectares) and if possible the amount of additional land provided and number of lots.* |
| **Project reporting** | We agree to provide progress, milestone achievement and expenditure reporting each quarter or as otherwise agreed to the VPA:🞎 YES 🞎 NO |
| **Key stakeholders** | *Note: List the key stakeholders involved in the delivery of the project.*  |

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| **Benefits from program assistance**  | **How will this be demonstrated/measured?** |
| **How will the project build the skills and capacity of Council planners?** |  |  |  |
| **How will the project deliver or assist the Council’s strategic planning priorities?** |  |  |  |
| **How will the project deliver or facilitate the delivery of land to market?** | *Note: In particular, describe how funding the project accelerates land release compared to an absence of project assistance.* |  |
| **How will the project deliver or facilitate the creation of new jobs?** |  |  |
| **How will the project deliver or facilitate the provision of new affordable housing?** |  |  |
| **How will the project reduce subdivision processing time?** |  |  |
| **How will the project facilitate the reduction in planning permit approval time?** |  |  |
| **How will the project deliver reductions in planning process costs?** |  |  |

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| **Additional factors for consideration** |

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| **Will Council or other partners contribute funds or staff resources toward the project? Outline the funding or resources offered.** |  |
| **Will the project leverage additional investment from the public or private sector? How?** |  |
| **Does the project build on previous funding assistance from State government, including the VPA?** | *Note: If yes, provide brief summary comprising the project name and outputs, funding organisation, funding program, funding amount and applicable financial year.* |
| **Outline any additional benefits the project would deliver.** |  |

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| **Declaration** |
| I state that the information in this application and attachments is to the best of my knowledge true and correct. I understand that this is an application only and may not necessarily result in approval. (To be signed by the Chief Executive or other authorised person of the Council or VPA, as appropriate). |
| **Name:** |  | **Organisation & Position:** |  |
| **Signature:** |  | **Date:** |  |