

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

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The Loddon Mallee RDA Committee has, according to its publicity material, funded a number of projects throughout the region, outside of the RDAF process.

How were these projects chosen for funding?

Was the process competitive?

Why were these projects chosen for funding?

How can proponents suggest additional projects for funding and how much funding is available?

**Answer:**

Commonwealth funds are largely used for staffing support to RDA committees. From time to time a small allocation may be provided for specific RDA committee projects. The RDA committees in Victoria assess local proposals for funding by the Victorian Government. Further details about these projects would need to be obtained from the Victorian Government.