

DROUGHT COMMUNITITES PROGRAM

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION - File ADM0559

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No.	Date Recd	Name	Comment	DCP guidelines - Eligible?	Cost Estimate \$	Assessment	Officer Comment
1	9/06/2020	Gloria Hilder	Consideration to be given to recreating 'Humpty Dumpty' street sculpture ex Diprose Park	Y	5,000	Note	New suggestion. Could be incorporated into Diprose Park through other projects if supported.
2	9/06/2020	Gloria Hilder	Suggestion to create a lookout on the Tambellup Railway Water Tank tower including an enclosed stairway and solid enclosed platform for viewing. Beautification of Gordon River picnic area (Saggers Rd end) - defined picnic area with native plantings and appropriate seating etc.	Y	20-30000	Support	New suggestion - Need to confirm structural integrity of water tank tower. Community project? Planting, construction of rustic/sturdy seating (logs?)
3	10/06/2020	Bromehill Primary School;	Replacement of garden sheds at the School. Garden sheds located on UCL	N	NA	Dismiss	Not eligible - not on shire land. No comment on advertised plans.
4	14/06/2020	Broomehill Recreational Complex (Lisa Thompson)	The committee has endorsed the draft proposal for works at the Broomehill Recreational Complex Shire BT to arrange Project Management of BRC projects - Oval Pavilion and Deck	Y	NA	Support	
5	15/06/2020	Sara Robinson	Supports Broomehill streetscape plan Supports locating the Holland track Interpretive Centre at the museum and development of a walking trail from the museum through points of interest in town to the Holland Track walk trail.	Y	NA	Note	Location of BHIC to be determined through further consultation, design and appointment of consultant
6	17/06/2020	Broomehill Heritage Group (Colleen Paganoni)	Supports Broomehill Holland Track Interpretive Centre and streetscape plan. Suggests collaboration between Heritage Group, Shire and Great Southern Treasures to create the Interpretive Centre, and locate close to the museum.	Y	NA	Note	Location of BHIC to be determined through further consultation, design and appointment of consultant
7	19/06/2020	Tambellup Community Resource Centre (Rebekka Polack)	Consider relocation of bus bay to Norrish St public toilet area, in closer vicinity to toilets, businesses and Visitor Centre, to assist CRC in meeting 'Golden I' Visitor Centre parking requirements	Y	NA	Support	Location of bus and long parking bays to be relocated
	22/06/2020	Vicki & Jay Green	Notes reduced amount of parking in Norrish St, particularly for events (at the Hall?) Considers water labryinth would be better placed at Diprose park Suggests additional tables and seats both outside and under cover	Y	NA	Support	Parking to be detailed in final design. Location of Splash Pad to be determined through further consultation, design and appointment of consultant

22/06/2020	Brett Green	Notes reduced amount of parking for events held at the Town Hall and distance for elderly residents to walk Suggests water labyrinth should be located at Diprose Park Questions cost of maintaining water labyrinth and water testing requirements Supports the Railway Station being used, queried if this would be a manned youth centre, and if so, by who?	Y	NA	Support	Parking to be detailed in final design. Location of Splash Pad to be determined through further consultation, design and appointment of consultant. Youth Centre will be occupied by Youth Worker
22/06/2020	Fiona & Neil Letter	Suggests make use of play area at Diprose Park - away from main road and already fenced Queried upkeep and maintenance of the area (particularly the water play area) in relation to the amount of use the area will get.	Y	NA	Note	Location of Splash Pad to be determined through further consultation, design and appointment of consultant. Maintenance is expected to be easier than current maintenance due to additional hard surfaces rather than current mulching. Reticulated lawn areas will require mowing, however, no watering will be required whereas current areas require substantial watering.
22/06/2020	Allan & Tania Willmott	Support for Tambellup townscape plans	Y	NA	Note	
19/06/2020	Great Southern Treasures (Emily Hardie)	Support for Holland Track Interpretive Centre and collaboration with Broomehill Heritage Group to implement	Y	NA	Note	Location of BHIC to be determined through further consultation, design and appointment of consultant
23/06/2020	Helen Bignell	Support for overall plans for Broomehill. Support for Holland Track Interpretive Centre to be located close to the Museum.	Y	NA	Note	Location of BHIC to be determined through further consultation, design and appointment of consultant



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Grant Opportunity Guidelines

Drought Communities Programme - Extension

Opening date:	September 2018
Closing date:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">30 June 2019 for the 81 Eligible Councils announced in 20181 December 2019 for the 15 Eligible Councils announced in March 20191 June 2020 for the 14 Eligible Councils announced during the 2019 election campaign1 June 2020 for the 12 Eligible Councils announced in September 20191 December 2020 for the 6 new Eligible Councils and 122 Existing Councils approved for further funding announced in November 2019
Commonwealth policy entity:	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development
Administering entity	Department of Industry, Innovation and Science
Enquiries:	If you have any questions, contact us at business.gov.au .
Date guidelines released:	September 2018 and updated October 2018, March 2019, July 2019, October 2019, November 2019 and December 2019
Type of grant opportunity:	Closed non-competitive

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1. Drought Communities Programme processes

The Drought Communities Programme is designed to achieve Australian Government objectives

This grant opportunity is part of the above grant programme, which contributes to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development Outcome 3.

The Department works with stakeholders to plan and design the grant programme according to the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines.



The grant opportunity opens

Eligible Councils are invited to submit project proposals via an online application on business.gov.au.

We will publish grant guidelines and applicant information on business.gov.au and GrantConnect.



Invited Eligible Councils complete and submit a grant application



We assess all grant applications

We assess the applications for completeness and against all the eligibility criteria.



We make grant recommendations

We provide advice to the decision maker on the merits of each application.



Grant decisions are made

The Program Delegate decides which applications are successful taking into consideration the proper use of public resources.



We notify you of the outcome

We advise you of the outcome of your application.



We enter into a grant agreement

We will enter into a grant agreement with successful Eligible Councils.



Delivery of grant

You undertake the grant activity as set out in your grant agreement. We manage the grant by working with you, monitoring your progress and making payments.



Evaluation of the Drought Communities Programme grant opportunity

We evaluate the specific grant activity and Drought Communities Programme as a whole. We base this on information you provide to us and that we collect from various sources.

2. About the grant program

The extension of the Drought Communities Programme (the program) will provide total funding of \$250 million over three years from 2018-19 to Eligible Councils to deliver immediate economic stimulus and other benefits to targeted drought-affected regions of Australia. The program will support local community infrastructure and other drought relief projects for communities who have been impacted by drought.

The objectives of the program are to deliver support to targeted drought-affected regions of Australia by funding:

- local community infrastructure and
- other drought relief projects.

Funding will target infrastructure and other projects that:

- provide employment for people whose work opportunities have been impacted by drought
- stimulate local community spending
- use local resources, businesses and suppliers
- provide a long-lasting benefit to communities and the agricultural industries on which they depend.

The intended outcomes of the program are to, within a three year timeframe:

- increase employment in regions by providing work for locals and/or farmers and farm labourers/staff/contractors whose employment opportunities have been affected by drought
- improve levels of economic activity in regions
- increase productivity in regions
- enable better retention of businesses, services and facilities.

The Department of Industry, Innovation and Science (the department/we) is responsible for administering the grant opportunity on behalf of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development.

We will publish the [opening and closing dates](#) and any other relevant information on business.gov.au¹ and [GrantConnect](#)².

We administer the program according to the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines (CGRGs)³.

This document sets out:

- the eligibility criteria
- how we consider and assess grant applications
- how we monitor and evaluate grantees
- responsibilities and expectations in relation to the grant opportunity.

We have defined key terms used in these guidelines in Appendix A.

¹ <https://www.business.gov.au/assistance/drought-communities-programme>

² <http://www.grants.gov.au/>

³ <https://www.finance.gov.au/sites/default/files/commonwealth-grants-rules-and-guidelines.pdf>

You should read this document carefully before you fill out an application.

3. Grant amount and grant period

3.1. Grants available

The Australian Government has announced a total of \$250 million over three years from 2018-19. Program funding is capped and once that ceiling is reached, no other approvals are possible without a further consideration of the program parameters by the Australian Government.

Eligible Councils can receive funding for projects up to a maximum of \$1 million per announcement of funding (see announcements in section 3.2 below).

The grant amount will be up to 100 per cent of eligible project costs (grant percentage).

- The minimum grant amount per application is \$25,000
- Applications can include multiple unrelated activities up to the total funding amount available per Eligible Council.

Eligible Councils announced for funding up to and including September 2019 may submit more than one application. Eligible Councils announced for funding from November 2019 may only submit one application.

Co-funding from Eligible Councils is not mandatory, but you may access other funding for the project. Cash funding or in-kind support can be provided by any organisation including, but not limited to, the Eligible Council, state government, not-for-profit organisations and private sector companies.

Funding can also form one component of a larger package of Australian Government funding, noting that other funding needs to meet the eligibility criteria of the program from under which it is funded. For example, eligible fencing projects may be part funded under the [Pest Animal and Weed Management Program](#)⁴, and eligible road projects may be part funded under the [Roads to Recovery Program](#)⁵.

Funding under this grant opportunity cannot be considered to be part of, or all of, a Council's contribution to projects under the Bridges Renewal Programme, the National Stronger Regions Fund, the Building Better Regions Fund, the Regional Growth Fund or the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Programme.

If your project is dependent on funding from other sources, you must identify these sources and include their level of agreed support.

3.2. Project duration

Projects can commence from the date of the Eligible Council's relevant funding announcement. The list of funding announcement dates, the earliest date for project commencement and the date by which projects must be completed is at Appendix A.

Eligible Councils that can demonstrate they have experienced extenuating circumstances may request an extension of the project period until 31 March 2021.

The program ends on 30 June 2021.

⁴ <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/>

⁵ <https://infrastructure.gov.au/>

4. Eligibility criteria

We cannot consider your application if you do not satisfy all eligibility criteria.

4.1. Who is eligible?

To be eligible you must

- have an Australian Business Number (ABN) and
- be an Eligible Council, listed on business.gov.au and [GrantConnect](#); or
- be invited to apply by the Minister.

4.2. Eligible Councils

Eligible Councils that can receive funding under the program are those specified by the Minister responsible for Drought. Eligible councils are listed on business.gov.au and [GrantConnect](#).

For the purposes of the program, we consider an incorporated organisation that provides council-like services and functions in Far West New South Wales and Far North South Australia, for example, the Regional Development Australia Far West or the Outback Communities Authority, to be Eligible Councils.

The Minister responsible for Drought, in consultation with the Prime Minister and the Minister for Agriculture can consider approving further Eligible Councils under the program, at their discretion.

The program does not create an entitlement for all drought-affected Councils to receive funding under the program.

4.3. Additional eligibility requirements

We can only accept applications:

- submitted by the Chief Executive Officer of an Eligible Council or other council officer authorised to sign a grant agreement
- that include a declaration that you will comply with specific regulatory requirements as outlined in section 10.3.

5. Eligible grant activities

5.1. Eligible projects

To be eligible your project must:

- be located in an Eligible Council area
- meet project requirements, see section 6
- include eligible activities and eligible expenditure
- have at least \$25,000 per application in eligible expenditure
- be undertaken in the project period and completed by the date stipulated in section 3.1.

5.2. Eligible activities

Eligible activities must directly relate to the project and can include:

- repairs, maintenance, upgrading or building new community facilities
- repairs, maintenance, upgrades, construction and fit-out of community spaces
- employing local contractors to undertake repairs and maintenance

- holding events
- undertaking other drought relief activities (including water carting for human consumption) that benefit the community
- development of an Adverse Event Plan.

5.3. Eligible expenditure

You can only spend grant funds on eligible expenditure you have incurred on an agreed project as defined in your grant agreement.

Eligible expenditure items may include the cost of:

- suppliers, consultants and contracted labour undertaking eligible project activities
- materials required to deliver eligible project activities
- purchasing, leasing or hiring equipment required to deliver eligible project activities
- holding events and
- other drought relief activities (including water carting for human consumption)

Not all expenditure on your project may be eligible for grant funding. The Program Delegate makes the final decision on what is eligible expenditure and may give additional guidance on eligible expenditure if required.

You must incur the project expenditure between the project start and end date for it to be eligible, unless stated otherwise. Refer to Appendix A for project start and end dates. Extenuating circumstances may be considered on a case-by-case basis. We will not be responsible for any expenditure you incur until a grant agreement is executed.

5.4. Ineligible expenditure

Examples of ineligible expenditure include:

- payment of salaries for existing staff or contractors, although projects may be carried out by existing workforces
- computer software or hardware that is not an integral part of the funded capital project
- a council's core or business-as-usual operations, which council rates and other government funding usually funds
- purchases of land, buildings, vehicles or mobile capital equipment (e.g. trucks and earthmoving equipment)
- expenditure incurred prior to the project start date (refer to Appendix A)
- undertaking studies or investigations, or
- the development of private or commercial ventures, including licensed areas of registered clubs.

This list is not exhaustive and applies only to the expenditure of the grant funds. Other costs may be ineligible where we decide that they do not directly support the achievement of the planned outcomes for the project or are contrary to the objective of the program.

You must ensure you have adequate funds to meet the costs of any ineligible expenditure associated with the project.

6. Project requirements

Each project must meet at least one of the following project requirements.

The project is expected to lead to the employment of locals

- the extent to which farmers and/or farm labourers/staff/contractors are expected to be employed
- how the project is expected to lead to the employment of locals and over what period of time they are expected to be employed
- the employment expected to be created beyond the immediate construction phase of the project and into the longer-term
- the indirect employment expected to be created through the potential flow-on effects to local businesses, suppliers, and services.

The project is expected to contribute to the economic activity of communities/regions

- local businesses, suppliers and services are expected to be used to complete the projects
- the project will encourage investment, business activities and other economic benefits to communities/regions.

The project is expected to lead to the retention of businesses, services and facilities

- the benefits that should be delivered as a result of the project, such as increased tourism, increased trade for local businesses, improved services resulting from enhanced facilities
- the number of people that are expected to benefit from the approved project.

6.1. Adverse Event Plans

Eligible Councils, publicly announced from 1 July 2019, must submit an Adverse Event Plan with their final project report.

Eligible Councils without an Adverse Event Plan already in place can use part of their funding under the program to develop an Adverse Event Plan.

Eligible Councils must develop an Adverse Event Plan which meets the needs of their community, and give consideration to the following:

- natural resource management (i.e. managing water supply, ground cover, trees, erosion, biodiversity)
- economic diversification and community resilience (i.e. infrastructure planning, tourism investment, diversifying local industries, capacity building for local leadership)
- communication and coordination (i.e. how to let people know what's available – now, and in the future; how do you communicate in hard times and for recovery).

7. How to apply

Before applying, you should read and understand these guidelines, the sample [application form](#) and the sample [grant agreement](#) published on [business.gov.au](#) and [GrantConnect](#).

You will need to set up a user account to access our online portal. The portal allows you to apply for and manage grants in secure online environment.

To apply, you must:

- be listed as an Eligible Council or invited by the Minister to submit an application
- complete the online application form through the portal

- provide all the information requested
- address all eligibility criteria
- include all necessary attachments.

We may ask you to justify your project costs. You should have evidence for the costs that you include in your project budget that you can provide on request.

You are responsible for making sure your application is complete and accurate. Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code 1995* (Cth). If we consider that you have provided false or misleading information we may not progress your application. If you find an error in your application after submitting it, you should call us immediately on 13 28 46.

If we find an error or information that is missing, we may ask for clarification or additional information from you that will not change the nature of your application. However, we can refuse to accept any additional information from you that would change your submission after the application closing time.

If you need further guidance around the application process or if you are unable to submit an application online [contact us](#) at business.gov.au or by calling 13 28 46.

7.1. Attachments to the application

You must attach supporting documentation to the application form in line with the instructions provided within the form. You should only attach requested documents. We will not consider information in attachments that we do not request.

7.2. Timing of grant opportunity

You can only submit an application between the published opening and closing dates.

Table 1: Expected timing for this grant opportunity

Activity	Timeframe
Earliest start date of project	Refer to Appendix A
End date of grant commitment for the 81 Eligible Councils announced in 2018	30 June 2019
End date of grant commitment for the 15 Eligible Councils announced in March 2019	31 December 2019
End of grant commitment for the 14 Eligible Councils announced during the 2019 election campaign.	30 June 2020
End date of grant commitment for the 13 Eligible Councils announced in September 2019	30 June 2020
End date of grant commitment for funding provided to 128 Eligible Councils announced in November 2019	31 December 2020

8. The selection process

We will assess your application for completeness and against all the eligibility criteria. To be recommended for funding, your project must meet all eligibility criteria as these projects provide the best value for money.

If the selection process identifies unintentional errors in your application, we may contact you to correct or clarify the errors. You may be asked to submit an updated proposal.

You may withdraw your application at any time.

8.1. Final decision

The Program Delegate (an AusIndustry senior responsible officer with responsibility for the program), decides which grants to approve taking into account the application assessment and the availability of grant funds.

The Program Delegate's decision is final in all matters, including:

- the approval of applications for funding
- the amount of grant funding awarded
- the terms and conditions of funding.

We cannot review decisions about the merits of your application.

9. Notification of application outcomes

If you are successful, you will receive a written offer, including any specific conditions attached to the grant.

If you are unsuccessful, we will notify you in writing and give you an opportunity to discuss the outcome with us.

10. If your application is successful

10.1. Grant agreement

You must enter into a grant agreement with the Commonwealth. We will use the Commonwealth simple grant agreement for this program. A sample [grant agreement](#) is available on business.gov.au and [GrantConnect](#).

We will manage the grant agreement through the portal. Accepting the grant agreement through the portal is the equivalent of signing a grant agreement. After you have accepted it, we will execute the agreement. Execute means both you and the Commonwealth Government have entered into the grant agreement. We will notify you when this happens and a copy of the executed grant agreement will be available through the portal. The grant agreement will not become binding until it is executed.

We must execute a grant agreement with you before we can make any payments. We are not responsible for any expenditure you incur before a grant agreement is executed.

The approval of your grant may have specific conditions determined by the assessment process or other considerations made by the Program Delegate. We will identify these in the offer of funding.

The Commonwealth may recover grant funds if there is a breach of the grant agreement.

10.2. Simple grant agreement

You will have 30 days from the date of a written offer to execute this grant agreement with the Commonwealth ('execute' means both you and the Commonwealth have signed the agreement). During this time, we will work with you to finalise details. The offer may lapse if both parties do not sign the grant agreement within this time. Under certain circumstances, we may extend this period. We base the approval of your grant on the information you provide in your application. We will review any required changes to these details to ensure they do not impact the project as approved by the Program Delegate.

10.3. Project specific legislation, policies and industry standards

You are required to be compliant with all relevant laws and regulations.

Under State and Territory legislation, it is a requirement for people in roles that have direct, unsupervised contact with children to undertake a working with children/vulnerable people check.

You are responsible for ensuring that you have met relevant State or Territory legislation obligations related to working with children and/or vulnerable people, and that any person that has direct, unsupervised contact with children as part of a project under this program, has undertaken and passed a working with children/vulnerable people check, if required under relevant State or Territory legislation. You are also responsible for assessing the suitability of the people you engage as part of your project to ensure children are kept safe.

We do not provide advice on working with children/vulnerable people legislation, and you are responsible for seeking your own advice from the authority in your relevant State or Territory.

In addition, you will need to complete a risk assessment to identify the level of responsibility for children and the level of risk of harm or abuse, and put appropriate strategies in place to manage those risks. You will also need to establish a training and compliance regime to ensure staff are aware of, and comply with, the risk assessment requirements as well as relevant legislation.

To be eligible, you must declare in your application that you comply with these requirements. You will need to declare you can meet these requirements in your grant agreement with the Commonwealth.

10.4. How we pay the grant

The grant agreement will state the:

- maximum grant amount we will pay
- proportion of eligible expenditure covered by the grant (grant percentage)
- any in-kind contributions you will make
- any additional financial contribution provided by you or a third party.

We will not exceed the maximum grant amount under any circumstances. If you incur extra costs, you must meet them yourself.

We will make an initial payment on execution of the grant agreement. We will make subsequent payments in advance, based on your forecast eligible expenditure as you achieve agreed milestones and adjusted for unspent amounts from previous payments. Payments are subject to satisfactory progress on the project.

We set aside 10 per cent of the total grant funding for the final payment. We will pay this when you submit a satisfactory final report demonstrating you have completed outstanding obligations for the project. We may need to adjust your progress payments to align with available program funds across financial years and/or to ensure we retain a minimum 10 per cent of grant funding for the final payment.

The Program Delegate may approve alternative arrangements on a discretionary basis.

10.5. How we monitor your project

You must submit reports through the portal in line with the grant agreement. We will provide sample templates for these reports as appendices in the grant agreement. You will also be able to download them from business.gov.au and [GrantConnect](#). We will remind you of your reporting obligations before a report is due. We will expect you to report on:

- progress against agreed project milestones
- project expenditure, including expenditure of grant funds.

The amount of detail you provide in your reports should be relative to the project size, complexity and grant amount.

We will monitor the progress of your project by assessing reports you submit and may conduct site visits to confirm details of your reports if necessary. Occasionally we may need to re-examine claims, seek further information or request an independent audit of claims and payments.

10.6. Final report

When you complete the project, you must submit a final report.

Final reports must:

- include the agreed evidence as specified in the grant agreement
- identify the total eligible expenditure incurred for the project
- be submitted by the report due date
- be in the format provided in the grant agreement.

Eligible Councils, publicly announced from 1 July 2019, must submit an Adverse Event Plan with their final project report.

10.7. Ad-hoc report

We may ask you for ad-hoc reports on your project. This may be to provide an update on progress, or any significant delays or difficulties in completing the project.

10.8. Independent audit report

We may ask you to provide an independent audit report. An audit report will verify that you spent the grant in accordance with the grant agreement. The audit report requires you to prepare a statement of grant income and expenditure. The report template is attached to the sample grant agreement.

10.9. Compliance visits

We may visit you during the project period, or at the completion of your project, to review your compliance with the grant agreement. We may also inspect the records you are required to keep under the grant agreement. For large or complex projects, we may visit you after you finish your project. We will provide you with reasonable notice of any compliance visit.

10.10. Grant agreement variations

We recognise that unexpected events may affect project progress. In these circumstances, you can request a variation to your grant agreement through the portal, including:

- changing project milestones
- extending the timeframe for completing the project but within the maximum project period referred to in section 3.2.
- changing project activities

Note the program does not allow for:

- an increase of grant funds (above the maximum available funding amount identified in section 3.1).

If you want to propose changes to the grant agreement, you must put them in writing before the grant agreement end date. We can provide you with a variation request template.

You should not assume that a variation request will be successful. We will consider your request based on factors such as:

- how it affects the project outcome
- consistency with the program policy objective, grant opportunity guidelines and any relevant policies of the department
- changes to the timing of grant payments
- availability of program funds.

10.11. Keeping us informed

You should let us know if anything is likely to affect your project or organisation.

We need to know of any key changes to your organisation or its business activities, particularly if they affect your ability to complete your project, carry on business and pay debts due.

You must also inform us of any changes to your:

- name
- addresses
- nominated contact details
- bank account details.

If you become aware of a breach of terms and conditions under the grant agreement you must contact us immediately.

You must notify us of events relating to your project and provide an opportunity for the Minister or their representative to attend.

10.12. Evaluation

We will evaluate the program to determine the extent to which the funded activity is contributing to the program objectives and outcomes. We may use information from your application and project reports for this purpose. We may also interview you, or ask you for more information to help us understand how the grant impacted you and to evaluate how effective the program was in achieving its outcomes. We may contact you up to one year after you finish your project for more information to assist with this evaluation.

10.13. Tax obligations

In accordance with the terms of Australian Taxation Office ruling GSTR 2012/2, payments made under the program, which are payments made by a government related entity to another government related entity, do not attract GST. Consequently, funding sought by Eligible Councils in their proposal(s) must exclude the GST component on goods and services and the payments made to Eligible Councils will not include GST.

10.14. Grant acknowledgement

If you make a public statement about a project funded under the program we require you, at a minimum, to acknowledge the grant by using the following:

‘This project received grant funding from the Australian Government.’

If you erect signage in relation to the project, the signage must contain an acknowledgement of the grant. These details will be outlined in the grant agreement.

10.15. Events

We will require you to notify us of events relating to your project and provide opportunity for the Minister or their representative to attend. These requirements will be outlined in your grant agreement.

11. Conflicts of interest

11.1. Your conflict of interest responsibilities

A conflict of interest will occur if your private interests conflict with your obligations under the grant. Conflicts of interest could affect the awarding or performance of your grant. A conflict of interest can be:

- real (or actual)
- apparent (or perceived)
- potential.

We will ask you to declare, as part of your application, any perceived or existing conflicts of interests or that, to the best of your knowledge, there is no conflict of interest.

If you later identify that there is an actual, apparent, or potential conflict of interest or that one might arise in relation to your grant, you must inform us in writing immediately.

11.2. Our conflict of interest responsibilities

We recognise that conflicts of interest may arise with our staff, technical experts, and others delivering the program between:

- their program duties, roles and responsibilities and
- their private interests.

We manage our conflicts of interest according to the APS Code of Conduct (section 13 (7) of the *Public Service Act 1999* (Cth)). We publish our [conflict of interest policy](#)⁶ on the department's website.

Program officials must declare any conflicts of interest. If we consider a conflict of interest is a cause for concern, that official will not take part in the assessment of relevant applications under the program.

12. How we use your information

Unless the information you provide to us is:

- confidential information as per 12.1, or
- personal information as per 12.3,

We may share the information with other government agencies for a relevant Commonwealth purpose such as:

- to improve the effective administration, monitoring and evaluation of Australian Government programs
- for research
- to announce the awarding of grants.

12.1. How we handle your confidential information

We will treat the information you give us as sensitive and therefore confidential if it meets all of the following conditions:

- you clearly identify the information as confidential and explain why we should treat it as confidential
- the information is commercially sensitive
- disclosing the information would cause unreasonable harm to you or someone else
- you provide the information with an understanding that it will stay confidential.

12.2. When we may disclose confidential information

We may disclose confidential information:

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<https://www.industry.gov.au/AboutUs/InformationPublicationScheme/Ourpolicies/Documents/Conflict-of-Interest-and-Inside-Trade-Expectations-Policy.pdf>

- to our Commonwealth employees and contractors, to help us manage the program effectively
- to the Auditor-General, Ombudsman or Privacy Commissioner
- to the responsible Minister or Assistant Minister
- to a House or a Committee of the Australian Parliament.

We may also disclose confidential information if

- we are required or authorised by law to disclose it
- you agree to the information being disclosed, or
- someone other than us has made the confidential information public.

12.3. How we use your personal information

We must treat your personal information according to the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs) and the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth). This includes letting you know:

- what personal information we collect
- why we collect your personal information
- to whom we give your personal information.

We may give the personal information we collect from you to our employees and contractors, other Commonwealth employees and contractors, so we can:

- manage the program
- research, assess, monitor and analyse our programs and activities.

We, or the Minister, may:

- announce the names of successful applicants to the public
- publish personal information on the department's websites.

You may read our [Privacy Policy](#)⁷ on the department's website for more information on:

- what is personal information
- how we collect, use, disclose and store your personal information
- how you can access and correct your personal information.

12.4. Public announcement

We will publish non-sensitive details of successful projects on GrantConnect and business.gov.au. We are required to do this by the *Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines* and the [Australian Government Public Data Policy Statement](#)⁸, unless otherwise prohibited by law. This information may include:

- name of your organisation
- title of the project
- description of the project and its aims
- amount of grant funding awarded
- Australian Business Number

⁷ <http://www.industry.gov.au/Pages/PrivacyPolicy.aspx>

⁸ <http://www.dpmc.gov.au/resource-centre/data/australian-government-public-data-policy-statement>

- business location
- your organisation's industry sector.

We publish this information to ensure open access to non-sensitive data within Australian Government agencies to enable greater innovation and productivity across all sectors of the Australian economy.

12.5. Freedom of information

All documents in the possession of the Australian Government, including those about the program, are subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (FOI Act).

The purpose of the FOI Act is to give members of the public rights of access to information held by the Australian Government and its entities. Under the FOI Act, members of the public can seek access to documents held by the Australian Government. This right of access is limited only by the exceptions and exemptions necessary to protect essential public interests and private and business affairs of persons in respect of whom the information relates.

If someone requests a document under the FOI Act, we will release it (though we may need to consult with you and/or other parties first) unless it meets one of the exemptions set out in the FOI Act.

13. Enquiries and feedback

For further information or clarification, you can contact us on 13 28 46 or by [web chat](#) or through our [online enquiry form](#) on business.gov.au.

We may publish answers to your questions on our website as Frequently Asked Questions.

Our [Customer Service Charter](#) is available at business.gov.au. We use customer satisfaction surveys to improve our business operations and service.

If you have a complaint, call us on 13 28 46. We will refer your complaint to the appropriate manager.

If you are not satisfied with the way we handle your complaint, you can contact:

Head of Division
AusIndustry - Support for Business
Department of Industry, Innovation and Science
GPO Box 2013
CANBERRA ACT 2601

You can also contact the [Commonwealth Ombudsman](#)⁹ with your complaint (call 1300 362 072). There is no fee for making a complaint, and the Ombudsman may conduct an independent investigation.

⁹ <http://www.ombudsman.gov.au/>

14. Glossary

Term	Definition
Adverse Event Plan	A plan developed in consultation with local stakeholders which aims to build local leadership and community capacity to adapt and cope with chronic stresses and acute shocks. The plan should look to improve preparation, management and recovery from those events. Planning for drought should consider water supply and quality, projects to buoy the local economy and maintain community cohesion and drought support coordination.
Application form	The details that applicants provide in the online portal to apply for funding under the grant opportunity.
AusIndustry	The division of the same name within the department.
Eligible Council	A council that is eligible to apply for funding under the program as published on business.gov.au and GrantConnect.
Department	The Department of Industry, Innovation and Science.
Eligible activities	The activities undertaken by a grantee in relation to a project that are eligible for funding support as set out in 5.2.
Eligible application	An application or proposal for grant funding under the program that the Program Delegate has determined is eligible for assessment in accordance with these guidelines.
Eligible expenditure	The expenditure incurred by a grantee on a project and which is eligible for funding support as set out in 5.3.
Grant agreement	A legally binding contract between the Commonwealth and a grantee for the grant funding
Grant funding or grant funds	The funding made available by the Commonwealth to grantees under the program.
Grantee	The recipient of grant funding under a grant agreement.
Guidelines	Guidelines that the Minister gives to the department to provide the framework for the administration of the program, as in force from time to time.
Minister	The Commonwealth Minister responsible for Drought.
Personal information	<p>Has the same meaning as in the <i>Privacy Act 1988</i> (Cth) which is:</p> <p>Information or an opinion about an identified individual, or an individual who is reasonably identifiable:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. whether the information or opinion is true or not; and b. whether the information or opinion is recorded in a material form or not.
Program Delegate	An AusIndustry senior responsible officer within the department with responsibility for the program.

Term	Definition
Program funding or Program funds	The funding made available by the Commonwealth for the program.
Project	A project described in an application for grant funding under the program.

Appendix A. Funding Announcements and Eligible Councils

The table below sets out the date of Eligible Councils' funding announcement, list of Eligible Councils, the date from which projects can commence, and the date by which projects should be completed.

Eligible councils are listed on business.gov.au and GrantConnect.

Date of funding announcement	Eligible Councils	Earliest start date of project	Date by which projects should be completed
Prior to 1 August 2018 and during October 2018	81 councils	19 August 2018	30 June 2019
March 2019	15 councils	19 August 2018	31 December 2019
During 2019 election campaign	14 councils	11 April 2019	30 June 2020
During September 2019	12 councils	27 September 2019	30 June 2020
During November 2019	128 councils	7 November 2019	31 December 2020

For any contracted projects as at 19 December 2019, the earliest start date for these projects was 19 August 2018.

COVID-19 Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Guidelines

Opening date:	1 July 2020
Commonwealth policy entity:	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
Administering entity	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
Enquiries:	Any questions should be directed to: Program Manager Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program IIP@infrastructure.gov.au
Date guidelines released:	24 June 2020
Type of grant opportunity:	Demand-driven (Eligibility-based)

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1. Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Process

The Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program is designed to achieve Australian Government objectives

This grant opportunity is part of the above grant program, which contributes to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications (The Department) Outcome 3. The Department works with stakeholders to plan and design the grant program according to the *Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines 2017*



The grant opportunity opens

We will provide Eligible Funding Recipients with the Grant Guidelines and publish them on [GrantConnect](#).



Grant decisions are made

The Eligible Funding Recipients for this Program have been pre-identified. The Deputy Prime Minister allocates the grants based on a formula.



We notify Eligible Funding Recipients of the outcome

The Deputy Prime Minister sends a letter of offer and Grant Agreement to Eligible Funding Recipients



Eligible Funding Recipients enter into a grant agreement

The Eligible Funding Recipients will sign the Grant Agreement.



Nomination of projects to be undertaken

Eligible Funding Recipients will submit a Work Schedule nominating projects to be funded through the LRCI Program



The Department assesses nominated projects to ensure eligibility requirements are met

The Department will notify Eligible Funding Recipients if nominated projects are eligible/not eligible for funding. If projects are ineligible, Eligible Funding Recipients can nominate alternative projects for assessment.



Delivery of grant

Eligible Funding Recipients undertake Eligible Projects set out in Approved Work Schedule. The Department manages the grant by working with Eligible Funding Recipients, monitoring progress and making payments.



Evaluation of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program

The Department will evaluate the Local Roads and Community Program as a whole. The Department will base this on information Eligible Funding Recipients provide, as well as from other sources.

1.1 Introduction

These guidelines contain information for the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program.

The LRCI Program was announced on 22 May 2020. The program will support local councils to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects across Australia, supporting jobs and the resilience of local economies. This funding will stimulate growth and create jobs in local communities following the impacts of COVID-19.

This document sets out:

- the purpose of the grant opportunity
- the eligibility criteria
- how Eligible Funding Recipients will be monitored and evaluated
- responsibilities and expectations in relation to the opportunity.

The LRCI Program is administered by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications (the Department).

2. About the grant program

The LRCI Program will run from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2021, with projects required to be physically completed by 30 June 2021. The Program was announced as part of the Australian Government's wider economic response to COVID-19.

The LRCI Program aims to assist a community-led recovery from COVID-19 by supporting local jobs, firms, and procurement. It is expected that councils will use local businesses and workforces to deliver projects under the LRCI Program where possible to ensure stimulus funding flows into local communities.

The scope of the LRCI Program supports a broad range of Eligible Projects so communities can fund the infrastructure that they need, support businesses and create employment opportunities across their communities.

The LRCI Program is a Demand Driven (eligibility based) grant program.

The LRCI Program will be delivered under Outcome 3 of the Department's Portfolio Budget Statement:

- Strengthening the sustainability, capacity and diversity of our cities and regional economies, including through facilitating local partnerships between all levels of government and local communities; through reforms that stimulate growth; and providing grants and financial assistance.

The objective of the LRCI Program is to stimulate additional infrastructure construction activity in local communities across Australia to assist communities to manage the economic impacts of COVID-19.

The intended outcomes of the LRCI Program are to:

- provide stimulus to protect and create local short-term employment opportunities through funded projects following the impacts of the COVID-19; and
- deliver benefits to communities, such as improved road safety, accessibility and visual amenity.

The Department will administer the LRCI Program according to the [Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines 2017 \(CGRGs\)](#).

3. Grant amount and grant period

The Australian Government has announced a total of \$500 million for the LRCI Program. Funding is available from July 2020.

Eligible Funding Recipients will receive a grant amount called a 'Nominal Funding Allocation'.

The formula used to calculate a Nominal Funding Allocation has been modelled on funding allocations under the Roads to Recovery Program (R2R) and the local road component of the Financial Assistance Grants Program. The formula used to determine a state/territory's share of funding under the LRCI Program follows the same state/territory allocation process as these programs. Within a state/territory's share of funding, the calculation of each Eligible Funding Recipient's Nominal Funding Allocation has been derived based on recommendations from the relevant Local Government Grants Commission, and takes into consideration factors such as population estimates, and road length in each local governing body area. This is similar to how individual shares of R2R funding and local road component of the Financial Assistance Grant Program is calculated.

The formula has been consistently applied to determine the Nominal Funding Allocation of each Eligible Funding Recipient under the LRCI Program.

Co-contributions are not required under the LRCI Program, but Eligible Funding Recipients may expend their own funds on Eligible Projects.

4. Eligibility criteria

Only Eligible Funding Recipients will receive a letter of offer for the LRCI Program.

4.1 Who is eligible for a grant?

The Eligible Funding Recipients for this grant program have been identified. They are:

- all local councils in Australia;
- the ACT Government in lieu of a system of local government;
- relevant state government, the shires of Christmas Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Norfolk Island and the Lord Howe Island Board that provide local council services to 'unincorporated areas' in Australia;
- the NT Government for areas that were unincorporated until 2008 but are yet to be transferred to the new councils; and
- the Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning for the French Island.

The Eligible Funding Recipients have been selected for this grant opportunity as the intention is to fund local communities directly. By providing funding to the level of Government closest to communities, the Australian Government can ensure that the economic boost is felt throughout every community across Australia. Further, by allowing councils to select projects to be undertaken (within a specified framework), local governments will be able to deliver projects in line with priorities at the local level.

4.2 Who is not eligible for the Grant Program?

Organisations are not eligible for the LRCI Program unless they have been identified by the Australian Government as an Eligible Funding Recipient (see: Section 4.1).

General applications by other organisations will not be accepted.

5. What the grant money can be used for

Grant money can only be used on Eligible Projects, which are those that meet the requirements set out in section 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3 and deliver benefits to the community.

5.1 Eligible grant activity

Eligible local road projects are projects that involve the construction or maintenance of roads managed by local governments. Local governments are encouraged to consider how works can support improved road safety outcomes. This could include projects involving any of the following associated with a road:

- traffic signs;
- traffic control equipment;
- street lighting equipment;
- a bridge or tunnel;
- a facility off the road used by heavy vehicles in connection with travel on the road (for example, a rest area or weigh station);
- facilities off the road that support the visitor economy; and
- road and sidewalk maintenance, where additional to normal capital works schedules.

Eligible community infrastructure projects are projects that involve the construction, maintenance and/or improvements to council-owned assets (including natural assets) that are generally accessible to the public.

Projects that involve the construction, maintenance and/or improvements to state/territory and crown owned land/assets and Commonwealth owned land/assets, can also be eligible projects where the Council can confirm that they have the authority of the land or asset owner to undertake the project at the nominated site(s) and the sites are accessible to the public (including natural assets).

These projects must deliver benefits to the community, such as improved accessibility, visual amenity, and/or safety. Examples of eligible works include:

- Closed Circuit TV (CCTV);
- bicycle and walking paths;
- painting or improvements to community facilities;
- repairing and replacing fencing;
- improved accessibility of community facilities and areas;
- landscaping improvements, such as tree planting and beautification of roundabouts;
- picnic shelters or barbeque facilities at community parks;
- playgrounds and skate parks (including all ability playgrounds);

- noise and vibration mitigation measures; and
- off-road car parks (such as those at sporting grounds or parks).

5.2 Projects must be additional to existing work plans

To be considered an Eligible Project, projects need to be additional to an Eligible Funding Recipient's existing work plan for 2020-21.

Projects that have been brought forward from post 2020-21 work plans will be considered additional.

Projects will not be considered additional if Eligible Funding Recipients substitute LRCI Program funds for their own funding or other sources of funding. The purpose of the LRCI Program funding is to enable Eligible Funding Recipients to undertake infrastructure projects additional to what they had planned to undertake using their own funds, to stimulate local economies and employment opportunities.

5.3 Eligible construction time period

Construction activity on Eligible Projects must be undertaken between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021, subject to the following exceptions:

- Where an Eligible Funding Recipient contributes at least fifty per cent towards the total cost of a project. Construction activity on a project may be undertaken until 30 June 2022 as long as the Australian Government's contribution covers the cost of construction activity to 30 June 2021, and all other Eligible Project requirements are met.
- Where agreed by the Department due to exceptional circumstances.

If construction activity cannot be completed during between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021, an Eligible Funding Recipient may not receive their full Nominal Funding Allocation.

5.4 What the grant money cannot be used for

Eligible Funding Recipients cannot use grant money to pay for business as usual activities and costs, or any other activities and costs not associated with Eligible Projects. These are Ineligible Projects and Ineligible Expenditures.

The following are examples of Ineligible Projects and Ineligible Expenditures:

- costs incurred in the preparation of a Work Schedule or related documentation;
- general administrative overheads and staff salaries not connected with Eligible Projects funded under the Program;
- subsidy of general ongoing administration of an organisation such as electricity, phone and rent;
- projects that receive Australian, state or territory government funding for the same purpose, unless otherwise agreed by the Department;
- commencement ceremony, opening ceremony or any other event associated with Eligible Projects;
- transport planning studies;
- road rehabilitation studies (if not part of an Eligible Project);
- community/public art;

- road building plant or other capital equipment especially moveable equipment (e.g. graders);
- training (if not part of an Eligible Project);
- public liability insurance;
- fringe benefits tax;
- GST payable component of a supply;
- finance leases on equipment;
- depreciation, except for depreciation of plant and equipment directly attributable to a grant funded eligible project;
- stand-alone design and preliminary works;
- operating lease charges where the rental expense cannot be directly linked to the grant project (e.g. a grader may be hired for a period for a variety of tasks, only charges that specifically relate to the funded eligible project can be charged against the grant funds);
- overseas travel; and
- the covering of retrospective costs.

6. The grant selection process

6.1 Who will approve grants?

The Deputy Prime Minister or a Portfolio Minister will decide the award of grants to Eligible Funding Recipients.

A grant to an Eligible Funding Recipient will be made on the basis that the organisation meets the Eligibility Criteria.

The amount of grant money awarded to an Eligible Funding Recipient will be determined by the Department in accordance with the formula set out at Section 3.

The Deputy Prime Minister's/Portfolio Minister's decision is final in all matters, including:

- the approval of the grant; and
- the grant amount to be awarded.

There is no appeal mechanism for the decision to approve or not approve a grant.

7. Letter of offer process

Eligible Funding Recipients will receive a letter of offer to participate in the LRCI Program. This will occur in June 2020 by mail/electronic form. This letter will:

- a) specify the Nominal Funding Allocation; and
- b) include a Grant Agreement that sets out the terms and conditions of the LRCI Program.

Before accepting the offer, Eligible Funding Recipients must read and understand these Guidelines and the Grant Agreement. The Guidelines can be found at the Department's

website and on [GrantConnect](#). Any alterations and addenda¹ will be published on GrantConnect and the Department's website. By registering on GrantConnect, organisations will be automatically notified of any changes to the Guidelines.

8. Notification of outcomes

An Eligible Funding Recipient's letter of offer constitutes notification of award of a grant. If you are successful, the Department will advise the Eligible Funding Recipients of any specific conditions attached to the grant.

9. Successful grantees

9.1 The grant agreement

An Eligible Funding Recipient must enter into a legally binding grant agreement with the Commonwealth. The Grant Agreement used for the LRCI Program will be supplied to Eligible Funding Recipients. The Grant Agreement has standard terms and conditions that cannot be changed.

The Grant Agreement may also contain conditions specific to an Eligible Funding Recipient in a Schedule.

An Eligible Funding Recipient should not make financial commitments until a grant agreement has been executed with the Commonwealth. The Department is not responsible for any of an Eligible Funding Recipient's expenditure until a Grant Agreement is executed and the Work Schedule is approved.

A Grant Agreement must be executed with the Commonwealth before any payments can be made.

To accept the offer, the Eligible Funding Recipient must sign the Grant Agreement:

- provide all the information requested; and
- return the Grant Agreement to the Program Manager by the date stipulated in the letter of offer.

By signing and returning the Grant Agreement, Eligible Funding Recipients agree to abide by the terms and conditions contained therein. Eligible Funding Recipients should keep a copy of the Grant Agreement and any supporting documents.

The Department will acknowledge an Eligible Funding Recipient's acceptance of the letter of offer and confirm that all required information has been submitted within five business days of receipt.

The Commonwealth may recover grant funds from an Eligible Funding Recipient if the Grant Agreement has been breached. Where an Eligible Funding Recipient fails to meet the obligations of the Grant Agreement, the Grant Agreement may be terminated.

¹ Alterations and addenda include but are not limited to: corrections to currently published documents, changes to close times for applications, and Questions and Answers (Q&A) documents

9.2 How we pay the Grant

Table 1 Grant Payment Overview

Payment milestone	Grant payment date	Amount
First Instalment: Work Schedule approval payment	Within four weeks of the Work Schedule being approved.	The first payment will be equal to 50 per cent of an Eligible Funding Recipient's Nominal Funding Allocation.
Second Instalment: Top up - mid program progress payment	Within four weeks of the Secretary of the Department or their Delegate's decision on the following: 1) an updated Work Schedule; and 2) the second Quarterly Report submitted between 1–31 January 2021.	The Second Instalment will be equal to the Eligible Funding Recipient's: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• actual expenditure up until 31 December 2020; and• projected expenditure to 31 March 2021 on Eligible Projects in an Approved Work Schedule, less: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the first instalment; and• 10 per cent of the Nominal Funding Allocation.
Second Instalment: Early Access	If all grant money has been expended in advance of 1 January 2021. Within four weeks of the Secretary of the Department's or their Delegate's decision on the following: 1) an updated Work Schedule; and 2) an Ad hoc report.	The Second Instalment will be equal to the Eligible Funding Recipient's: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• actual expenditure up until 31 December 2020; and• projected expenditure to 31 March 2021 on Eligible Projects in an Approved Work Schedule less: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the first instalment; and• 10 per cent of the Nominal Funding Allocation.
Third Instalment: Final payment	Within four weeks of the Secretary of the Department or their Delegate's decision being made to release the final instalment upon receipt of the Annual Report.	The Third Instalment will equal the smaller of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the residual amount of an Eligible Funding Recipient's Nominal Funding Allocation; or• total eligible expenditure under the program less instalments paid to date.

Submission of a Work Schedule

Eligible Funding Recipients will nominate projects they intend to spend LRCI grant money on in their Work Schedule.

Eligible Funding Recipients are required to submit a Work Schedule in the manner and form stipulated by the Department.

The draft Work Schedule must contain the following information in relation to each of the nominated projects the Grantee proposes to undertake using the Grant:

- project description, including details of how the project meets the Project Eligibility Requirements detailed in Section 5;
- proposed timeframes for the project, including construction commencement date, construction duration and estimated construction completion date;
- detail any Conflicts of Interest and management actions to manage these conflicts;
- the amount of Grant funding required and details of any other contributions to the total costs of the project, along with details of all proposed expenditure including confirmation that none of the proposed expenditure is Ineligible Expenditure;
- provide clear project descriptions;
- detail any conflicts of interest and management actions;
- specify the amount of grant funding required (projected expenditure);
- meet mapping requirements notified by the Department; and
- expected number of full-time equivalent jobs supported by the project over the construction period.

If some of the jobs supported by a project are new jobs/redistribution of personnel in the Eligible Funding Recipient's workforces, labour costs for work undertaken must be derived from timesheets or via an equally acceptable method. Management time included in the expected number of jobs supported by a project must not include Ineligible Expenditure or costs associated in Ineligible Projects, and a clear and definable model needs to be in place to apportion these costs.

Eligible Funding Recipients will be provided with a Work Schedule template and further information on how to fill out a Work Schedule. The process for submitting a Work Schedule will be provided to Eligible Funding Recipients and made available on the Department's website.

Eligible Funding Recipients can submit their Work Schedule when they return their signed Grant Agreement or any time afterwards. However, failure to promptly return a Work Schedule will result in release of grant funds being delayed.

Approval of a Work Schedule

The Department will assess whether projects included in an Eligible Funding Recipient's Work Schedule meet the Eligible Project Requirements set out in these Guidelines and that all requested information has been provided.

If the Work Schedule or detailed projects do not meet requirements, an Eligible Funding Recipient may submit an updated Work Schedule that includes additional nominated projects for approval. The Department will contact the Eligible Funding Recipient to request further information.

The Department will make a recommendation to the Secretary of the Department or their Delegate to approve/not approve the Work Schedule and the release of the First Instalment (of three instalments) of grant funds on the basis of their assessment of the information provided by an Eligible Funding Recipient.

The Secretary of the Department or their Delegate will decide whether to approve the Work Schedule and the release of the First Instalment. Approval may be subject to conditions detailed in the Grant Agreement.

Only approved Eligible Projects will be included in the Approved Work Schedule.

Eligible Funding Recipients will be advised in writing if their Work Schedule and release of the First Instalment has been approved.

Eligible Funding Recipients must keep their Work Schedule up to date in accordance with the Program Guidelines as in force from time to time; and any other requirements notified by the Commonwealth.

At a minimum, an Eligible Funding Recipient must update a Work Schedule in accordance with any requirements notified by the Commonwealth, immediately prior to submitting the second Quarterly Report or immediately before submission of an Ad hoc report for Early Access (refer to Section 11 for information on reporting requirements). This is because the amount of grant money to be released is calculated with reference to projected expenditure on Eligible Projects.

First Instalment

The First Instalment will be paid to an Eligible Funding Recipient within four weeks of the Work Schedule and release of the First Instalment being approved by the Secretary of the Department or their delegate.

The value of the First Instalment will be 50 per cent of an Eligible Funding Recipient's Nominal Funding Allocation.

Second Instalment

The Secretary of the Department or their Delegate will decide whether to approve release of the Second Instalment on the basis of:

- The Department's assessment of, and the information contained in, an updated Work Schedule;
- the information provided in relevant Quarterly Report/s;
- If seeking Early Access to the second instalment, the information contained in an Ad hoc report detailing an Eligible Funding Recipient's actual expenditure to date and projected expenditure to 31 March 2021 in the manner and form required by the Department;
- whether or not an Eligible Funding Recipient is in breach, or suspected of being in breach, of the Grant Agreement; and
- consideration of other relevant information.

Further information may be requested by the Department at this stage and considered by the Secretary or their Delegate.

If the Secretary of the Department or their Delegate approves the updated Work Schedule and release of the Second Instalment, payment will be made within four weeks of the Secretary of the Department or their Delegate making this decision. Eligible Funding Recipients will be advised in writing of the decision to release the Second Instalment.

The Second Instalment is scheduled to be paid between 1 January and 31 January, the payment value for the Second Instalment will equal:

- actual expenditure up until 31 December 2020; plus
- projected expenditure to 31 March 2021, less the amount paid as the first instalment

less:

- the first instalment; and
- 10 per cent of the Nominal Funding Allocation.

Early Access

If the Eligible Funding Recipient has expended all of its First Instalment in advance of 1 January 2021, an Eligible Funding Recipient can seek to access the Second Instalment early. The process followed in relation to the Second Instalment will be followed for Early Access with necessary changes to timeframes. The payment value will be equal:

actual expenditure up until the Ad hoc Report date; plus projected expenditure to 31 March 2021

less:

- the first instalment; and
- 10 per cent of the Nominal Funding Allocation.

Third Instalment

The Secretary or their Delegate will decide whether to approve release of the Third and Final Instalment on the basis of:

- an assessment of compliance with the Grant Agreement, including any investigations or audit reports;
- the information provided in the Annual Report;
- information in the Work Schedule and relevant Quarterly Reports; and
- any other relevant information.

The Third Instalment will be the lesser of the residual amount of an Eligible Funding Recipient's Nominal Funding Allocation and the total actual expenditure and projected expenditure under the program less instalments paid to date. Projected expenditure should be limited to expenses expected to be incurred post 30 June 2021, which are not construction costs. These contracts are things such as noise monitoring contracts and final

landscaping contracts, and exclude construction costs unless otherwise agreed by the Department.

Further information may be requested by the Department at this stage and considered by the Secretary or their Delegate.

The Third Instalment will be paid within four weeks of the Secretary of the Department or their Delegate's decision to release the grant payment.

9.3 Grant Payments and GST

In accordance with the Terms of the Australian Taxation Office ruling GSTR 2012/2, payments made under the LRCI Program, which are payments made by a government related entity to another government related entity, and for which the amount of the grant does not exceed the cost of providing the goods or services, do not attract GST.

Consequently, the actual and projected expenditure Eligible Funding Recipients report to the Department must exclude the GST component on goods and services, and the payments the Department makes to Eligible Funding Recipients to cover the costs of the program will not include GST.

Grants are assessable income for taxation purposes, unless exempted by a taxation law. We recommend you seek independent professional advice on your taxation obligations or seek assistance from the Australian Taxation Office. We do not provide advice on your particular taxation circumstances.

10. Announcement of grants

The Department will publish details of the grants awarded on GrantConnect. The Department may also publish information details of grants, including individual projects funded on its website or other government websites. This information may include:

- title of the project;
- description of the project and its aims;
- amount of funding received and funding allocation; and
- project outcomes.

11. Reporting requirements

Eligible Funding Recipients must submit reports in line with the Grant Agreement and these Guidelines. The Department will remind Eligible Funding Recipients of their reporting obligations before reports are due.

Eligible Funding Recipients must also update their Work Schedules as required and in accordance with any other requirements notified by the Department.

The Department will monitor progress by assessing submitted reports and may conduct site visits to confirm details in Quarterly Reports and Work Schedules if necessary. Occasionally, the Department may need to re-examine claims, seek further information, or request an independent audit of claims and payments on a risk based or sampling basis.

11.1 Quarterly Reports

Eligible Funding Recipients must submit Quarterly Reports throughout the Grant Period.

Quarterly Reports must be submitted per the timeframes in **Table 2 –Quarterly Reports** and in accordance with the Grant Agreement.

Quarterly Reports are used to provide the Department with information on the progress of Eligible Projects and are a requirement for the receipt of funds for payment of the Second and Third Instalments of grant payments. Quarterly Reports must be submitted in the manner and form specified by the Department and include required details.

Eligible Funding Recipients must provide the following information in a Quarterly Report:

- the amount of grant funding spent (actual expenditure) for the period commencing on 1 July 2020 and ending on the last day of the quarter to which the Quarterly Report relates;
- the amount of grant funding (proposed expenditure) which the Eligible Funding Recipient intends to spend on Eligible Projects in the quarter following the report;
- details of progress towards completion of Eligible Projects; including any evidence required per the Grant Agreement; and
- estimated and/or confirmed jobs supporting by the grant funding.

The figures in the Quarterly Reports should be prepared on an accrual basis. Quarterly Reports must be submitted within the period specified in the Grant Agreement.

If an Eligible Funding Recipient has expended their Nominal Funding Allocation and/or returned any grant funding additional to the Approved Work Schedule, after providing the Quarterly Report for the quarter in which this occurs, an Eligible Funding Recipient the Grantee will not be required to provide and further Quarterly reports, but will be required to provide the Annual Report. This waiver of reporting requirements is an application of the proportionality principle.

Table 2 –Quarterly Reports

Lodgement period for Quarterly Reports	Quarter: Actual expenditure period	Quarterly Report
1–31 October 2020	1 July - 30 September 2020	Mid payment update of Work schedule. Actual expenditure and eligible project updates for the period commencing on 1 July 2020 and ending on the last day of the quarter to which the Quarterly Report relates. Projected Expenditure for the next quarter.
1–31 January 2021	1 October - 31 December 2020	Actual expenditure and eligible project updates for the period commencing on 1 July 2020 and ending on the last day of the quarter to which the Quarterly Report relates. Projected Expenditure for the next quarter.
1–30 April 2021	1 January - 31 March 2021	Actual expenditure and eligible project updates for the period commencing on 1 July 2020 and ending on the last day of the quarter to which the Quarterly Report relates. Projected Expenditure for the next quarter.
Annual Report by 14 August 2021.	1 July 2020 - 30 June 2021	Annual Report Actual expenditure and eligible project updates from 1 July

		2020/Commencement of program to 30 June 2021
1–31 October 2021	1 July 2021 - 30 September 2021 (if required)	Actual expenditure for the period commencing on 1 July 2020 and ending on the last day of the quarter to which the Quarterly Report relates. Projected Expenditure for the next quarter.
1–31 January 2022	1 October 2021 – 31 December 2021 (if required)	Actual expenditure for the period commencing on 1 July 2020 and ending on the last day of the quarter to which the Quarterly Report relates. Projected Expenditure for the next quarter.

The Department must be informed of any Reporting delays or significant delays affecting Eligible Projects on an Approved Work Schedule as soon as Eligible Funding Recipients become aware of them.

11.2 Ad hoc Report

If an Eligible Funding Recipient has spent all of their First Instalment in advance of 1 January 2021, they can submit an Ad hoc report to access their second instalment early. The submission of an Ad hoc report does not negate the requirement to submit Quarterly Reports or an Annual Report.

An Ad hoc report must be in the manner and form required by the Department and contain the following information:

- the amount of grant funding spent from 1 July 2020 until the date specified in the Ad Hoc Report;
- the amount of grant funding which the Eligible Funding Recipient intends to spend on Eligible Projects on an Approved Work Schedule following the report until 31 March 2021;
- details of progress towards completion of funded Projects; including any evidence required per the Grant Agreement; and
- estimated and/or confirmed jobs supported by the grant funding.

11.3 Annual Report

Eligible Funding Recipients must provide the Department with an Annual Report no later than 14 August 2021, unless otherwise agreed by the Department. The Annual Report will need to be in the manner and form specified by the Department. The Annual Report will need to include the following information:

1. Total amount of grant funding made available and subsequently received over the financial year;
2. Total amount of grant funding spent on Eligible Projects;
3. Total amount (if any) of grant money unspent and either returned or will be returned to the Department:
 - a) a written Financial Statement by the Chief Executive Officer or equivalent officer however named. The Financial Statement must be in the form specified by the Department and include:

- i. the amount of grant payments which remained unspent from the financial year;
 - ii. the amount of grant payments received by the Eligible Funding Recipient in the financial year;
 - iii. the amount of grant payments available for expenditure by the Eligible Funding Recipient on Eligible Projects in an Approved Work Schedule in that year;
 - iv. the amount spent by the Eligible Funding Recipient during that year out of the grant payments available for expenditure by the Eligible Funding Recipient during that year;
 - v. the amount (if any) retained at the end of that year by the Eligible Funding Recipient out of grant payments available for expenditure by the Eligible Funding Recipient during that year and which remained unspent at the end of that year.
- Note: The figures in the Chief Executive Officer's financial statement should be calculated on an accrual basis.
- b) a report in writing and signed by an appropriate auditor stating whether, in the auditor's opinion:
 - i. the Chief Executive Officer's financial statement is based on proper accounts and records;
 - ii. the Chief Executive Officer's financial statement is in agreement with the accounts and records;
 - iii. the expenditure referred to in subparagraph (d)(iv) has been on Eligible Projects under the LRCI Program;
 - iv. the amount certified by the Chief Executive Officer in the Chief Executive Officer's financial statement as the Eligible Funding Recipient's own source expenditure is based on, and in agreement with, proper accounts and records.
 - c) The Department may ask Eligible Funding Recipients to make a declaration that the grant funding was spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement and to report on any underspends of the grant money.

11.4 Reconciliation Process

If any amount of grant funding provided to the Eligible Funding Recipient is not spent on Eligible Projects on an Approved Work Schedule within the grant period between 1 July 2020 – 31 December 2021, they will be required to repay that amount to the Department within four weeks of 31 December 2021.

11.5 Compliance visits and Record Keeping

Eligible Funding Recipients must create and keep accurate and comprehensive records relating to grant payments received and retain those records for a minimum of five years.

Eligible Funding Recipients must, when requested to do so by the Department, provide, in the manner and form requested by the Department:

- copies of any or all of the records referred to in this subsection; and
- photographs of projects completed using program payments.

The Department may visit the Eligible Funding Recipient during or at the completion of the grant program to review compliance with the Grant Agreement. Eligible Funding Recipients will be provided with reasonable notice of any compliance visit.

The Department may also inspect the records Eligible Funding Recipients are required to keep under the Grant Agreement.

11.6 Fraud

Eligible Funding Recipients must comply with fraud provisions in the Grant Agreement.

11.7 Specific legislation, policies and industry standards.

Eligible Funding Recipients must comply with all relevant laws and regulations in undertaking Eligible Projects on an Approved Work Schedule. The Eligible Funding Recipient may also be requested to demonstrate compliance with relevant legislation/policies/industry standards detailed in the Grant Agreement, including Environment and Planning Laws detailed below.

Environment and Planning laws

Projects on which grant payments are spent must adhere to Australian Government environment and heritage legislation including the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. Construction cannot start unless the relevant obligations are met.

Eligible Funding Recipients must also meet other statutory requirements where relevant. These may include, but are not limited to: Native title legislation; State government legislation - for example, environment and heritage; and Local government planning approvals.

12. How we monitor your grant activity

12.1 Keeping the Department informed

Eligible Funding Recipients must notify the Department of significant changes that are likely to affect an Eligible Project or their participation in the LRCI Program.

This includes any key changes to the Eligible Funding Recipient's organisation, particularly if it affects their ability to complete an Eligible Project, carry on their business and pay debts due.

Eligible Funding Recipients must also inform the Department of any changes to their:

- name;
- addresses;
- nominated contact details; or
- bank account details.

An Eligible Funding Recipient's bank account details for the LRCI program is the bank account the Eligible Funding Recipient uses for the Roads to Recovery Program. Any changes to an Eligible Funding Recipient's name, addresses, nominated contact details and bank account details must follow the process stipulated by the Department.

If an Eligible Funding Recipient becomes aware of a breach of terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement, or they cannot meet their obligations, they must contact the Department immediately. For example, if a funded Eligible Project is at risk of not being physically completed by 30 June 2021.

12.2 Department Contact Details

Email the mailbox at: IIP@infrastructure.gov.au

Mail to: Program Manager

Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant Program

Infrastructure Investment Division

Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

GPO Box 594

CANBERRA ACT 2601

12.3 Evaluation

The Department will evaluate the LRCI Program to measure how well the outcomes and objectives have been achieved. Information provided by Eligible Funding Recipients, including through Work Schedules, submitted Quarterly and Ad hoc reports, and interviews may be used for evaluation purposes.

The Department may contact Eligible Funding Recipients up to two years after completion of funded projects to assist with this evaluation.

12.4 Acknowledgement

Formal public statements, media releases or statements, displays, publications and advertising made by Eligible Funding Recipients must acknowledge and give appropriate recognition to the contribution of the Australian Government to that project.

12.5 Media releases

If Eligible Funding Recipients propose to issue any media release relating to an Eligible Project under the LRCI Program, they must:

- At least two business days prior to the proposed release, unless otherwise agreed by the Department, provide a copy of the proposed media release and obtain the Department's agreement to the media release; and
- Provide the relevant local Federal Member of Parliament with the opportunity to participate in the media release.

On receipt of the second and third instalment, an Eligible Funding Recipient must provide via email a summary of projects commencing, in progress, and completing in a Federal Electorate, and the funds claimed against those projects, to the relevant local Federal Member of Parliament. Eligible Funding Recipients must copy the Department into this email and must send the email within seven calendar days of the payment being made to them.

12.6 Signage

For Eligible Projects on an Approved Work Schedule over \$10,000, Eligible Funding Recipients must ensure that signs are erected for each funded Eligible Project, at the time work on the Eligible Project commences.

Signage guidelines will be available on the Department's website.

Eligible Funding Recipients must ensure that all signs erected as required by these Guidelines remain in place for the duration of the project to which they relate and for a minimum period of six months, after the day on which the project is completed.

12.7 Project Events

If a Eligible Funding Recipient proposes to hold a works commencement ceremony, opening ceremony or any other event in relation to a funded project, they must inform the Department and the relevant local Federal Member of Parliament of the proposed ceremony or event at least two weeks before the proposed ceremony or event is to be held, and provide details of the proposed ceremony or event, including proposed invitees and order of proceedings.

If requested by the Department or the relevant local Federal Member of Parliament, Eligible Funding Recipients must arrange a joint Australian Government/Eligible Funding Recipient works commencement ceremony, opening ceremony or any other event.

If requested by the Minister, a member of the Minister's staff, the relevant local Federal Member of Parliament, or the Department, Eligible Funding Recipients must invite and, if the invitation is accepted, arrange for an Australian Government representative (nominated by the Minister or a member of the Minister's staff) to participate in any works commencement ceremony, opening ceremony or any other event proposed to be held in relation to a funded project.

13. Probity

The Australian Government will make sure that the grant opportunity process is fair; conducted according to the published Guidelines; incorporates appropriate safeguards against fraud, unlawful activities and other inappropriate conduct; and, is consistent with the CGRGs.

These Guidelines may be changed from time-to-time by the Department. In the event of a change to the guidelines, the revised guidelines will be published on GrantConnect and the Department's website.

13.1 Enquiries and feedback

For further information or clarification, the Department can be contacted at IIP@infrastructure.gov.au.

Frequently Asked Questions may be published at https://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/infrastructure_investment/local-roads-community-infrastructure-program/index.aspx

To make a complaint, the Department can be contacted on 13 28 46. Complaints will be referred to the appropriate manager.

Alternatively, complaints can be directed to:

General Manager
COVID Recovery Infrastructure Investment Stimulus
GPO Box 2013
CANBERRA ACT 2601

If persons do not agree with the way the Department has handled your complaint, you may complain to the Commonwealth Ombudsman. The Ombudsman will not usually look into a complaint unless the matter has first been raised directly with the Department.

The Commonwealth Ombudsman can be contacted on:

Phone (toll free): 1300 362 072

Email: ombudsman@ombudsman.gov.au

Website: www.ombudsman.gov.au

13.2 Conflicts of interest

Any conflicts of interest could affect the performance of the grant opportunity or program.

Eligible Funding Recipients must disclose if any of their personnel:

- has a relationship with or interest in, an organisation, which is likely to interfere with or restrict them/the Eligible Funding Recipient from carrying out the proposed activities and/or implementing the Work Schedule fairly and independently; or
- has a relationship with, or interest in, an organisation from which may be awarded work in relation to a Eligible Project or is otherwise be involved on the implementation of the Work Schedule.

An Eligible Funding Recipient must include the following information in the Work Schedule:

- any details of any real, apparent, or potential conflicts of interests that may arise in relation to the Eligible Projects or the program;
- details of how they propose to manage these or any other conflicts of interest that may arise; or
- that to the best of their knowledge there are no conflicts of interest.

If an Eligible Funding Recipient later identifies an actual, apparent, or perceived conflict of interest, they must inform the Department in writing immediately.

13.3 How we manage conflicts of interest

Conflicts of interest for Australian Government staff will be handled as set out in the [Australian Public Service Code of Conduct \(Section 13 \(7\)\)](#) of the [Public Service Act 1999](#). Commonwealth officials including the decision maker, must also declare any conflicts of interest.

Conflict of interest requirements form part of the Grant Agreement. Breach of conflict of interest requirements may result in termination of the Grant Agreement.

13.4 Privacy

The Department treats personal information according to the [Privacy Act 1988](#) and the [Australian Privacy Principles](#). This includes advising:

- what personal information is collected;
- why personal information is collected; and
- who personal information is given to.

Personal information can only be disclosed to someone for the primary purpose for which it was collected, unless an exemption applies.

The Australian Government may also use and disclose information about Eligible Funding Recipients under this grant opportunity in any other Australian Government business or function. This includes disclosing grant information on GrantConnect as required for reporting purposes and giving information to the Australian Taxation Office for compliance purposes.

The Department may share information it is provided with other Commonwealth entities for purposes including government administration, research or service delivery, according to Australian laws.

Eligible Funding Recipients must declare their ability to comply with the *Privacy Act 1988* and the Australian Privacy Principles and impose the same privacy obligations on officers, employees, agents and subcontractors that Eligible Funding Recipients engage to assist with the activity, in respect of personal information collected, used, stored, or disclosed in connection with the activity. Accordingly, Eligible Funding Recipients must not do anything, which if done by the Department would breach an Australian Privacy Principle as defined in the Act.

13.5 Confidential Information

Other than information available in the public domain, Eligible Funding Recipients agree not to disclose to any person, other than to the Department, any confidential information unless in accordance with these Guidelines or the Grant Agreement. The obligation will not be breached where required by law, Parliament or a stock exchange to disclose the relevant information or where the relevant information is publicly available (other than through breach of a confidentiality or non-disclosure obligation).

The Department may at any time, require Eligible Funding Recipients to arrange for their employees, agents or subcontractors to give a written undertaking relating to nondisclosure of our confidential information in a form the Department considers acceptable.

The Department will keep any information in connection with the grant agreement confidential to the extent that it meets all the three conditions below:

- information is clearly identified as confidential and explain why it should be treated as confidential;
- the information is commercially sensitive; and
- revealing the information would cause unreasonable harm to the Eligible Funding Recipient or someone else.

The Department will not be in breach of any confidentiality agreement if the information is disclosed to:

- the Minister and other Commonwealth employees and contractors to help the Department manage the program effectively;
- employees and contractors of the Department so it can research, assess, monitor and analyse our programs and activities;
- employees and contractors of other Commonwealth agencies for any purposes, including government administration, research or service delivery;
- other Commonwealth, State, Territory or local government agencies in program reports and consultations;
- the Auditor-General, Ombudsman or Privacy Commissioner;
- the responsible Minister or Parliamentary Secretary; and
- a House or a Committee of the Australian Parliament.

The grant agreement may also include any specific requirements about special categories of information collected, created or held under the grant agreement.

13.6 Freedom of information

All documents in the possession of the Australian Government, including those about this grant opportunity, are subject to the [*Freedom of Information Act 1982*](#) (FOI Act).

The purpose of the FOI Act is to give members of the public rights of access to information held by the Australian Government and its entities. Under the FOI Act, members of the public can seek access to documents held by the Australian Government. This right of access is limited only by the exceptions and exemptions necessary to protect essential public interests and private and business affairs of persons in respect of whom the information relates.

All Freedom of Information requests must be referred to the Freedom of Information Coordinator in writing.

Freedom of Information Coordinator
Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities
GPO Box 594
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Tel: (02) 6274 6495
Fax: (02) 6275 1347
email: foi@infrastructure.gov.au

14. Consultation

The Australian Government sought assistance from local councils to identify potential projects that could be fast-tracked given the economic impacts being experienced from the COVID-19 pandemic. Projects nominated by councils as have informed the scope of the LRCI Program.

The Department has consulted with the Australian Local Government Association in developing these Guidelines.

15. Glossary

Term	Definition
accountable authority	see subsection 12(2) of the <i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013</i> (PGPA Act)
administering entity	when an entity that is not responsible for the policy, is responsible for the administration of part or all of the grant administration processes
commencement date	the expected start date for the grant activity
Commonwealth	a Department of State, or a Parliamentary Department, or a listed entity or a body corporate established by a law of the Commonwealth. See subsections 10(1) and (2) of the <i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013</i> (PGPA Act).
Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines	establish the overarching Commonwealth grants policy framework and articulate the expectations for all non-corporate Commonwealth entities in relation to grants administration. Under this overarching framework, non-corporate Commonwealth entities undertake grants administration based on the mandatory requirements and key principles of grants administration
decision maker	the person who makes a decision to award a grant.
eligibility criteria	refer to the mandatory criteria which must be met to qualify for a grant. Assessment criteria may apply in addition to eligibility criteria
Eligible Funding Recipient	the organisation that is eligible to receive funding under the LRCI Program
Eligible Project	The Eligible Project Requirements are the requirements contained in section 5 of these Guidelines
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Term	Definition
grant	<p>for the purposes of the CGRGs, a 'grant' is an arrangement for the provision of financial assistance by the Commonwealth or on behalf of the Commonwealth:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. under which relevant money² or other <u>Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF)</u> money³ is to be paid to a grantee other than the Commonwealth; and b. which is intended to help address one or more of the Australian Government's policy outcomes while assisting the grantee achieve its objectives
grant agreement	sets out the relationship between the parties to the agreement, and specifies the details of the grant
<u>GrantConnect</u>	is the Australian Government's whole-of-government grants information system, which centralises the publication and reporting of Commonwealth grants in accordance with the CGRGs
Nominal Funding Allocation	The maximum funding that an Eligible Funding Recipient can access under the LRCI Program for Eligible Projects
Personal information	<p>Has the same meaning as in the <i>Privacy Act 1988</i> (Cth) which is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information or an opinion about an identified individual, or an individual who is reasonably identifiable; • whether the information or opinion is true or not; and • whether the information or opinion is recorded in a material form or not
Approved Work Schedule	the Work Schedule that outlines Eligible Projects that the Funding Recipient can use grant money to pay for and approved by the Secretary of the Department or their Delegate
Work Schedule	a list of projects that a Funding Recipient proposes to be funded under the LRCI Program

² Relevant money is defined in the PGPA Act. See section 8, Dictionary.

³ Other CRF money is defined in the PGPA Act. See section 105, Rules in relation to other CRF money.

<i>Policy No:</i>	1.21 STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL – TERMS OF REFERENCE
<i>Policy Objective:</i>	To provide guidance to the Standing Committees of Council
<i>Minute No:</i>	151111
<i>Date of adoption:</i>	19th November 2015
<i>Date of Amendment:</i>	15th December 2017
<i>Date of Review:</i>	

Audit Committee – Terms of Reference:

The Audit Committee shall consist of all members with the quorum to be four members.

The duties and responsibilities of the Audit Committee will be to:

1. Provide guidance and assistance to Council as to the carrying out of the functions of the local government in relation to audits;
2. Develop and recommend to Council an appropriate process for the selection and appointment of a person as the local government’s auditor;
3. Develop and recommend to Council –
 - a list of those matters to be audited; and
 - the scope of the audit to be undertaken;
4. Recommend to Council the person or persons to be appointed as auditor;
5. Develop and recommend to Council a written agreement for the appointment of the external auditor. The agreement is to include –
 - the objectives of the audit;
 - the scope of the audit;
 - a plan of the audit;
 - details of the remuneration and expenses to be paid to the auditor; and
 - the method to be used by the local government to communicate with, and supply information to, the auditor;
6. Meet with the auditor once in each year and provide a report to Council on the matters discussed and outcome of those discussions;
7. Liaise with the CEO to ensure that the local government does everything in its power to –
 - assist the auditor to conduct the audit and carry out his or her other duties under the *Local Government Act 1995*; and
 - ensure that audits are conducted successfully and expeditiously;
8. Examine the reports of the auditor after receiving a report from the CEO on the matters to –
 - determine if any matters raised require action to be taken by the local government; and
 - ensure that appropriate action is taken in respect of those matters;
9. Review the report prepared by the CEO on any actions taken in respect of any matters raised in the report of the auditor and presenting the report to Council for adoption prior to the end of the next financial year or 6 months after the last report prepared by the auditor is received, whichever is the latest in time;
10. Review the scope of the audit plan and program and its effectiveness;
11. Consider and recommend adoption of the annual financial report to Council. Review any significant changes that may arise subsequent to any such recommendation but before the annual financial report is signed;
12. Address issues brought to the attention of the Committee, including responding to requests from Council, for advice, that are within the parameters of the Committee’s Terms of Reference;

13. Seek information or obtain expert advice through the CEO on matters of concern within the scope of the Committee's Terms of Reference following authorisation from the Council;
14. Review the annual Compliance Audit Return and report to the Council the results of that review, and
15. Consider the CEO's biennial reviews of the appropriateness and effectiveness of the local government's systems and procedures in regard to risk management, internal control and legislative compliance, required to be provided to the Committee, and report to Council the results of those reviews.

Building, Planning and Economic Services Committee – Terms of Reference:

The Building, Planning and Economic Services Committee will consist of four members with the quorum to be two members and will investigate and make recommendations, where appropriate, on the following:

1. Building control
2. Land suitable for housing development
3. Planning, construction and maintenance of Council's housing and public buildings
4. Aged accommodation, other matters relating to Council owned and controlled buildings
5. Plan, develop and enhance the town, sport and recreation, youth, aged, health, heritage and arts matters towards the community vision.
6. Economic Services
7. Town beautification
8. All matters relating to Recreation and Sport
9. Town planning and development
10. Cemeteries
11. Cultural development
12. Protection of heritage
13. Provision of youth services
14. Tourism
15. Health
16. Other community and cultural issues

Technical Services Committee – Terms of Reference

The Technical Services Committee will consist of a minimum of four members with the quorum to be two members and will plan for the future of Transport services while maintaining a quality standard that takes into account cost effectiveness and revenue raising opportunities.

To investigate and make recommendations, where appropriate, on the following:

1. Fire control
2. Animal control
3. Waste management
4. Plant replacement
5. Road construction and maintenance
6. Maintenance and improvements to the Shire Works Depot
7. Private Works
8. Other matters relating to Council plant, works and transport services.

Independent Living Seniors Accommodation – Terms of Reference

The Committee will consist of five members made up of three elected members and two community members. A quorum for the Committee shall be three members.

To investigate and make recommendations to Council, where appropriate, on the following:

1. Review of the management structure and operating guidelines for the management of existing and future Council owned units within the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup; and
2. Community membership of the Committee will be reviewed to coincide with the Local Government ordinary election cycle. Nominations for community membership will be advertised with Council making the final selection.

To investigate and make decisions, where appropriate, on the following:

1. Any matters relevant to existing and future Council owned accommodation for independently living seniors within the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup, that may arise from time to time; and
2. Management of the units as per operating guidelines determined by Council.

INDEPENDENT LIVING SENIORS ACCOMMODATION COMMITTEE

Delegation	1.1 – Management of the Independent Living Seniors Accommodation units as per operating guidelines
Legislative Power to Delegate	Local Government Act 1995 s5.16 Delegation of some powers and duties to certain committees
Legislative Power or Duty Delegated	Local Government Act 1995 – s5.17(c)(i)
Delegate	Independent Living Seniors Accommodation Committee
Sub-delegate	Nil

Delegation:

The Independent Living Seniors Accommodation Committee (ILSA) is delegated authority to investigate and make decisions, where appropriate, on the following:

1. any matters relevant to existing and future Council owned accommodation for independently living seniors within the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup, that may arise from time to time; and
2. management of the units as per operating guidelines determined by Council.

These delegations are included in the Terms of Reference for the ILSA Committee.

Reporting Requirements:

Minutes of all ILSA Committee meetings will be presented to Council.

Internal References:

Council Policy : 1.21 Standing Committees of Council – Terms of Reference

Council Policy : 6.3 Independent Living Seniors Accommodation – Housing Allocations for Non-Local Applicants

Other : Independent Living Seniors Accommodation – Housing Management Manual

Adoption/Review:

Adopted by the Council at its Ordinary Meeting held on 15 December 2017

Reviewed by the Council at its Ordinary Meeting held on 23 May 2019