

Grant Preparedness Miniseries - Transcript

Video 5 – Be Shovel Ready!

Hi, my name is Gav, your grants expert.

Along with my mates at Lockyer Valley Regional Council, we've been breaking down some important steps to give you the best chance of success when applying for grants.

Step 5 in our miniseries is be shovel ready!

Ever heard of the phrase "shovel ready"?

It refers to having your project all planned out and ready to commence once approved for funding.

Being shovel ready mostly refers to infrastructure projects.

It's about ensuring all project plans, designs and quotes are completed and current.

Not only does this prepare you for grant applications, but it will assist in ensuring the association has factored in all costs and are confident they can cover any contribution requirements.

As an example, you're a local community hall looking to install a new shed. In order to be 'shovel ready', you'll need to:

1. Decide on the location, considering any underground works that may be required. It's important to check if any plumbing or construction works need to be implemented.
2. Decide on the size and scale of the shed. Will any building, planning or plumbing permits be required?
3. Obtain quotes from at least three contractors. They will be able to provide feedback and guidance regarding location, size and permits.
4. If the project is to be completed on Council-owned land, a [Working on Council Land form](#) will need to be completed and sent through for approval, prior to applying for funding.

Be sure to obtain new quotes regularly to ensure they are valid at the time of applying for grant funding.

Also, if your new structure is changing the use of the land, a referral to state and government agencies may be required. These referrals can be costly and take time to process. It's best to ask for advice early, to ensure you can plan and understand all requirements for your project.

You can find the *Working on Council Land form* at www.lockyer valley.qld.gov.au/our-region/facilities/working-on-council-land-form or contact Council on 1300 005 872.

For more information and detailed steps on how to be 'shovel ready' visit www.lockyer valley.qld.gov.au/grants

Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6M2pPMnY820>

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