

CCS273: DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

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| Land Description | : Various locations in City of Albany |
| Proponent / Owner | : City of Albany |
| Report Prepared By | : Revenue Development Officer (A Lacy) |
| Responsible Officers: | : Executive Director Corporate & Commercial Services (D Olde) |

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

1. This item relates to the following elements of the City of Albany Strategic Community Plan or Corporate Business Plan informing plans or strategies:
 - **Theme:** Leadership.
 - **Objective:** To provide strong, accountable leadership supported by a skilled and professional workforce
 - **Community Priority:** Provider positive leadership that delivers community outcomes.

In Brief:

- In January 2020 the City of Albany was offered Drought Communities Program (DCP) funding. The program is designed to deliver benefits to targeted drought-affected regions of Australia.

COVID-19 IMPACT

- Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

DRAFT MOTION VOTING REQUIREMENT: ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

THAT in accordance with clause 3.5 of the City of Albany Standing Orders Local Law 2014 (as amended) Report Item CCS273: DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM be **ACCEPTED** for consideration as an urgent item.

CCS273: RESPONSIBLE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION VOTING REQUIREMENT: ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

THAT Council **ACCEPT** the Drought Communities Program (DCP) Grant of \$1,000,000 and **APPROVE** the following expenditure within the 2020/21 Budget:

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| Rural Hall Upgrades | \$580,000 |
| Water Resources Relief | \$320,000 |
| Churchlane Road – Gravel Resheet SLK 0 - SLK2.2 | \$100,000 |
| Total | \$1,000,000 |

BACKGROUND

2. The objective of the funding program is to deliver support to targeted drought-affected regions of Australia by funding local community infrastructure and other drought relief projects.
3. Funding will target infrastructure and other projects that: provide local employment for people whose work opportunities have been impacted by drought, stimulate local community spending, use local resources, businesses and suppliers and provide a long-lasting benefit to communities and the agricultural industries on which they depend.
4. The City has coordinated a group of 10 Local Governments from within our region to work in collaboration to seek synergies in project management, economies of scale and to use the combined intelligence and experience of the group to gain the most effective outcome from the funding and also to leverage other funding opportunities.
5. The particular community hall and water resources upgrade projects identified to be funded are:
 - Manypeaks Progress Association 2 X Toilet Upgrades;
 - Elleker Progress Association Various Works;
 - Bornholm Kronkup Kitchen Paint and Security;
 - Napier Progress Association Kitchen Upgrade and Re Clad;
 - Redmond Hall Power Upgrade and Child Play Area;
 - Youngs Siding Kitchen and Various Works;
 - Wellstead Progress Association Reinstate Bore;
 - South Stirling Community Association New Works and Bore;
 - Lower Kalgan Community Assn Various Works;
 - King River Progress Association Electrical and Various Works;
 - Bores and Tanks Three Locations Emergency Services; and
 - Replace Compostable Toilets at Three Locations.

GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC CONSULTATION

6. At the June 2020 OCM, CCS259 it was resolved by Council to endorse the City of Albany's funding application to the Drought Communities Program.
7. The funding application was successful and this Council item seeks to incorporate these items into the 2020/2021 budget.
8. DCP Grant Programme Guidelines have been followed in the preparation of the funding application, with support and advice about project eligibility provided by the DIRDC.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

9. The voting requirement of Council is **Absolute Majority**.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

10. Nil

RISK IDENTIFICATION & MITIGATION

11. The risk identification and categorisation relies on the City's Enterprise Risk and Opportunity Management Framework.

| Risk | Likelihood | Consequence | Risk Analysis | Mitigation |
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| Financial. <i>Risk: There is a risk that by not establishing clear project management guidelines, timelines and budgets may be impacted.</i> | Likely | Moderate | High | Staff will review and address areas of concern. |
| Reputation <i>Should the City not accept the funding the proposed programs will not be delivered. The community may be disappointed that projects will not proceed.</i> | Unlikely | Moderate | Medium | Accept the funding and proceed with the proposed projects. |
| Opportunity: Consistency and understanding of program outcomes for each identified project Opportunity: Grant funding will deliver programs with a direct positive outcome for the community. | | | | |

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

12. All projects must be delivered by 30 June 2021, and acquitted by 31 December 2021.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

13. Nil

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

14. Minimal clearing of vegetation may be required for the installation and upgrade of water supplies Any clearing required will be undertaken with appropriate approvals. Some facility works may require the removal of asbestos containing materials, which will also be completed in compliance with legislative requirements.

ALTERNATE OPTIONS

15. Do not accept the grant funding.

CONCLUSION

16. It is requested that Council resolve to amend the budget for 2020/21 and direct works to be incorporated into the City of Albany Works Program.

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| Consulted References | : | Local Government Act 1995 Grant Opportunities Guidelines Drought Communities Program Extension |
| File Number (Name of Ward) | : | All |
| Previous Reference | : | June 2020 OCM Resolution CCS259 |