

# Indigenous Councils Funding Programs

## 2021-22 Program Guidelines

**State Government Financial Aid (SGFA)**

**Indigenous Economic Development Grant (IEDG)**

**Revenue Replacement Program (RRP)**

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# State Government Financial Aid

## 1 Program overview

### 1.1 Introduction

The 2021-22 State Government Financial Aid (SGFA) is an allocation-based program provided to Indigenous councils to assist in the delivery of essential local government services.

### 1.2 Program objective

The objective of the 2021-22 SGFA is to assist Indigenous councils to meet the costs of providing essential and core local government services to their communities. Local government services include:

- general public services – council office operations and systems, governance, leadership, advocacy, information, community engagement
- public order and safety – 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
- health – 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 – 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 – roads, footpaths, traffic control, parking, public transport, ferries, barge landings, jetties, airports
- recreation and culture – parks, playgrounds, sports fields and venues, swimming pools, libraries, public internet, halls, galleries, museums, heritage, festivals
- other economic affairs – economic development, tourism promotion, industrial estates, residential land, tourist facilities/venues, caravan or camping areas, other business activities, sale yards or quarries
- public education – public awareness campaigns.

### 1.3 Funding details

Funding allocations are determined based on an assessment of recurrent expenditure for local government services.

The funding period is for the 2021-22 financial year (1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022). The recipient council must expend its annual funding allocation within this time and cannot carry over its funding allocation to the following year.

## 1.4 Eligibility

### 1.4.1 Eligible grant recipients

Eligible grant recipients under the 2021-22 SGFA 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 2021-22 SGFA must be used towards the cost of delivering local government services set out in section 1.2 of these guidelines.

# Indigenous Economic Development Grant

## 2 Program overview

### 2.1 Introduction

The 2021-22 Indigenous Economic Development Grant (IEDG) is an allocation-based program that contributes funding towards service positions within councils to support permanent jobs that deliver local government services.

### 2.2 Program objectives

The objectives of the 2021-22 IEDG are:

- to enable Indigenous councils to deliver local government services efficiently and in a sustainable manner; and
- to support the employment of staff in order to maintain an effective council workforce for services to the community.

### 2.3 Funding details

Funding allocations are established under two tiers (\$80,000 and \$160,000) and are based on the population of the recipient council.

### 2.4 Eligibility

#### 2.4.1 Eligible grant recipients

Eligible grant recipients under the 2020-21 IEDG 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
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#### 2.4.2 Eligible costs

Funding provided under the 2021-22 IEDG must be used towards the cost of delivering local government services set out in the objectives under section 2.2 of these program guidelines.

# Revenue Replacement Program

## 3 Program overview

### 3.1 Introduction

The 2021-22 Revenue Replacement Program (RRP) is an allocation-based program that provides funding to assist those Indigenous councils that have divested or surrendered profitable general liquor licenses.

### 3.2 Program objective

The objective of the 2020-21 RRP is to assist Indigenous councils to meet the cost of delivering local government services to their communities, as a result of having divested or surrendered profitable general liquor licenses.

### 3.4 Funding details

Funding allocations are based on the three-year averages of the recipient council's net profits from 2004–05 to 2006–07, as determined at the commencement of the program.

The funding period is for the 2020-21 financial year (1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021). The recipient council must expend its annual funding allocation within this time and cannot carry over its funding allocation to the following year.

### 3.5 Eligibility

#### 3.5.1 Eligible grant recipients

Eligible grant recipients under the 2020-21 RRP are:

- Aurukun Shire Council
- Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council
- Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council
- Mornington Shire Council
- Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council
- Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council
- Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council
- Torres Strait Island Regional Council
- Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

#### 3.5.2 Eligible costs

Funding provided under the 2020-21 RRP must be used towards the cost of delivering local government services as set out in the objective under section 3.2.



# General funding conditions for an approved project—SGFA, IEDG and RRP

## 4.0 Head Funding Agreement and Project Schedule

Recipient councils will be required to execute a Project Funding Schedule under their Head Funding Agreement with the State.

The State has no obligation to provide funding to a recipient council until the Project Funding Schedule has been executed by the council and the state.

Once executed, the Project Funding Schedule and certain parts of the Head Funding Agreement will constitute the "Project Funding Agreement" with a council for the approved funding.

The Project Funding Schedule will set out the arrangements for payment of the approved funding to a recipient council in accordance with a Milestone Schedule set out in the Project Funding Agreement.

### 4.1 Payment Schedule

Payment schedule	Milestone
First and Final Payment (100% of approved funding allocation across the three programs)	The Department will make the first and final payment to the Organisation following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Ministerial approval of the 2021-22 grant allocation across the three programs; and</li><li>(b) upon receipt and acceptance by the department of a completed Project Completion and Acquittal Report submitted via eGrant for:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2020-21 SGFA</li><li>• 2020-21 IEDG</li><li>• 2020-21 RRP; and</li></ul></li><li>(c) execution of a Project Funding Schedule for each funding program, signed by the recipient council and the State.</li></ul>

Subject to the terms of the Project Funding Schedule, the recipient council agrees the approved funding is a subsidy only, and the organisation will meet all other associated costs.

The approved funding amount will not exceed the total detailed in the Project Funding Schedule.

Payments will be paid by electronic transfer. Payment by way of electronic transfer is subject to the recipient council completing the payment by electronic funds transfer form provided by the Department.

The recipient council agrees to return any unspent funding for the financial year, or an agreed proportion of the approved funding, to the Department if the conditions outlined in Project Funding Schedule, and these funding program guidelines, are not met to the satisfaction of the Department.

### 4.2 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 Guide. This can be found on the Department's website at [Funding Acknowledgement Requirements June 2021 \(statedevelopment.qld.gov.au\)](https://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au)

## 4.3 Approved project acquittal and reporting

Acquittal is to be undertaken in accordance with Clause 17 of the Project Funding Schedule which requires a properly certified Project Completion and Acquittal Report to be submitted via eGrant no later than 30 September 2022

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For more information, contact the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs.

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