



2020-21 Indigenous Council Funding Program Guidelines

State Government Financial Aid

Indigenous Economic Development Grant

Revenue Replacement Program

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State Government Financial Aid

1 Program overview

1.1 Introduction

The 2020-21 State Government Financial Aid (SGFA) is an allocation-based program provided to Indigenous councils to assist in the delivery of essential local government services.

1.2 Program objective

The objective of the 2020-21 SGFA is to assist Indigenous councils to meet the costs of providing essential and core local government services to their communities. Local government services include:

- general public services – council office operations and systems, governance, leadership, advocacy, information, community engagement
- public order and safety – public space control, including public nuisance, noise and litter management, street lighting, safety officers (e.g. lifeguards), control of declared pests/plants, animal management, fire services and hazard control, natural disaster relief and mitigation
- health – refuse services, waste management, vermin and vector control, food licensing/inspections, community health services
- essential services – water treatment and supply, waste water systems, gas, drainage, flood mitigation
- public amenity – land development, town planning, building control/certification, public conveniences, picnic areas, environmental protection, natural resource management, environmental acquisitions, beach control, environmental licensing, recycling, erosion control, cemeteries
- transport and communication – roads, footpaths, traffic control, parking, public transport, ferries, barge landings, jetties, airports
- recreation and culture – parks, playgrounds, sports fields and venues, swimming pools, libraries, public internet, halls, galleries, museums, heritage, festivals
- other economic affairs – economic development, tourism promotion, industrial estates, residential land, tourist facilities/venues, caravan or camping areas, other business activities, sale yards or quarries
- public education – public awareness campaigns.

1.3 Funding details

Funding allocations are determined based on an assessment of recurrent expenditure for local government services.

The funding period is for the 2020-21 financial year (1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021). The recipient council must expend its annual funding allocation within this time and cannot carry over its funding allocation to the following year.

1.4 Eligibility

1.4.1 Eligible grant recipients

Eligible grant recipients under the 2020-21 SGFA are:

- Aurukun Shire Council
- Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council
- Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council
- Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council
- Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council
- Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council
- Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council
- Mornington Shire Council
- Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council
- Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council
- Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council
- Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council
- Torres Strait Island Regional Council
- Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council
- Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
- Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

1.4.2 Eligible costs

Funding provided under the 2020-21 SGFA must be used towards the cost of delivering local government services set out in section 1.2.

Indigenous Economic Development Grant

2 Program overview

2.1 Introduction

The 2020-21 Indigenous Economic Development Grant (IEDG) is an allocation-based program that contributes funding towards service positions within councils to support permanent jobs that deliver local government services.

2.2 Program objectives

The objectives of the 2020-21 IEDG are:

- to enable Indigenous councils to deliver local government services efficiently and in a sustainable manner; and
- to support the employment of staff in order to maintain an effective council workforce for services to the community.

2.3 Funding details

Funding allocations are established under two tiers (\$80,000 and \$160,000) and are based on the population of the recipient council.

The funding period is for the 2020-21 financial year (1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021). The recipient council must expend its annual funding allocation within this time and cannot carry over its funding allocation to the following year.

2.4 Eligibility

2.4.1 Eligible grant recipients

Eligible grant recipients under the 2020-21 IEDG are:

- Aurukun Shire Council
- Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council
- Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council
- Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council
- Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council
- Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council
- Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council
- Mornington Shire Council
- Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council
- Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council
- Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council
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- Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council
- Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
- Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

2.4.2 Eligible costs

Funding provided under the 2020-21 IEDG must be used towards the cost of delivering local government services set out in the objectives under section 2.2.

Revenue Replacement Program

3 Program overview

3.1 Introduction

The 2020-21 Revenue Replacement Program (RRP) is an allocation-based program that provides funding to assist those Indigenous councils that have divested or surrendered profitable general liquor licenses.

3.2 Program objective

The objective of the 2020-21 RRP is to assist Indigenous councils to meet the cost of delivering local government services to their communities, as a result of having divested or surrendered profitable general liquor licenses.

3.4 Funding details

Funding allocations are based on the three-year averages of the recipient council's net profits from 2004–05 to 2006–07, as determined at the commencement of the program.

The funding period is for the 2020-21 financial year (1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021). The recipient council must expend its annual funding allocation within this time and cannot carry over its funding allocation to the following year.

3.5 Eligibility

3.5.1 Eligible grant recipients

Eligible grant recipients under the 2020-21 RRP are:

- Aurukun Shire Council
- Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council
- Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council
- Mornington Shire Council
- Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council
- Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council
- Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council
- Torres Strait Island Regional Council
- Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

3.5.2 Eligible costs

Funding provided under the 2020-21 RRP must be used towards the cost of delivering local government services as set out in the objective under section 3.2.

General funding conditions for an approved project—SGFA, IEDG and RRP

4.0 Head Funding Agreement and Project Schedule

Recipient councils will be required to execute a Project Funding Schedule under their Head Funding Agreement with the State.

The State has no obligation to provide funding to a recipient council until the Project Funding Schedule has been executed by the council and the state.

Once executed, the Project Funding Schedule and certain parts of the Head Funding Agreement will constitute the "Project Funding Agreement" with a council for the approved funding.

The Project Funding Schedule will set out the arrangements for payment of the approved funding to a recipient council in accordance with a Milestone Schedule set out in the Project Funding Agreement.

4.1 Payment Schedule

Payment schedule	
100% upfront payment	100% of the approved 2020-21 SGFA, IEDG and RRP funding allocations will be paid to the recipient council when the Department has received and accepted the completed Certificate of expenditure for each of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2019-20 SGFA• 2019-20 IEDG• 2019-20 RRP. and, both the recipient council and the State have signed the Project Funding Schedule

- Subject to the terms of the Project Funding Agreement, the recipient council agrees the approved funding is a subsidy only, and the organisation will meet all other associated costs.
- The approved funding amount will not exceed the total detailed in the Project Funding Schedule.
- Payments will be paid by electronic transfer. Payment by way of electronic transfer is subject to the recipient council completing the payment by electronic funds transfer form provided by the Department.
- The recipient council agrees to return any unspent funding for the financial year, or an agreed proportion of the approved funding, to the Department if the conditions outlined in Project Funding Agreement, and these funding program guidelines, are not met to the satisfaction of the Department.

4.2 Acknowledgement requirements

The recipient council, as per Clause 10 in the Head Funding Agreement, agrees to acknowledging the Department's funding contribution in accordance with the Funding Acknowledgement Guide. This can be found on the Department's website at www.dlgrma.qld.gov.au/local-government/grants/acknowledgement-requirements.html.

4.3 Approved project acquittal and reporting

Acquittal is to be undertaken in accordance with Clause 17 of the Project Funding Schedule which requires the Certificate of Expenditure form to be submitted within 30 days of the funding period end date.

This form requires the chief executive officer to certify:

- the approved project/s complies with all relevant legislation affecting the purpose, use and benefit to the community and has achieved the objectives of the SGFA, IEDG and RRP
- the approved funding has been used for public benefit
- all the conditions of the Project Funding Agreement have been met.

The form is to be emailed to lgfundingunit@dlgrma.qld.gov.au.

Templates and forms

The 2020-21 SGFA, 2020-21 IEDG and 2020-21 RRP guidelines and Certificate of expenditure form can be downloaded from the Department's website at www.dlgrma.qld.gov.au/local-government/grants/current-programs.html.

Further information

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