

ITEM WITHOUT NOTICE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECOVERY GRANT

RECOMMENDATION

This item without notice be accepted and referred to the February 2023 meeting of Council, as it requires resolution before the next scheduled meeting.

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Council Meeting:	28 February 2023
Report Date:	22 February 2023
Author:	Chief Financial Officer
File #:	SC602
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is eligible to receive a \$1,000,000 Local Government Recovery Grant under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. It is proposed to utilise these funds to procure replacement cabins for the Darlington Point Caravan Park, cabins which are resilient to flooding.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. Council utilise the \$1,000,000 Local Government Recovery Grant to fund disaster-resilient replacement cabins for the Darlington Point Caravan Park to replace those that were damaged by recent flooding events; and**
- 2. Authority be delegated to the General Manager to execute documents associated with this funding.**

BACKGROUND

As a result of disaster declarations AGRN 1030 and AGRN 1034 (in relation to severe weather and flooding), Council is eligible to receive a \$1,000,000 Local Government Recovery Grant under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

We have been advised that the cabins that were damaged as a result of this event are not eligible for replacement under other provisions of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, and nor is Council to receive any insurance proceeds in relation to these assets.

Subsequent to consultation at Councillor workshops, it is therefore proposed to utilise the full amount of this funding to procure replacement cabins which are resilient to future flooding events.

A project overview has been submitted to the Office of Local Government (OLG), which is subject to preliminary assessment prior to release of the funds, and a further program of works is required to be submitted within three months of the receipt of funds.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

- Local Government Act 1993 and Regulations
- NSW Disaster Assistance Guidelines

FINANCIAL

Council would receive a grant of \$1,000,000 in order to fund this project, and incur expenditure equal to this amount.

The grant would be reported as income on Council's Statement of Financial Performance, increasing the net profit, while the replacement cabins would be included on Council's balance sheet as assets.

Replacement cabins will require maintenance and depreciation expenditure to be funded into the future.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Leading By Example

5.1.3 Maintain sound legislative decision-making that is ethical, accountable and transparent.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Funds unused by 30 June 2025 may be required to be returned.

The upcoming State election may affect the administration of this funding. However, we have been advised by OLG that payments will continue during the upcoming caretaker period.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- General Manager
- Councillor Workshop
- Director of Planning, Community and Development
- Grants Writer

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

That:

- (1) Council utilise the \$1,000,000 Local Government Recovery Grant to fund disaster-resilient replacement cabins for the Darlington Point Caravan Park to replace those that were damaged by recent flooding events; and
- (2) Authority be delegated to the General Manager to execute documents associated with this funding.

Option 2

Another resolution as determined by Council.

ATTACHMENT

N/A