A simple, adaptable, coordinated grants model providing value for the State, while being responsive to Community priorities.

**Review of Grants to Local Government consultation**

**Who we spoke with**
- Councils informed: 77
- State agencies consulted: 19

**What we heard**
- Local Government Association of Queensland
- Local Government Managers Australia
- Local Government Finance Professionals
- Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia
- Queensland Treasury Corporation
- Queensland Audit Office

**What we asked**
- New model: What does a customer focused grants model that supports council needs & government priorities look like?
- Support & training: How do we improve council capability, capacity and accountability for achieving results?
- Program streams: Are the number and themes of the proposed streams right?

**Key Themes from Consultation**
- IT Support: Central access, Online reporting, Consistency between systems
- Ongoing Engagement: More consultation with councils
- Reporting: Less frequent reporting, Reporting linked to complexity and scale of projects
- Capability: Improve support for asset planning and management
- Council focused programs: Programs to meet council strategies and needs
- Consistency: Aligns with budget cycles, Adequate time
- Funding & Delivery: Multi year, Balance of allocative and competitive, Equitable
- Timing: Align with budget cycles, Adequate time between guideline release and closing date

**How we engaged**
- Face-to-face
- Workshops
- Industry forums
- Phone
- Survey
- Direct mail

**Next steps**
- Finalise new grants to local government model
- Implementation Plan by mid-2019

**Key stats**
- 96% Councils prefer grant funding over multiple years
- 94% Councils would benefit from grants that fund strategic and asset planning
- 86% Councils support proposed streams
- 52% Councils said reporting methods most important area for consistency