



**SOUTHERN DOWNS  
REGIONAL COUNCIL GENERAL  
MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**LATE AGENDA ITEMS**  
**Wednesday, 22 November 2017**




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## 12. PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT & CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### 12.6 Building Better Regions Fund Round Two

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 <b>Southern Downs</b> REGIONAL COUNCIL	<b>Report To: General Council Meeting</b>	
	<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	<b>Meeting Date:</b> 22 November 2017
	Governance and Grants Officer	<b>ECM Function No/s:</b> 12.3

#### Recommendation

THAT Council:

1. Selects the following projects to apply for funding from the Building Better Regions Fund Infrastructure Stream Round Two:
  - a. Solar Panels for WIRAC, Warwick & Stanthorpe Administration precincts;
  - b. Sealing the Link Road from Brunckhorst Avenue to Wallangarra Road in Stanthorpe.
2. Selects the following projects to apply for funding from the Building Better Regions Fund Community Investments Stream Round Two:
  - a. New Residents Attraction Project;
  - b. Urban Design Project for both Maryvale and Leyburn.

#### Report

There are currently two funding streams that Council can apply for under the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF), the Infrastructure Projects and Community Investments streams.

The program has been designed to achieve the following outcomes in regional and remote communities:

- Create jobs
- Have a positive impact on economic activity, including Indigenous economic participation through employment and supplier-use outcomes
- Enhance community facilities
- Enhance leadership capacity
- Encourage community cohesion and sense of identity.

BBRF provides organisations with grants of between \$20,000 to \$10 million to support projects which involve the construction of new infrastructure, or the upgrade or extension of existing infrastructure that provide economic and social benefits to regional and remote areas. Co-funding of 50% from Council would be required if successful with a grant application. Applications are due to be submitted by 19 December 2017.

The **Infrastructure Projects Stream** will support projects which involve the construction of new infrastructure, or the upgrade or extension of existing infrastructure that provide economic and social benefits to regional and remote areas, this includes roads and bridges.

The two proposed projects that meet the eligibility criteria and ranked the highest in order of preference following feedback from all Councillors are as follows:

- *Solar panels for WIRAC, Warwick & Stanthorpe Administration precincts.*
- *Sealing the Link Road from Brunckhorst Avenue to Wallangarra Road in Stanthorpe.*

The **Community Investments Stream** will fund the following community activities: new or expanded local events, strategic regional plans, and leadership and capability strengthening activities. These projects will deliver economic and social benefits to regional and remote communities.

The two proposed projects that meet the eligibility criteria are:

- *New Residents attraction project*
- *Urban design project for both Maryvale and Leyburn.*

### **Budget Implications**

- Solar panels for WIRAC, Warwick & Stanthorpe Administration precincts – total cost \$550,000;
- Sealing the Link Road from Brunckhorst Avenue to Wallangarra Road in Stanthorpe – total cost \$250,000;
- New Residents attraction project – total cost \$100,000;
- Urban design project for both Maryvale and Leyburn – total cost \$50,000.

Please note, under the funding arrangements Council would be required to contribute 50% of the cost of each of these projects.

### **Policy Consideration**

Corporate Plan 2014-2019 (Revised Edition)

4 The Economically Strong, Sustainable and Diverse Southern Downs:

4.1 Identify new external revenue sources, including grants, to fund regional infrastructure and services

4.8 Maximise private and government funding opportunities to foster both community and business growth throughout the region.

### **Community Engagement**

Nil

### **Legislation/Local Law**

All projects must be completed in accordance with applicable laws, including normal procurement practices.

## **Options**

Council:

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- 3, Council does not endorse the recommended options and provides alternative projects.

## **Attachments**

Nil