

Item 7: Office of the General Manager

7.1 Disaster Recovery Funding Update

REPORT BY THE BUSHFIRE LIAISON OFFICER

TO 03 NOVEMBER 2021 ORDINARY MEETING

GOV400088, A0060009; GRA600016

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the report by the Bushfire Liaison Officer on the Disaster Recovery Funding Update.

Executive summary

In January 2020 the Federal Government announced Disaster Recovery Funding (DRF) of \$1.275 million for Mid-Western Regional Council as one of the 42 most severely impacted Local Government Areas (LGAs) following the 2019/20 Black Summer Bushfires. Funding needs to be fully spent by 30 June 2022.

This report provides an update on the DRF funding.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil.

Detailed report

The \$1.275 million DRF received from the Federal Government was allocated to a number of programs to support bushfire recovery and resilience by Council in March 2020. Funding needs to be fully spent by 30 June 2022.

Office of Local Government – Quarterly Reporting September 2021

A progress report was submitted to the Office of Local Government in October 2021 and is included as an attachment to this report.

Major Projects Update

Below is a budget breakdown for each project:

Project	Budget	Total Budget	Remaining	% Remaining
Bushfire Recovery	20114	\$272,600.00	\$55,432.46	20%
Make Safe Program	20119	\$370,000.00	\$108,176.91	29%
Large Water Tanks	20212	\$250,000.00	-\$5,975.62	-2%
Economic Stimulus	20213	\$90,000.00	\$0.00	0%
Ilford Hall	20214	\$60,000.00	\$59,660.00	99%
Running Stream Hall	20215	\$80,000.00	\$0.00	0%
Olinda Hall	20216	\$137,400.00	\$77,606.25	56%
Community Welfare	20217	\$15,000.00	\$5,651.90	38%

TOTAL		\$1,275,000.00	\$300,551.90	24%
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Large Water Tanks

This project is complete, awaiting final invoices.

Tanks have been installed at 12 locations across the LGA – Birriwa, Bungaba, Ulan, Cooyal, Lue, Clandulla, Olinda, Ilford, Running Stream, Pyramul, Windeyer and Erudgere.

Hall Upgrades

Running Stream – complete.

Olinda – in progress.

Ilford – in progress. Delays are being experienced due to contractor availability and COVID-19.

Make Safe Tree Program

Stage 2 (fire damaged trees with the potential to impact roads and fences) commenced – felling of 348 trees across 19 properties. Expected completion December 2021.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Good Governance
Goal	Strong civic leadership
Strategy	Provide accountable and transparent decision making for the community

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

Operational Plan.

Council Policies

Not Applicable.

Legislation

Local Government Act 1993.

Financial implications

Any revenue that has been recognised has had a contra expenditure therefore, the net impact is neutral.

Associated Risks

Not applicable.

ALAYNA GLEESON
BUSHFIRE LIAISON OFFICER

12 October 2021

Attachments: 1. OLG Disaster Recovery Funding Quarterly Report - September 2021.

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

BRAD CAM
GENERAL MANAGER

Actual Expenditure at the Account balance level

Council Name

Period:

YTD October 2021

Account No	Account Name	Council Name
Eligible Expenses	Category D - Event AGRN 871	
5142	Contractors	292,220
5143	Contractors	21,632
5141	Contractors	7,373
5123	Donations and Contributions	154,599
5097	Fuel	365
5005	Materials and Consumables	220,125
5136	Meals and Accomodation	54
5408	Meals and Accomodation	408
5099	Plant Hire	4,425
5129	Printing and Stationery	3,294
5406	Protective Clothing	19
8090	Purchasing Overheads	7,061
8060	Salaries and Wages costs	17,241
5050	Salaries and Wages costs	31,958
5051	Travel	32,426
5052	Salaries and Wages costs	1,070
5080	Salaries and Wages costs	2,634
5053	Salaries and Wages costs	369
5121	Contractors	8,860
5150	Contractors	10,951
8040	Contractors	801
5111	Contractors	130
5113		1,083
Total - Natural Disaster expenses		819,098

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Pick Council name from drop down box in cell C1
- 2) Add accounting expense code in Column A - this can be linked to transaction listing council worksheet as per
- 3) Add Account name in Column B
- 4) Complete Transaction Listing council worksheet - this can be linked to formula in Column C as per example in
- 5) Provide a PDF signed copy of the report. The report should be signed by OLG's CFO or a nominee who has the carriage and the authority to sign the report in cell

I confirm the monthly expenditure report:

- only includes expenditure that meets the eligibility criteria as agreed with the Commonwealth under the Category D of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements 2018 (DRFA).
- agrees with our general ledger records from which the transactions listing accompanying this report has been provided.
- includes appropriate expenditure accruals that can be reliably measured in accordance with normal accounting practices.

Signature of Authorising Officer (Chief Financial Officer)

Date

Summary council Account balance