CITY PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

LATE REPORTS

Date: Wednesday, 1 July, 2020
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Logan Entertainment Centre
170 Wembley Road, Logan Central

Committee Members:
- Councillor Raven (Chairperson)
- Councillor Stemp (Deputy Chairperson)
- Councillor Murphy (Deputy Chairperson)
- Councillor Bradley
- Councillor Lane
- Councillor Russell
- Councillor Koranski
- Councillor Hall
- Councillor Frazer
- Councillor Heremaia
- Councillor Bannan
- Councillor Willcocks
- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Power
7. Confidential Documentation
   7.3 Confidential Report - Unite and Recover Community Stimulus Package Grant Program

8. Late Reports
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Refer to Confidential Agenda in accordance with Section 275 (1) (c) of the Local Government Regulation 2012

UNITE AND RECOVER COMMUNITY STIMULUS PACKAGE GRANT 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 Part One of the 'Unite and Recover Community Stimulus Package' grant program, valued at $2 million, should be spent and which projects to submit under Part Two of the program.

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

CORPORATE PLAN PRIORITY

Quality Lifestyles

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

IT IS RECOMMENDED:-

For consideration.

REPORT DETAILS

INTERESTED PARTIES

Queensland Government

PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND

On 16 June 2020, the Queensland Government announced an additional $50 million for the ‘Unite and Recover Community Stimulus Package’ grant program as part of the government’s long term economic recovery strategy ‘Unite and Recover for Queensland Jobs’. The funding program is divided in two parts:

- Part One consists of a $2 million allocation (non-competitive) to each Council in South-East Queensland to fund eligible project/s to increase employment opportunities and fast-track investment in new infrastructure to local communities.
- Part Two consists of the remaining $26 million distributed through a competitive application process where Councils can apply at their discretion.
Part Two of the program uses a broad criterion 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.

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, waste management, waste infrastructure, roads and drainage, energy and communications) an economic development project (includes economic development or tourism infrastructure) or a community well-being project (examples include an arts and culture facility, community safety, health and education infrastructure, sport and recreation infrastructure, library/knowledge centre or promotion of active transport and community movement enabling social distancing in public spaces).
4. Projects must be delivered by 30 June 2021.
5. Ineligible projects include 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 and strongly encouraged.

Council is required to submit the proposed project information to the Department of Local Government Racing and Multicultural Affairs by 3 July 2020 with a determination of successful applications expected to be announced as soon as 27 July 2020. Initial discussions with the Department have taken place to determine project eligibility and best strategic fit and alignment with the objectives of the fund.

ANY PREVIOUS COUNCIL DECISIONS

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

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONATIONS

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RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There is a risk that the State Government may not approve funding to be directed to Council’s proposed project for the Part One allocation. This risk has been mitigated as far as possible through early engagement with the Department.

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 Managers 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 attachments to this report.

ATTACHMENTS TABLE

N/A