



# 2022-24 Local Government Levy Ready Grant Program

ROUND THREE  
Program guidelines



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Acquittal period	90 Days from completion of project
Policy Agency:	Department of Environment and Science
Administering Agency:	Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning
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## 1. Introduction

On 20 March 2018, the Queensland Government announced the development of a comprehensive waste management and resource recovery strategy underpinned by a waste disposal levy (the levy). The levy was introduced on 1 July 2019. A prerequisite to the levy's successful implementation was the installation of appropriate infrastructure at leviable waste disposal sites.

To assist local governments to meet the obligations of the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011* (the **Act**), the Local Government Levy Ready Grant Program (the **Grant Program**) offers funding to undertake necessary infrastructure upgrades.

Round One (2018-19) of the Grant Program assisted local governments to upgrade leviable waste disposal sites with an Environmental Authority (EA) to receive more than 5,000 tonnes of leviable waste per year. Round Two (2020-21) assisted local governments to upgrade or close leviable sites with an EA to receive less than 2,000 tonnes of leviable waste per year.

Round Three (2022-24) offers \$5 million to support eligible local governments within the levy zone to transition sites that were not eligible for funding through previous rounds.

The Grant Program will run as a targeted competitive process with funding available to support up to 60% of the eligible project costs, to deliver one of the following options in relation to an eligible site (**Site**):

- Close and rehabilitate the eligible site
- Transition the Site from a landfill to a waste transfer station or resource recovery facility
- Install suitable infrastructure to ensure the Site complies with section 57(1)(c) of the Act before 1 July 2024.

The Grant Program will be administered by the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, on behalf of the Department of Environment and Science.

## 2. Grant Program objectives

The objectives of the Program are to:

- Support local governments close or transition eligible sites to enable the reduction of unused and unnecessary landfill facilities in Queensland
- Support local governments manage sites in compliance with existing environmental authority and regulatory requirements as amended from time to time
- Facilitate accurate collection of the waste levy
- Ensure adequate security and operation controls.

## 3. Eligibility criteria

Eligible applicants under Round Three of the Grant Program are:

- Local government bodies, constituted under the *Local Government Act 2009*, located in the Queensland levy zone.

## 4. Eligible projects

To be eligible for funding (**Project Funding**) under Round Three of the Grant Program, a Project must:

- (a) be on a landfill site with an environmental authority to dispose less than 5,000 tonnes of waste in a year as identified in **Attachment 1**.
- (b) produce outcomes consistent with the objectives of the Grant Program;
- (c) be able to demonstrate how it will result in compliance with environmental authority and statutory requirements regarding the measurement and recording of waste under section 59(1) of the Act; and
- (d) be an infrastructure project which seeks to either:
- (e) upgrade the site so it meets the legislative requirements under section 57 of the Act, or
- (f) close or transition the site so it is no longer a leviable waste disposal site subject to section 59 of the Act.

## 5. Eligible project costs

Although the grant Program aims to support local governments with their projects, applicants should be aware funding can only be awarded to “Eligible project costs”.

Eligible Project Costs are costs directly related to the local government project prescribed in the proposal or described in the Funding Agreement.

Successful applicants must use Project Funding solely for eligible project costs and be able to deliver the project by 30 June 2024.

Eligible project costs include but are not limited to:

- (a) Installation of Weighbridges and associated infrastructure.
- (b) Security including lighting, secure boundary fencing, bollards, barriers and/or lockable gates.
- (c) Utilities including connections and/or upgrades to energy, water and/or internet utilities.
- (d) Traffic control measures including signage and traffic lights,
- (e) Earthworks and roadworks.
- (f) Closing and capping the landfill.
- (g) Other necessary infrastructure and/or upgrades for the site to meet legislative requirements.

## 6. Ineligible project costs

Ineligible project costs include but are not limited to:

- (a) Works already completed prior to the date of formal advice of Project Funding approval.
- (b) Items purchased prior to the Project Funding being announced, unless agreed to by the Director-General, Department of Environment and Science.

- (c) Temporary works, except where required as part of the construction of the eligible works or required to enable completion of the proposed project.
- (d) Land acquisition and associated costs.
- (e) Vehicle/plant leasing unless directly required for construction (e.g. water trucks, excavators).
- (f) Completed feasibility, planning studies and/or conceptual design.
- (g) Employee education and/or training.
- (h) Statutory fees and charges and any costs associated with obtaining regulatory and/or development approvals.
- (i) Ongoing costs for administration, operation and maintenance or engineering.
- (j) Costs of preparing the project proposal for funding or associated supporting material.
- (k) Project management costs for the project proposal.
- (l) Legal expenses.
- (m) In-kind contributions.
- (n) Overhead charges.
- (o) Corporate overheads and on-costs, including technical, professional and clerical salaries of local government employees.
- (p) Duplication of existing funding applications under other Queensland Government grants programs and/or initiatives.

## 7. Funding

Projects approved for funding under the Grant Program will be allocated a subsidy of up to 60 per cent of eligible project costs (i.e. total project cost, less ineligible project costs, less other financial contributions).

All local governments are expected to make a financial contribution to the project/s approved for funding under the Grant Program.

Project Funding is not to be used by the recipient local government as their contribution towards other Queensland Government or Commonwealth Government funding programs.

Provision of Project Funding to local governments is not considered a taxable supply and so Goods and Services Tax (GST) is not applicable. All costs associated with the project exclude GST.

All unspent Project Funding must be returned to the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning following project acquittal.

## 8. Funding arrangements

Successful applicants will be required to execute a Project Funding Schedule under the applicant's Head Funding Agreement with the State of Queensland (the **State**). If a successful applicant has not entered a Head Funding Agreement with the State, it will be required to do so.

The State has no obligation to provide Project Funding to an applicant until a Head Funding Agreement and Project Funding Schedule has been executed by the applicant and the State.

Successful applicants should not make financial commitments until all necessary documents have been finalised and executed.

Once executed, the Project Funding Schedule and the Head Funding Agreement will constitute the "Project Funding Agreement" between the State and successful applicant.

The Project Funding Agreement will set out the arrangements for payment of Project Funding to a successful applicant in accordance with a Milestone Schedule set out in the Project Funding Agreement.

## 9. Application process

The below table sets out key program dates. These dates are indicative only and may be subject to change.

Key Dates	Key Activities/Actions
1 February 2023	Release of Program Guidelines
20 February 2023	Opens for applications
Midnight 3 April 2023	Closes for applications
April 2023	Assessment of applications
May 2023	Expected approval
30 June 2024	Date by which projects must be completed
No later than 90 days after the Project completion date	Final acquittal of projects

## 10. How to apply

Funding under this Grant Program is awarded through a competitive application and assessment process.

Local governments seeking project funding for multiple sites must submit a separate project proposal for each site. Within each project proposal, an eligible local government can request funding for a number of components related to that site.

To apply, applicants must:

- (a) complete the online application form on the eGrant Portal at <https://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/local-government/for-councils/grants/current-programs> and select 2022-24 Local Government Levy Ready Grant Program (**Round Three**)
- (b) provide all the information requested
- (c) address all eligibility criteria and assessment criteria
- (d) identify all co-contribution funding streams, including but not limited to in-kind funds, construction loans or external donations to be used for the project
- (e) include all necessary attachments
- (f) submit application/s by the application closing date and time.



Your application will include:

- (a) valid quotations, where possible, to support cost estimates
- (b) a project plan
- (c) a risk management plan

Applicants can access the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning offers eGrant system user guides and helpful links [here](#).

The Director-General of the Department of Environment and Science is under no obligation to consider applications submitted or received after the application closing date. All decisions made are at the discretion of the Director-General of the Department of Environment and Science and are considered final.

The cost of preparing and submitting an application are the sole responsibility of the applicant.

## 11. Assessment criteria

Applications that have complied with these Program Guidelines and are found to meet the eligibility criteria will be assessed against the following assessment criteria and prioritised for funding based on merit:

- The applicant provides a thorough assessment of the options available to manage their landfill site, with the desired outcome meeting the objectives of the Grant Program (40%)
- The project offers significant direct and indirect social, environmental, and economic benefits for the community and the State of Queensland (30%)
- The project offers value for money, clearly demonstrating an understanding of the whole of asset life costs and ability to manage ongoing asset responsibilities (20%)
- The applicant offers compelling reasons for seeking assistance to meet the Grant Program objectives in relation to their capability and capacity to self-fund the project (10%).

The assessment scorecard for project proposals is provided at **Attachment 2** for your reference.

## 12. Assessment process

Applications will be assessed according to the following process:

- All applications will be reviewed to determine eligibility and completeness. During this time, local governments may be asked to provide additional information to support their submitted applications.
- All eligible applications will then be referred to an appropriately qualified moderation panel for assessment and final recommendation. Eligible projects will be assessed against the program's assessment criteria and other applications (**see section 11 and Attachment 2**).
- The moderation panel will recommend projects for approval by the Director-General, Department of Environment and Science.
- Successful applicants are typically notified in writing by the Minister. These applicants will then be contacted by the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning regarding funding arrangements and next steps.

- Successful applicants will be required to execute a Project Funding Agreement with the State before any Project Funding will be paid . The Project Funding Agreement will outline the terms of the Project Funding and detail, amongst other obligations, the milestones to be achieved by the applicant.
- The State has no obligation to provide project funding to an applicant until a Project Funding Agreement is executed by the applicant and the State. Successful applicants should not make financial commitments until all necessary documents have been finalised and executed.
- Unsuccessful applicants will be notified in writing by the Director General, Department of Environment and Science.
- Noting in this section limits the State's discretions under section 21 of these Program Guidelines.

### 13. Payment claim requirements

The Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning will make payments according to the following schedule, unless otherwise agreed:

Payment schedule	Milestone
First payment (30% of Project Funding as outlined in the Project Funding Schedule)	Execution by both the successful applicant and the State of the Project Funding Schedule/s
Second payment (up to 60% of Project Funding as outlined in the Project Funding Schedule)	Second and subsequent payment claims can be lodged progressively via the eGrant portal, but not more than monthly. Payments will be made in arrears and calculated using the following formula: <i>(Eligible expenditure incurred) x (approved subsidy percentage) – (any previous subsidy claims paid).</i>
Final payment (10% of Project Funding as outlined in the Project Funding Schedule)	The State will pay the funding recipient upon receipt and acceptance by the Department of Environment and Science of a Project Completion and Acquittal Report, certified by the Chief Executive Officer or authorised delegate (which has been lodged with, and approved by the Department of Environment and Science via the eGrant portal).

The second and final payments are dependent on the funding recipient entering the relevant eGrant submission to certify:

- a) the funded work has been completed to a satisfactory standard.
- b) all documented expenditure has been incurred conducting approved activities as stated in these Program Guidelines, Head Funding Agreement and Project Funding Schedule.
- c) Signage has been installed subject to the conditions identified in section 20.

Certification must be made by the local government's Chief Executive Officer, or authorised delegated officer, that the relevant milestone has been satisfactorily completed.

## **14. Program monitoring, acquittal and evaluation**

The Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning will provide regular project progress reports to the Department of Environment and Science, who will monitor your project to ensure the objectives of the Grant Program are achieved.

Local governments must comply with the reporting, records and audit obligations in the Project Funding Agreement, which includes the provision of quarterly progress report and ad hoc reports (if required). Progress reports are to be submitted via the department's eGrants system by the due dates.

The Department's (Environment and Science and State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning) officers will conduct regular follow up of project progress outside of specified reporting periods if required.

Funding recipients will be required to acquit funds. Acquittal involves verifying funds were expended in accordance with these Program Guidelines and Project Funding Agreement.

The Project Completion Report and any supporting documents must be submitted to the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning via the eGrant portal within 90 days of the approved project completion date (the acquittal period).

All Projects will be evaluated by the Department of Environment and Science in light of the Grant Program objectives.

## **15. Due date for projects**

Projects funded under the Grant Program must be delivered by 30 June 2024.

## **16. Communications with the media**

All media enquiries or public announcements relating to the Grant Program will be coordinated and handled by the Department of Environment and Science's media team in partnership with the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning.

As far as practicable, all media and communications will be undertaken jointly with successful applicants.

Applicants must seek and obtain the State's approval before contacting the media to discuss any information regarding successful or unsuccessful applications for funding support under or in connection with the Grant Program

## **17. Confidentiality, privacy and use of information**

The State will maintain controls in relation to the management of confidential information provided by applicants. Applicants should specifically mark any information the applicant considers to be confidential.

During the application, assessment and approval process, an applicant must keep confidential its application/s and its dealings with the State about its application/s but may make disclosures if required by law or to its representatives or advisors who are under an obligation of confidentiality.

An applicant must also keep confidential any information designated by the State as confidential.

The State may disclose information, including confidential information, of or provided by an applicant:

- (a) to its representatives and advisors for any purpose;
- (b) to any government agency or authority and its representatives and advisors, including for the purpose of assessing and verifying such information;
- (c) to comply with or meet applicable standards of accountability of public money or established government policies, procedures or protocols; or
- (d) if required to be disclosed by law, including without limitation, under the *Right to Information Act 2009* (Qld).

The State intends to publicly disclose the names of applicants, information about projects, the amount of funding granted to each successful applicant and details about the anticipated economic outcomes and benefits of successful projects.

Any personal information submitted as part of an application will not be used by the State or disclosed to any third party for a purpose other than in connection with the assessment of the application without an applicant's consent, unless required by law or in accordance with the *Information Privacy Act 2009* (Qld).

For audit purposes, the State is required to retain applications and other supplied supporting material in accordance with the *Public Records Act 2002* (Qld)

The *Right to Information Act 2009* (Qld) applies to documents in the possession and control of the State.

## 18. Appeals and complaints

Applicants may lodge an appeal with the Department of Environment and Science for any decisions made relating to their grant application by emailing:

**Program Manager**  
Office of Circular Economy  
Email: [wasteprograms@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:wasteprograms@des.qld.gov.au)

Complaints can also be made via the Department of Environment and Science website at: [Complaints webpage](#).

## 19. Enquiries and contact details

For grant application support, please contact the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning at [levyready@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au](mailto:levyready@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au).

Please note, the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning is not able to assist in the preparation of Applications.

For general information on the program, please contact the Department of Environment and Science at [wasteprograms@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:wasteprograms@des.qld.gov.au)

## 20. Acknowledgement of the funding

Project Funding recipients must acknowledge the contributions of the Queensland Government funding.

This may include, where applicable:

- a) placement of temporary or permanent signage at project construction sites
- b) commemorative plaque for official openings
- c) acknowledgement in publicly made statements, on websites, or other appropriate documentation.

Further information on acknowledgement requirements, including the use of the Queensland Government logo, is available on the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning website at: <https://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/local-government/grants/acknowledgement-requirements>

## 21. Reservation of rights

- (a) Despite any provision of these Program Guidelines to the contrary, the State reserves the right to administer the Grant Program and conduct the process for the assessment and approval of applications to the Grant Program in such manner as it thinks fit, in its absolute discretion.
- (b) Without limiting paragraph (a), the State retains all rights and powers to make all decisions and actions in order to achieve the program objectives and the State reserves the right, in its absolute discretion and at any time, to:
  - (i) change the structure, procedures, nature, scope or timing of, or alter the terms of participation in the process or overall Grant Program (including submission and compliance of applications), where in such circumstances notice will be provided to applicants;
  - (ii) consider or accept, or refuse to consider or accept, any application which is lodged other than in accordance with these Program Guidelines or is lodged after the relevant date for lodgement, or which does not contain the information required by these Program Guidelines or is otherwise non-conforming in any respect;
  - (iii) take into account any information from its own and other sources (including other Government agencies and other advisors);
  - (iv) accept or reject any application, having regard to these Program Guidelines, the eligibility criteria, the assessment criteria or any other item, matter or thing which the State considers relevant, including the limitations on the funds available for the Grant Program;
  - (v) conduct due diligence investigations in respect of any applicant and subject applications to due diligence, technical, financial and economic appraisals;
  - (vi) require an applicant to clarify or substantiate any claims, assumptions or commitment contained in an application or provide any additional information;



- (vii) terminate or reinstate the Grant Program or any process in the Grant Program;
  - (viii) seek presentations from or interviews with any applicant and conduct negotiations with any one or more applicants after the applications have been lodged;
  - (ix) publish the names of applicants to the Grant Program; and
  - (x) take such other action as it considers in its absolute discretion appropriate in relation to the Grant Program processes.
- (c) Where under these Program Guidelines, it is stated that the State may exercise a right or discretion or perform any act or omit to perform any act, then unless stated otherwise the State may do so at its sole and absolute discretion and will not be required to act, or be restrained from acting, in any way or for any reason nor to take into account the interests of any third party (including an applicant).

## 22. No relationship

- (a) The State's obligations in connection with the application process are limited to those expressly stated in these Program Guidelines.
- (b) No contractual or legal relationship exists between the State and an applicant in connection with the Grant Program, these Program Guidelines or the application process or any stage of the Grant Program.
- (c) applicant, or its representatives:
- (i) Has no authority or power, and must not purport to have the authority or power to bind the State, or make representations on behalf of the State;
  - (ii) Must not hold itself out or engage in any conduct or make any representation which may suggest to any person that the applicant is for any purpose an employee, agent, partner or joint venturer with the State; and
  - (iii) must not represent to any person that the State is a party to the proposed project other than as a potential funder, subject to the application process detailed in these Program Guidelines and any Project Funding Agreement between a successful applicant and the State.

## 23. No action

- (a) To the extent permitted by law, no applicant will have any claim of any kind whatsoever against the State (whether in contract, tort (including negligence), equity, under statute or otherwise) arising from or in connection with:
- (i) any costs, expenses, losses or liabilities suffered or incurred by the applicant in preparing and submitting its application (including any amendments, requests for further information by the State, attendance at meetings or involvement in discussions) or otherwise in connection with the Grant Program;
  - (ii) the State at any time exercising or failing to exercise, in its absolute discretion, any rights it has under or in connection with the Grant Program; or

- (iii) any of the matters or things relevant to its application or the Grant Program in respect of which the applicant must satisfy itself under these Program Guidelines.
- (b) Without limiting paragraph (a), if the State cancels or varies the Grant Program at any time or does not select any applicant following its assessment of the applications, or does (or fails to do) any other thing referred to section 21 of these Program Guidelines, no applicant will have any claim against the State arising from or in connection with any costs, expenses, losses or liabilities incurred by the applicant in preparing and submitting its application or otherwise in connection with or in relation to (whether directly or indirectly) the Grant Program
- (c) For the avoidance of doubt, each applicant:
  - (i) Participates in the Grant Program at its own risk; and
  - (ii) Is wholly responsible for its costs of applying for, participating in, or otherwise in connection with, the Grant Program.

## 24. Non-exhaustive

- (a) These Program Guidelines do not contain all of the information that applicants may require in reaching decisions in relation to whether or not to submit an application. Applicants must form their own views as to the information that is relevant to such decisions.
- (b) Applicants must make their own independent investigations of the information contained or referred to in these Program Guidelines. Applicants must obtain their own independent legal, financial, tax and other advice in relation to information in these Program Guidelines, or otherwise made available to them, during the application process.

## 25. Disclaimer

- (a) The State makes no warranty or representation express or implied, and does not assume any duty of care to the applicants that the information in these Program Guidelines, or supplied in connection with the Grant Program (**Information**) is accurate, adequate, current, suitable or complete, or that the Information has been independently verified.
- (b) The State accepts no responsibility whether arising from negligence or otherwise (except a liability that cannot lawfully be excluded) for any reliance placed upon the Information or interpretations placed on the Information by applicants.

## 26. Intellectual property

Any intellectual property rights that may exist in an application will remain the property of an applicant or the rightful owner of those intellectual property rights. Any part of an application considered to contain intellectual property rights should be clearly identified by an applicant.

The applicant permits the State to use and reproduce any intellectual property in the application and supporting documents for the purpose of administering the Grant Program. The applicant must ensure that the submission of the application and supporting documents to the State as provided for by these Program Guidelines does not infringe the intellectual property or other rights of any third party.

## Attachment 1: Eligible applicants / sites

Eligible Local Governments	Eligible waste disposal site/s
Banana Shire Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taroom Landfill</li> </ul>
Bundaberg Regional Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Childers Waste Management Facility</li> <li>Tirroan Waste Management Facility</li> </ul>
Central Highlands Regional Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blackwater Landfill</li> <li>Tieri Landfill</li> </ul>
Isaac Regional Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Glenden Resource Recovery Centre</li> <li>Clermont Resource Recovery Centre</li> <li>Dysart Resource Recovery Centre</li> </ul>
Maranoa Regional Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Injune Refuse Site</li> <li>Jackson Refuse Site</li> <li>Mitchell Refuse Site</li> <li>Surat Refuse Site</li> <li>Wallumbilla Refuse Site</li> <li>Yuleba Refuse Site</li> </ul>
Moreton Bay Regional Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Woodford Transfer Station</li> </ul>
Mount Isa City Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Camooweal General Waste Disposal</li> </ul>
South Burnett Regional Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hivesville Waste Facility</li> <li>Murgon Waste Facility</li> <li>Nanango Waste Facility</li> <li>Wondai Waste Facility</li> </ul>
Southern Downs Regional Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yangan Landfill</li> </ul>
Tablelands Regional Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Innot Hot Springs Transfer Station &amp; Landfill</li> </ul>
Toowoomba Regional Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clifton Waste Facility</li> <li>Goombungee Waste Facility</li> <li>Greenmount Waste Facility</li> <li>Millmerran Waste Facility</li> <li>Pitsworth Waste Facility</li> <li>Yarraman Waste Facility</li> </ul>
Western Downs Regional Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tara Waste Disposal Facility</li> <li>Wandoan Waste Disposal Facility</li> </ul>
Whitsunday Regional Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mt Coolon Landfill</li> </ul>

## Attachment 2: Assessment criteria

This Assessment Scorecard is intended to provide an objective approach to the Assessment Team's decision making for assessing project proposals under Round Three of the Grant Program. Project proposals are to receive a score out of 100, based on their ability to meet the following criteria.

CRITERIA 1	HIGH Score = 40	MEDIUM Score = 20	LOW Score = 0	SCORE
<b>Project proposal meets the objectives of the program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close or transition eligible sites to enable the reduction of unused and unnecessary landfill facilities in Queensland</li> <li>facilitate accurate collection of the levy</li> <li>ensure adequate security and operational site controls</li> <li>To comply with existing and upcoming environmental authority and regulatory requirements.</li> </ul>	Project proposal clearly provides a thorough assessment of the available options at the site and demonstrates how it meets all four objectives of the program using the chosen solution.	Project proposal provides an overview of the available options how the chosen solution meets at least two of the four objectives of the program.	Project proposal does not meet or poorly demonstrates the available options and how it meets the objectives of the program.	High/ Medium/ Low
CRITERIA 2	HIGH Score = 30	MEDIUM Score = 15	LOW Score = 0	SCORE
<b>The project offers significant direct and indirect benefits to the community and the State of Queensland</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>social benefits</li> <li>environmental benefits</li> <li>economic benefits</li> </ul>	Comprehensive information was provided on the benefits the project offers the community and the state directly related to or indirectly affected by the facility. Application comprehensively covers social, environmental and economic benefits the project.	Satisfactory information was provided on the benefits the project offers the community and the state directly related to or indirectly affected by the facility. The project will achieve a reasonable standard, given the wider benefits identified	Project proposal does not meet or poorly demonstrates how it benefits the community or the State of Queensland	High/ Medium/ Low

CRITERIA 3	HIGH Score = 20	MEDIUM Score = 10	LOW Score = 0	SCORE
<b>Demonstrates value for money with an understanding of whole of asset life costs and the ability to manage such responsibilities.</b>	Comprehensive information was provided regarding value for money, with supporting details provided. Project budget is cost effective and is considered proportionate to the size, scale and asset lifespan, to meet the needs of the legislative requirements. The local government's contributions have been confirmed. Other sources of funding have been sought but not confirmed. An asset management plan, including consideration of ongoing maintenance costs, was provided.	Satisfactory information was provided regarding value for money for this project was assessed. More than one option was assessed (i.e. quotations for eligible costs were considered). Project budget is reasonable and appears proportionate to the size and scale of the project to meet the needs of the legislative requirements. The local government's contributions have been confirmed. An overview of the local government asset management plan was provided	Information on the project proposal, including budget, is not detailed correctly, well developed or confirmed. Project budget does not appear realistic or represent value for money. The local government's contributions have not been confirmed. Other sources of funding have not been sought or confirmed. The asset management plan was absent or failing to meet basic considerations.	High/ Medium/ Low
CRITERIA 4	HIGH Score = 10	MEDIUM Score = 5	LOW Score = 0	SCORE
<b>Demonstrates a compelling reason for funding to meet the Grant Program objectives given the applicant's capability and capacity to self-fund the project</b>	Project proposal clearly justifies a compelling argument for the funding amount/ ratio requested. Funding amount/ ratio is considered reasonable and proportional given the applicant's capability and capacity to self-fund this project. The financial details provided by the applicant strongly support their request.	Project proposal provides a satisfactory argument for the funding amount/ ratio requested. Funding amount/ ratio is considered reasonable and proportional given the applicant's capability and capacity to self-fund the project. The financial details provided by the applicant somewhat justify their request.	Project proposal does not offer any compelling argument for the funding amount requested.	High/ Medium/ Low
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High – 75-100</li> <li>Medium – 50-74</li> <li>Low – if any criteria is marked as “Low” it will result in this section being scored as “Low”</li> </ul>				<b>TOTAL</b>