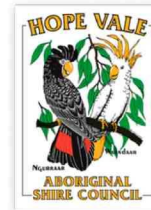


Agenda Item Submission



Submission

Council / Committee Name *

Ordinary Meeting

Agenda Section *

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Requested Meeting Session *

Wednesday 15th July 2026

Date Requested *

07-Jul-26

Date item was requested

Agenda Item Subject *

ICCED Fund - Proposed Projects

Agenda Item Number

OM2026/07-005

Classification *☐

Information

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Action

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Note

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Confidential

Details

Recommendation *

That council propose the following projects as follows to meet the requirements of the \$106942 of funding:-

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Background/Summary

Council has received an amount of grant funding totalling \$106942. This is part of the Indigenous Cape Communities Economic Development Fund.

This was essentially an election promise which committed \$2million to indigenous Councils across the Cape.

We are now seeking Council's advice on any potential projects that you may wish to target. The criteria around the funding is as follows.

3.2 Eligible projects

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*Examples of eligible projects may be found in **Appendix A**.*

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Appendix A Examples of eligible projects

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- Development of commercial/industrial parks to house new businesses
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Officers have suggested:

- Bus shelter for School Children near Pool
- Put toward Sport and Recreation Equipment
- Line Marking and signage
- Additional Vet Visit
- Purchase of new Satellite Phones
- New Shade at Pool
- Exclusion fence to isolate the Splash Park.
- Sewerage Pond Curtain and Sewerage pond Fence (In budget)

Budget and Resource Considerations

There is a total funding allocation of \$106942

This is not enough to create a large project but could fund two or three smaller projects. An example is the Sewerage Pond Curtains and Pond Fence. These two projects are unfunded in our budget. This would provide funding for what is included in our budget thus reducing the impact on our cash funds.

Action Options

Officers have suggested a combination of the following smaller projects.

- Bus shelter for School Children near Pool
- Put toward Sport and Recreation Equipment
- Line Marking and signage
- Additional Vet Visit
- Purchase of new Satellite Phones
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Appointments and Meetings

Date	Description

Link to Operational Plan

5.2.2 Ongoing financial, corporate social services and operational support to meet the needs of Council and the community.

Consultation

Various managers

Risk Assessment

☒ Low ☐ Medium ☐ High

Attach Supporting Agenda Materials

Indigenous_Cape_Communities_Economic_Development_Fund_ICCEDF_Program_Guidelines.pdf

710.51KB

Reference Document

☐ Yes ☒ Not Applicable

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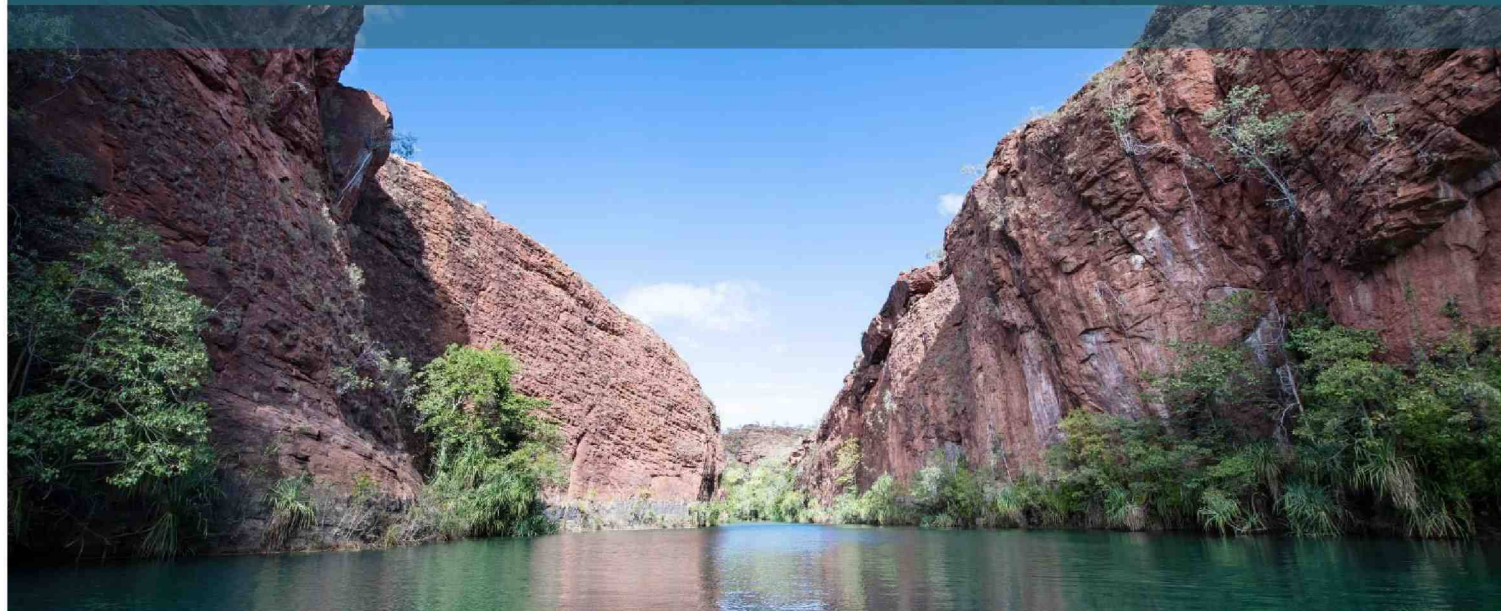
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Indigenous Cape Communities Economic Development Fund

Program Guidelines

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Appendix A Examples of eligible projects

Introduction



The Queensland Government recognises indigenous local governments provide a unique perspective on what services are required in their communities and is committed to empowering indigenous councils to deliver locally for their regions.

During the 2024 election, the Government committed \$2 million to Indigenous councils in the Cape York region to undertake community development projects that will benefit the people in these communities.

The Indigenous Cape Communities Economic Development Fund (ICCEDF) has been developed to implement this commitment and will provide funding support to the 11 Indigenous councils.

The program is administered by the Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers (the department).

Key dates and information

Policy Agency	Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers
Administration Agency	Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers
Program Budget	\$2 million
Program Type	Targeted, non-competitive, allocation-based
Eligible Recipients	Indigenous councils in Cape York
Release of program	March 2026
Final date for completion of projects	30 June 2027
Final date for acquittal of grant funds	31 July 2027

1. Program aim

The Indigenous Cape Communities Economic Development Fund (ICCEDF) aims to support delivery of local projects that enhance economic development in Indigenous cape communities.

2. Funding details

- A total funding pool of \$2 million will be allocated to eligible councils.
- Funding allocations are based on a methodology that considers the main factors impacting the costs of service delivery in Indigenous councils.
- Population, remoteness and dispersion, and the potential of each council to raise revenue are considered in the allocation model.

3. Eligibility Criteria

3.1 Eligible grant recipients

Councils eligible for funding under the ICCEDF are:

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

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3.3 Ineligible costs

- Non-council programs and community activities (e.g. funding used to subsidise a privately owned or operated business)
- Other costs at the department's discretion.

4. General funding conditions

4.1 How to access funding

There is no requirement to apply for funding under the ICCEDF. Each eligible council will receive an approved funding allocation, payable upon execution of the Project Funding Agreement.

4.2 Project Funding Agreement

- a) A Head Funding Agreement (HFA) has been executed between the eligible councils and the State that sets out the general arrangements of state grant funding.
- b) A Project Funding Schedule (PFS) will be issued to each eligible council for acceptance upon release of the program.
- c) Together with these guidelines, both the HFA and the PFS comprise the Project Funding Agreement.

The State has no obligation to provide program funding to a council until the Project Funding Schedule is fully executed. Councils should not make any financial commitments until all necessary documents have been finalised and executed.

4.3 Payment schedule

The department will pay 100 per cent of approved allocations as soon as possible following execution of the PFS. Payments will be made by electronic transfer.

4.4 Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Provision of grant funding to local governments is not considered a taxable supply and therefore Goods and Services Tax (GST) is not applicable.

4.5 Funding acknowledgement

All grant recipients who receive funding from programs administered by the Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers are required to acknowledge the funding provided by the Queensland Government.

Recipients of ICCEDF funding are required to acknowledge the Queensland Government's funding support in any materials developed or published in relation to the project, through the inclusion of the following acknowledgement statement and, where appropriate, the Queensland Government Coat of Arms.

The (insert project name) is proudly funded/supported through the Queensland Government's [xxx] program.

Please contact the Grants and Program Management team at LGDgrants@dlgww.qld.gov.au for more information and/or image files.

5. Reporting and funds acquittal

- No progress reporting is required for this program.
- Councils must acknowledge the State's funding contribution to their projects in accordance with the guideline [funding acknowledgement requirements \(PDF, 1MB\)](#)
- Funds must be acquitted by 31 July 2027 by:
 - Submission of a Project Completion Report, properly certified by the Chief Executive Officer or authorised delegate, and lodged and approved by the department via the eGrant portal.
 - Submission to the department of proof of expenditure indicating funds were expended on eligible costs in the delivery of the project(s).

6. Enquiries

Councils can obtain further information by contacting the Grants and Program Management team at lgdgrants@dlgwv.qld.gov.au or by visiting <https://localgovernment.qld.gov.au>.

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