

# iMOVE Impact Extension Program 2 (IEP2) Guidelines

## iMOVE Background

iMOVE's [mission](#) is 'to advance the development and adoption of technologies that improve Australia's transport systems through high impact R&D collaborations'. iMOVE is dedicated to delivering sector impact and its research program to date comprises 263 industry led projects and PhD studies with a total value of circa \$86M.

As we near the end of the CRC, we have accumulated nearly \$2 million in interest in our bank account. Following the success of our first Impact Extension Program (IEP) launched in April 2023 we have decided to use these funds to initiate a second IEP program (IEP2).

## What is the Impact Extension Program (IEP)?

**The iMOVE Impact Extension Program is a funding initiative that seeks to accelerate the evolution of ideas, products and services that will make a significant contribution to the Australian transport and mobility sector.**

The key feature of the IEP2 is iMOVE's offer of a total of \$2,000,000 cash funding towards a small portfolio of impactful projects. iMOVE will award grants between \$100,000 and \$500,000 (ex GST).

This funding will be offered through a competitive round of applications. That round will open on 14 April 2025 and the deadline for application submission will be **5pm AEST, Monday 26th May 2025**.

To be accepted into the competitive assessment process applications must propose an R&D project that:

- is aligned to iMOVE's mission
- will move current concepts and ideas to a higher level of commercial readiness and/or community deployment.
- will lead to high impact on the sector and will benefit Australia
- will be completed by the end of September 2026 (as iMOVE will be closing in 2027)

The proposal must also include a credible and realistic plan for the implementation of the project outputs and the realisation of sectoral impact.

Other acceptance requirements:

The proposal must be made on the attached application template. The application must address all the criteria in the template. (To assist in completing the proposal, some guidance has been provided in the template *in red italic font*.)

The applicant must have an ABN.

All organisations involved in the project must have an Australian presence.

Applications must be submitted electronically to [IEP@imoveaustralia.com](mailto:IEP@imoveaustralia.com) by **5pm AEST, Monday 26th May 2025**.

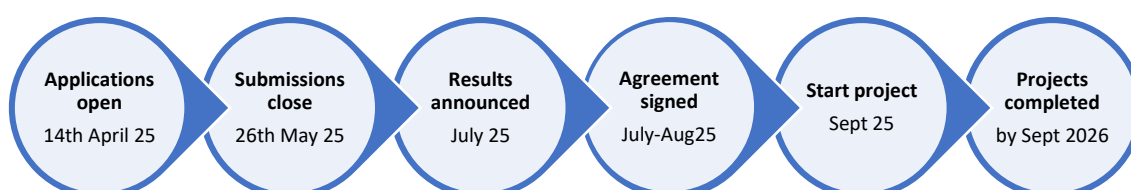
## Further Information

- Applicants
  - iMOVE welcomes collaborative, multi-party projects.
  - The applicant/s is/are not required to be an iMOVE partner and there can be more than one applicant. Where there is more than one applicant the application should identify which entity will act as lead applicant;
  - Applicants must demonstrate their financial and other capability to deliver the project and facilitate a path to impact;
  - All applicant/s must contribute in-kind resources to the project.
  - Project agreement must be signed by 30 September 2025.
- Project
  - All project parties will be required to sign an agreement with iMOVE, agreeing with iMOVE's standard Agreement Terms and Conditions (refer Attachment 1). Where there is more than one applicant this will be a multi-party agreement;
  - The project agreement will establish payment milestones associated with deliverables.
  - A project budget must be included in the submission of the application using the attached budget template.
  - Budget must be realistic, justified and proportionate to the project outcomes.
  - Applicants are encouraged to engage with partners, if required, to deliver the project.
  - Improvements to the Applicant's technology and other Intellectual Property arising from the Project will belong to the Applicant.
- Application assessment

Applications will be assessed using the information provided in the submitted application form. Key criteria include:

  - Capability and capacity to undertake and successfully deliver the project;
  - Resources committed to the project by partners;
  - A clear, credible and appropriately detailed project plan, including governance structure and risk assessment.
  - Expected impact and benefit to the Australian transport and mobility sector;
  - The likelihood of the strategy or plan for implementation of project outcomes to create impact and benefit;
  - Value of proposed outputs relative to the grant funding being requested.

## How do I apply



- Applications must be submitted electronically to the IEP Mailbox - [IEP@imoveaustralia.com](mailto:IEP@imoveaustralia.com) by **5pm AEST, 26th May 2025**.

- All applicants will receive a response by August 2025.
- iMOVE's decision to accept or reject a proposal is final.
- iMOVE reserves the right to allocate more or less grant funding depending on the quality of the proposals received.
- iMOVE's reserves the right to negotiate the funding requested in the application and may propose to partially fund the initiative.

#### **Attachment 1 – iMOVE Third Party Agreement Terms & Conditions**