
 Adelaide Plains Council	21.2 Confidential Item
22 July 2019	

21.2 Drought Communities Programme

RECOMMENDATION

“that:-

- 1. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, Council orders that all members of the public, except Chief Executive Officer, General Manager – Governance and Communications, General Manager – Development and Community, General Manager – Finance and Economic Development, General Manager – Infrastructure and Environment, Governance Officer and Executive Assistant be excluded from attendance at the meeting of Council for Agenda Item 21.2 – *Drought Communities Programme*;**
- 2. Council is satisfied that pursuant to section 90(3)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, Item 21.2 – *Drought Communities Programme* concerns commercial information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting business, or to prejudice the commercial position of Council, being information relating to ongoing negotiations; and**
- 3. Council is satisfied that the principle that Committee meetings should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information, matter and discussion confidential.”**

 Adelaide Plains Council	21.2	Drought Communities Programme
	Department: Report Author:	Development and Community General Manager, Development and Community
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The purpose of this report is for Council to consider and determine the projects for submission to the Drought Communities Programme funding for a total of \$1m.
- The Australian Government’s Drought Communities Programme is providing up to \$1m per drought affected councils, for community projects.
- Management has prepared a matrix of suggested projects to be submitted to the Drought Communities Programme (**Attachment 1**).

RECOMMENDATION 1

“that Council, having considered Item 14.5 – *Drought Communities Programme*, dated 22 July 2019, receives and notes the report, and in doing so acknowledges and expresses its gratitude to the Federal Government’s Department of Industry, Innovation and Science in the allocation of \$1m to Adelaide Plains Council.”

RECOMMENDATION 2

“that Council, having considered Item 14.5 – *Drought Communities Programme* dated 22 July 2019, endorses the methodology and output as provided as Attachment 1 to this Report.”

RECOMMENDATION 3

“that Council, having considered Item 14.5 – *Drought Communities Programme*, dated 22 July 2019, instructs the Chief Executive Officer to:-

1. Formally submit the list of projects as identified in the Matrix (presented as Attachment 2 to this Report), noting that the total project funding threshold is \$1m; and
2. For any project considered ineligible by the Federal Government, submit remaining projects in order of ranking.”

BUDGET IMPACT

N/A

RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil

Attachments

1. Project Matrix
2. Area Breakdown of Projects
3. Drought Communities Programme – Frequently Asked Questions

DETAILED REPORT

Purpose

To seek agreement on a list of prioritised projects for submission to the Drought Communities Programme for funding up to a total of \$1m.

Background/History

On 26 October 2018, the Australian Government announced the extension of its Drought Communities Programme to include 17 councils in regional South Australia. This extension did not include Adelaide Plains Council. The Programme supports communities impacted by drought through funding local community infrastructure and other drought relief projects.

In March 2019, Adelaide Plains Council (APC) was added to the regional council list and after the Federal election in May 2019, APC was invited to submit an application to receive funding for projects up to \$1 million in total.

The intended Outcomes of the Programme are to:

- improve levels of economic activity in regions;
- increase productivity in regions;
- enable better retention of businesses, services and facilities; and,
- increase employment in regions by providing work for locals and/or farmers and farm labourers/staff/contractors whose employment opportunities have been affected by drought.

Each eligible Council can receive funding for projects up to \$1 million. The grant amount will be up to 100% of eligible project costs. The minimum grant amount per application is \$25,000. Applications can include multiple unrelated activities up to the total funding amount of \$1 million.

Eligible activities must directly relate to the project and can include:

- repairs, maintenance, upgrading or building new community facilities;
- repairs, maintenance, upgrades, construction and fit-out of community spaces;
- employing local contractors to undertake repairs and maintenance;
- holding events; and,
- undertaking other drought relief activities.

Eligible expenditure items may include the cost of:

- suppliers, consultants and contracted labour undertaking eligible project activities;
- materials required to deliver eligible project activities;
- Purchasing, leasing or hiring equipment required to deliver eligible project activities;
- holding events; and,

- Other drought relief activities (including water carting for human consumption).

Each project must meet at least one of the following project requirements:

- lead to the employment of locals;
- contribute to the economic activity of communities/regions; or
- retain businesses, services and facilities.

Discussion

The potential to receive funding from the Drought Communities Programme for a range of local community projects is an exciting opportunity for APC.

As a preliminary start to the project, administration cross-referenced the funding criteria against a number of shovel ready projects across the council region and placed the projects into a matrix with the following weighted scores:-

Funding Criteria	Weighted Score (%)
Completion by 31 December 2019	25
Local Contractor	20
Local Employment	20
Financial Return /Saving	20
Community Driven	10
Co-contribution provided	5

Similar to a tender process, the weighted scores enabled projects to be prioritised in accordance with the Programme criteria so that the higher the project score, the higher priority the project was given in the application ranking list. Any project added that could not be completed by 31 December was removed.

It was also useful to consider the amount of co-contribution available for each project and appreciate the potential value add to the overall economic investment across the region that would occur along with some immediate returns and savings to Council. Such savings, including longer-term savings, can then be redirected to other projects in the future.

The project matrix highlights:-

- Project name
- Amount of drought funding requested
- Co-contribution
- Total investment
- Estimated saving/income to Council

- Consultation
- Rating Item and %
- Total Score.

The Programme criteria and draft matrix of project proposals were presented at an Informal Gathering with Council Members on 4 July 2019. This session provided an opportunity for Management to workshop the programme criteria and draft matrix with members. The inclusion and benefits of employing a Programme Coordinator were also discussed and should be duly considered.

Conclusion

It is recommended that Council consider and determine the projects for submission to the Drought Communities Programme funding for a total of \$1m.

References

Legislation

Local Government Act 1999

Council Policies/Plans

Strategic Plan 2017-2020

PROJECT NAME	DROUGHT CONTRIBUTION	CO-CONTRIBUTIONS	TOTAL INVESTMENTS	ESTIMATE ANNUAL SAVINGS/ INCOME/ PA	CONSULTATION	DELIVERABLE BY 31/12/2019 25%	LOCAL CONTRACTOR AVAILABLE 20%	EMPLOYMENT OF LOCALS 20%	FINANCIAL RETURNS/ SAVINGS/ LONGEVITY 20%	CO-CONTRIBUTION 10%	COMMUNITY DRIVEN 5%	TOTAL SCORE	
Mallala Netball Courts - Facility Upgrade/Resurface	\$180,000.00	\$118,500.00	OSRS \$76,000 MNC \$42,500	\$298,500.00	(S) Resurface Cost Per	Yes	25	20	20	20	10	5	100
Long Plains Netball Court Resurface/Upgrade	\$100,000.00	\$142,250.00	OSRS/LPNC	\$242,250.00	(S) Resurface Cost Per	Yes	25	20	20	20	10	5	100
Two Wells Bowling Club Artificial Turf (Drought Water Savings)	\$98,000.00	\$127,000.00	Two Wells Bowling Club	\$225,000.00	Council saving	Yes	25	20	20	20	10	5	100
Project Coordinator - Drought Funding projects/Completion Event/ 1 x Mental Health Workshop (as recommended by boundary Councils)	\$75,000.00			\$75,000.00		YES	25	20	20	20	10	5	100
Parham Campground Improvements (Drainage, Fencing incl native remnant vegetation, Wastewater upgrade, Toilet upgrade)	\$82,000.00	\$20,000.00	Adelaide Plains Council	\$102,000.00	(I)Camp Income	Part	25	20	20	20	10	0	95
Development of the Mallala Oval Campsite	\$30,000.00			\$30,000.00	(I)Camp Income	Yes	25	20	20	20	0	5	90
Thompson Beach Progress Association Clubroom extention (and Solar)	\$50,000.00			\$50,000.00	New Revenue	NO	25	20	20	20	0	5	90
Sustainability Implementation (Solar, LED Lighting and Water Effeciencies) Mallala depot, TW & Mallala Offices, CWMS Treatment plant, TW Library)	\$200,000.00			\$200,000.00	Council saving	N/A	25	20	20	20	0	0	85
Construction of superior 'Off- Leash' Dog Park at Lewiston (Fencing and irrigated turf - Next to Playground)	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	Income Dog and Cat Management Board (ORSR \$27K NRM\$1750)	\$120,000.00		NO	25	20	20	0	10	5	80
Clara Harniman Reserve - Equine Facility Development including fencing native vegetation	\$25,000.00	\$40,000.00	LANDCARE \$2750 APEC \$BALANCE	\$65,000.00	CLUB SAVING	Yes	25	20	20	0	10	5	80
Dublin Cricket Clubroom - Stage 1 (contribution Stage 2)	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	Dublin Cricket Club	\$150,000.00	CLUB SAVING	Yes	25	20	20	0	10	5	80
Historical Wells - Upgrade pathway with solar lighting and information boards/interpretive signage	\$25,000.00		In-kind Two Wells Lions	\$25,000.00		NO	25	20	20	0	0	5	70
TOTALS	\$1,000,000	\$582,750.00		\$1,582,750.00									
Two Wells Oval - Lighting Upgrade	\$120,000.00	\$45,000.00	TWFNSC	\$165,000.00	CLUB SAVING	Yes	25	20	20	0	10	5	80
Mallala Grand Stand Changeroom upgrade	\$70,000.00	\$20,000.00	MFC	\$90,000.00		NO	25	20	20	0	10	5	80
Two Wells Main Street Upgrade	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	Adelaide Plains Council	\$100,000.00		yes	25	20	20	0	10	0	75
Native Vegetation Fencing - Dublin Oval	\$25,000.00					Yes	25	20	20	0	0	5	70
Mallala Primary School ' Altarama Project'	\$40,000.00		Mallala Primary School	\$40,000.00		NO	25	20	20	0	0	5	70
Two Wells Pump Track (in lieu of Skatepark)	\$60,000.00	\$30,000.00	TWRAT	\$90,000.00		YES	25	0	20	0	10	5	60
	\$1,365,000.00												
OTHER SUGGESTED PROJECTS													
Dublin Institute Toilets													
Parham Horsefloat Parking area													
Town Entrance Statements - Mallala Two Wells and Dublin													
Two Wells Oval Irrigation Improvements													
Two Wells CFS - Additional shed bay and concrete apron for CFS truck													
Two Wells Trotting Club Relocation													
Two Wells Golf Club													
Mallala Dog Park													
Mallala Mens Shed													
Mallala RSL													
Mallala Signage													
Wellbeing and Resilience Project	\$50,000.00		RDA	\$50,000.00									
Two Wells Netball Courts													

AREA	PROJECT	DROUGHT FUNDING	COUNCIL OR COMMUNITY DRIVEN
Project COORDINATION	Project facilitator, Mental Health Workshops, Public Events	\$ 75,000.00	
MALLALA	Netball Courts - Facility Upgrade/resurface	\$ 180,000.00	COMMUNITY
	Campground	\$ 30,000.00	COMMUNITY
LONG PLAINS	Netball Court Resurface	\$ 100,000.00	COMMUNITY
LEWISTON	Lewiston Off Leash Dog Park	\$ 60,000.00	COUNCIL
	Clara Harniman reserve & facility development	\$ 25,000.00	COUNCIL
TWO WELLS	Bowling Club - synthetic green	\$ 98,000.00	COMMUNITY
	Historic wells development	\$ 25,000.00	COMMUNITY
DUBLIN	Clubroom Development	\$ 75,000.00	COMMUNITY
COASTAL SETTLEMENTS	Thompson Beach Clubroom Extention- solar & tanks	\$ 50,000.00	COMMUNITY
	Parham Campground	\$ 82,000.00	COUNCIL
SUSTAINABILITY	APC Buildings -(Solar,LED lighting & water efficiencies)	\$ 200,000.00	COUNCIL
		\$ 1,000,000.00	
TWO WELLS	Oval light towers	\$ 120,000.00	COMMUNITY
	Main Street Upgrades	\$ 50,000.00	COUNCIL
	Pump Track	\$ 60,000.00	COMMUNITY
MALLALA	Grandstand changeroom upgrade	\$ 70,000.00	COMMUNITY
	Primary School	\$ 40,000.00	COMMUNITY
DUBLIN	Fencing Native Remnant Vegetation	\$ 25,000.00	COMMUNITY
TOTAL		\$ 1,365,000.00	



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Frequently Asked Questions

Drought Communities Programme - Extension

1. What types of local community infrastructure/facilities/spaces will the programme support?

Examples of local community infrastructure/facilities/spaces include:

- bike paths
- skate parks
- foot paths
- street scapes
- community centres
- health centres
- recreational facilities
- parks
- sporting facilities
- stadiums, arenas
- libraries
- showgrounds
- caravan parks
- men's sheds
- roads.

This list is not exhaustive.

2. What types of projects could be undertaken at these local community infrastructure/facilities/spaces?

Example activities to repair, maintain, upgrade, construct and fit-out local community infrastructure/facilities/spaces include:

- lighting upgrades or new lighting
- fencing - around facilities, swimming pools
- solar panels
- drainage and watering systems
- amenities - drinking fountains, BBQs areas, park furniture, shelters, footpath renewal
- sport and recreational facilities - tennis courts, gymnasiums, scoreboards, medical equipment, golf clubs
- kitchen upgrades and/or repairs
- power connections at caravan sites
- improved disability access
- purchase of equipment - computers, televisions, furniture, fixture and fittings
- purchase of vehicles and trailers for community transport services, surf lifesaving, medical
- purchase of equipment for local State Emergency Service
- foot path renewal and beautification.

This list is not exhaustive.

Projects are expected to lead to the employment of locals.

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Frequently Asked Questions

3. What types of community events are supported under the programme?

A community event brings the community together in some way. For this programme the emphasis is around how locals will benefit from the event especially through employment opportunities and supporting mental health.

4. Can an eligible council work together with another eligible council to complete a project?

Yes. Provided both councils are eligible for the program. Each council would submit a separate application and reference the other council/s in their application. A project could be undertaken in partnership where each council would specify in their application their role in the project and their requested funding. If successful, each council would be contracted separately and required to report on their project.

The guidelines do not allow for joint applications (i.e. one application from multiple councils).

5. Are councils required to follow standard tendering and procurement processes?

Yes. Councils are required to be compliant with all relevant laws and regulations under this programme.

If the project requires a tender process to be completed, councils must adhere to that process. The timing available for the programme may restrict the types of projects that can be submitted.

6. Can councils replenish water tanks on private properties for human consumption?

No. Projects under this program are to provide relief and benefits to the wider community, not just individuals. Councils seeking funding for water carting or other water related projects would need to devise a strategy to allow the whole community to benefit - for example, a plan to allow a group of community members to replenish their water tanks.

7. Can councils establish new and/or expand bore holes on public properties?

Yes. This activity would be considered eligible. The bores holes would provide a benefit to the local community and locals/contractors can be employment and equipment sourced from local businesses to complete the work. An example would be the construction of a new bore water hole for the local park's amenities block.

8. Can councils use the grant funding to refurbish and/or revamp shop fronts located in the main town centre with the work being carried out by local workers?

Yes. This would be eligible. This project would lead to the employment of local people in the area and could encourage more visitors to the town to contribute to the economic activity of the region.



Frequently Asked Questions

9. Can grant funds be used towards an Undergraduate Scholarship Programme? For example, targeting talented students from rural / farm backgrounds who otherwise will not be able to pursue their academic studies as a consequence of the drought.

Maybe. This activity does not meet project requirements unless it: leads to the employment of locals, contributes to the economic activity of the community, and/or leads to the retention of businesses, services and facilities. Councils would need to put forward a detailed description as to how the project benefits the broader community.

10. What is covered in the definition “community facilities”, would employee or community housing be classed a community facilities? For example, a remote council that provides housing to in order to attract new employees or provide community housing for rent to community members.

No. This activity does not meet project requirements unless it: leads to the employment of locals, contributes to the economic activity of the community, and/or leads to the retention of businesses, services and facilities.

The programme will not fund the purchase of existing buildings. The programme will not fund projects that benefit the council and not the community.

11. The impact of the drought has caused additional sedimentation loads resulting in water treatment issues, with existing filtration equipment being unable to cope. Would a project to improve the filtration process be considered eligible?

Maybe. Councils would need to put forward a detailed description on how the project benefits the broader community. This activity does not meet project requirements unless it; leads to employment of locals, contribute to the economic activity of the community, and/or lead to the retention of businesses, services and facilities.

12. Can councils, through a planned community initiative, provide `voucher/gift cards' to spend within the local region? These programs allow cards (e.g. eftpos or other types of cards) to be loaded with funds and then utilised solely within the local community/shire?

No. The intent of the Drought Communities Programme - Extension is to support local community infrastructure and other drought relief projects.

Support of this type (vouchers/gift cards) for communities impacted by drought is being delivered through the Drought Community Support Initiative Programme. More information can be found [here](#).

13. Can councils provide funding to the local community to subsidise payment of council and water rates?

No. Providing rate relief is not eligible under the programme. The intent of the programme is to provide funding for projects expected to: lead to the employment of locals, contribute to the economic activity of communities/regions, or lead to the retention of business, services and facilities.

RECOMMENDATION

“that Council, having considered the matter of Item 21.2 – *Drought Communities Programme* in confidence under sections 90(2) and 90(3)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, resolves that:-

- 1. Attachment 1 and Attachment 2 and any other associated information pertaining to Agenda Item 21.2 – *Drought Communities Programme* remain confidential and not available for public inspection until further order of Council;**
- 2. Pursuant to section 91(9)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the confidentiality of the matter will be reviewed every 12 months; and**
- 3. Pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, Council delegates the power to revoke this confidentiality order to the Chief Executive Officer.”**