CITY LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE
LATE REPORTS

Date: Wednesday, 10 June, 2020
Time: 9:30 am
Location: Logan Entertainment Centre
170 Wembley Road, Logan Central

Councillor Koranski (Chairperson)
Councillor Russell (Deputy Chairperson)
Councillor Hall (Deputy Chairperson)
Councillor Bradley
Councillor Lane
Councillor Raven
Councillor Frazer
Councillor Heremaia
Councillor Bannan
Councillor Stemp
Councillor Willcocks
Councillor Murphy
His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Power
8. Confidential Documentation

  8.4 Confidential Report - 2020-2021 COVID Works for Queensland Funding Program

9. Late Reports

  9.1 Covering Report - 2020-2021 COVID Works for Queensland Funding Program
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Refer to Confidential Agenda in accordance with  
Section 275 (1) (c) of the Local Government Regulation 2012  
2020/2021 COVID WORKS FOR QUEENSLAND FUNDING PROGRAM  
 REPORT OF: Director of Innovation & City Transformation  

REPORT OVERVIEW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council’s direction on how funding allocated under the ‘COVID Works of Queensland’ program valued at $6.57 million should be spent.

Criteria: Direction - It requires Council to make a decision of a strategic nature; or Council has specifically requested it

CORPORATE PLAN PRIORITY

Economic Transformation

Submitted under separate cover is confidential documentation relating to the above matter. This documentation is considered confidential due to information pertaining to the 2020/2021 local government budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS

IT IS RECOMMENDED:-

1. That Council endorse the submission of the project, as detailed in the confidential report of the Director of Innovation and City Transformation dated 10 June 2020, for consideration by the Queensland Government under the ‘COVID Works for Queensland’ program.

2. That, upon 30 June 2021, the Corporate Governance Manager be requested to place the confidential report of the Director of Innovation and City Transformation dated 10 June 2020 and associated attachments into the public records.

REPORT DETAILS

INTERESTED PARTIES

The Queensland Government  
Performing Arts Industry  
Entertainment and Events Industry  
Market Organisers  
Exhibitors  
Community Organisations
PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND

On 19 May 2020, the Queensland Government announced an additional $200 million for the ‘COVID Works for Queensland’ program as part of the government’s long term economic recovery strategy ‘Unite and Recover for Queensland Jobs’. The funding program is allocative (non-competitive) and uses a broad criteria allowing Council’s greater flexibility in the selection of projects that align with their strategic direction while also delivering on the State’s objective of creating jobs through infrastructure delivery. Previously only available to regional and remote councils, South East Queensland Councils are eligible for the first time for this program in recognition of the widespread impact of COVID-19 across Queensland.

A further State Government announcement on 3 June 2020, confirmed the funding split across Queensland with Logan City Council to receive $6.57 million of the $50 million allocated to South East Queensland Councils. Based on the methodology, each Council receives an initial amount of $1 million with the remaining proportion distributed according to population size and unemployment statistics.

Key components of the eligibility guidelines include:

1. Projects are to create new or sustain existing jobs in a local government area
2. Projects are new infrastructure, maintenance or minor works project, including the bring-forward of planned/budgeted maintenance or capital works.
3. Projects fall within one of three categories: an essential services project (examples include water supply, sewerage and waste infrastructure) an economic development project (includes economic development or tourism infrastructure) or a community well-being project (examples include arts and culture facility, sport and recreation infrastructure or library/knowledge centre).
4. Projects must be delivered by 30 June 2021.
5. Ineligible projects include road works, planning studies, projects involving planning and design only and projects that have already commenced (although staging is permitted).
6. A financial co-contribution by Council is permitted.

Council is required to submit the proposed project information to the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs by 5pm Friday 12 June 2020 with a determination of successful applications expected to be announced as soon as 12 July 2020.

Further information is confidential and is included in the confidential attachments to this report.

ANY PREVIOUS COUNCIL DECISIONS

This information is confidential and is included in the confidential attachments to this report.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

This information is confidential and is included in the confidential attachments to this report.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

This information is confidential and is included in the confidential attachments to this report.

LEGAL/POLICY

As with all external funding, any grant received by Council has stringent reporting and acquittal obligations that must be adhered to.

COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION

Relevant ELT members and Mangers responsible for capital works projects have been engaged as part of drafting this report. Engagement has also occurred with senior representatives from the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs.
CONCLUSION

This information is confidential and is included in the confidential attachment to this report.

ATTACHMENTS TABLE

N/A