



Southern Downs
REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Dear Councillors

Your attendance is hereby requested at the Special Meeting of Council to be held in the Council Chambers, Southern Downs Regional Council, 64 Fitzroy Street, Warwick on **Monday, 10 August 2015** at **9.00AM**.

Notice is hereby given of the business to be transacted at the meeting.

David Keenan

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

5 August 2015

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Recommendation

THAT Council consider and prioritise the potential grant projects for submission to the 2015-2016 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program.

Report

The 2015-2016 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program (LGGSP) is aimed at supporting local governments in the delivery of community, economic and social infrastructure projects. The objectives of the Program are to support eligible projects that:-

- * support State and local government priorities with a particular emphasis on job creation;
- * contribute to building safe, caring and connected communities;
- * protect natural and built environments;
- * reduce the vulnerability of communities to flood, drought and natural disasters, and build community resilience;
- * encourage collaboration and resource sharing between local governments.

The LGGSP is administered by the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning. Projects require 60% funding from Council and other parties, with 40% from the State Government. There is a clear focus on job creation as a tangible outcome.

Eligible projects include:-

Drought Resilience Infrastructure

- works that contribute to improved water quality and reliable water supply in drought declared areas
- rejuvenation of town centres, streetscaping in drought declared areas
- works that contribute economic development of communities in drought declared areas
- watering stations at stock points in drought declared areas
- sealing of aerodrome surfaces in drought declared areas.

Water Infrastructure

- source of supply
- treatment works
- rising mains and delivery mains from source of supply to first service reservoir
- upgrades to components of water infrastructure that will reduce operating costs and/or extend the life of existing infrastructure.

Sewerage infrastructure

- treatment works
- nutrient removal works
- disposal of effluent after treatment
- beneficial wastewater re-use after treatment
- disposal and re-use of effluent after treatment
- upgrades to components of sewerage infrastructure that will reduce operating costs and/or extend the life of existing infrastructure.

Social and cultural infrastructure

- community centres, halls, libraries, heritage sites, museums and cultural centres
- modifications to public facilities.

Crime prevention and community safety infrastructure

- monitored security cameras
- lighting in public places
- emergency contact systems.

Economic development infrastructure

- business development facilities such as town centres and street scaping
- technology such as internet kiosks and wireless access.

Tourism infrastructure

- facilities such as camping grounds, heritage or natural attractions, rest areas and foreshore developments.

Flood mitigation infrastructure

- levees
- detention basins
- flood gates
- backflow prevention devices
- relocating electrical components of treatment plants
- monitoring instruments/systems (e.g. flood, river and rain gauges).

Officers have prepared some potential projects, in particular repairs and upgrades to existing water and wastewater infrastructure. Details of those projects will be provided at the meeting.

Applications to LGGSP close 25 August 2015.

Budget Implications

Council's contribution would come from the Grants Contingency Fund in the Capital Works Program.

Policy Consideration

Corporate Plan 2014-2019

4. The Economically Strong, Sustainable and Diverse Southern Downs
 - 4.8 Maximize private and government funding opportunities to foster both community and business growth throughout the region.

Community Engagement

Nil.

Legislation/Local Law

Nil.

Options

1. Council consider and prioritise potential grant projects for submission to the LGGSP.
2. Council does not prioritise potential projects, with no projects to be submitted to the LGGSP.

Attachments

Nil