

# Indigenous Councils Funding Program

## 2023-2024 Program Guidelines

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# 1 Program overview

## 1.1 Introduction

The 2023-24 Indigenous Councils Funding Program (ICFP) is an allocation-based program provided to Indigenous councils to assist in the delivery of local government services.

## 1.2 Program objective

The objective of the 2023-24 ICFP is to assist Indigenous councils to meet the costs of providing local government services to their communities, including, but not limited to:

- **general public services** – council office operations and systems, governance, leadership, advocacy, information, community engagement
- **public order and safety services** – public space control, including public nuisance, noise and litter management, street lighting, safety officers (e.g. lifeguards), control of declared pests/plants, animal management, fire services and hazard control, natural disaster relief and mitigation
- **public health services** – refuse services, waste management, vermin and vector control, food licensing/inspections, community health services
- **essential services** – water treatment and supply, waste-water systems, gas, drainage, flood mitigation
- **public amenity services** – land development, town planning, building control/certification, public conveniences, picnic areas, environmental protection, natural resource management, environmental acquisitions, beach control, environmental licensing, recycling, erosion control, cemeteries
- **transport and communication services** – roads, footpaths, traffic control, parking, public transport, ferries, barge landings, jetties, airports
- **recreation and culture services** – parks, playgrounds, sports fields and venues, swimming pools, libraries, public internet, halls, galleries, museums, heritage, festivals
- **other economic services** – economic development, tourism promotion, industrial estates, residential land, tourist facilities/venues, caravan or camping areas, other business activities
- **public education services** – public awareness campaigns.

## 1.3 Funding details

Funding allocations are based on a methodology that considers the main factors that impact the cost-of-service delivery in Indigenous councils. Population, remoteness and dispersion, and the potential of each council to raise revenue to offset the cost-of-service delivery are considered in the allocation model.

The funding period is for the 2023-24 financial year (1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024).

## 1.4 Eligibility

### 1.4.1 Eligible grant recipients

Eligible grant recipients under the 2023-24 ICFP are:

- Aurukun Shire Council
- Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council
- Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council
- Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council
- Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council
- Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council
- Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council
- Mornington Shire Council
- Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council
- Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council
- Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council
- Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council
- Torres Strait Island Regional Council
- Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council
- Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
- Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

### 1.4.2 Eligible costs

Funding provided under the 2023-24 ICFP must be used towards the cost of delivering local government services set out in section 1.2 of these guidelines.

## 2 General funding conditions

### 2.0 Head Funding Agreement and Payment Schedule

A Head Funding Agreement has been executed between the recipient councils and the State that sets out the general arrangements of state grant funding.

#### 2.1 Payment Schedule

Payment schedule	Milestone
First and Final Payment (100% of approved funding allocation)	The Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (the department) will make the first and final payment to the Organisation following: (a) Ministerial approval of the 2023-24 ICFP grant allocation.

Payments will be paid by electronic transfer using the department's eGrant system.

#### 2.2 Acknowledgement requirements

The recipient council, as per Clause 10 in the Head Funding Agreement, agrees to acknowledging the Department's funding contribution in accordance with the [Funding acknowledgement requirements](#).

## 3 Further information

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