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1. Acknowledgement to Country

Shellharbour City Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the Land on which we are meeting and pays its respects to Elders past and present.

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2. Apologies / Leave of Absence**3. Confidential Business (Committee of the Whole)**

Nil

4. Pecuniary Interest and Conflict of Interest Declarations

Nil

Note: Councillors who declare a Pecuniary Interest at the Council Meeting are also required to complete a Pecuniary Interest Declaration form.

5. Addresses to Council

6. Reports

6.1 Regional Development Australia Fund Round 5 Project Nomination (9965036)

To the General Manager

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Department: Corporate Strategy

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Summary

On Wednesday 19 June 2013 the Federal Government announced Round Five of the Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF).

The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's resolution on which project/s it would like to apply for under the funding round.

Council has made previous applications under Rounds One to Four of the RDAF, but to date has been unsuccessful.

For Round 5 of the RDAF, Shellharbour City Local Government has been allocated \$385,638. An eligible applicant can only submit one application for funding for a single project or a package of smaller projects.

A list of potential projects has been prepared by Council officers, considering the criteria and available funding. These are detailed in this report.

Background

On Wednesday 19 June 2013 the Minister for Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, announced Round Five of the Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF).

RDAF Round Five is an allocative funding round, with each local government that was funded under the General Purpose component of the Financial Assistance Grants 2012–2013 eligible to apply for funding for infrastructure projects.

Council has made previous applications under Rounds One to Four of the RDAF. In Rounds One and Two Council sought funding for the Shell Cove Marina project. In Round Three sought funding to improve boating facilities for launching within the Shellharbour boat harbour to cater for and promote their use by recreational and

commercial users. In Round Four Council sought funding for the Shellharbour City Hub Stage 1 project.

Council was unsuccessful in gaining funding in any of the four rounds to date.

RDAF Round Five will provide \$150M to eligible local governments, according to an allocative model, for capital infrastructure projects. Funding of \$105M will be allocated to regional local governments while \$45M will be allocated to urban local governments. The funding for regional local governments will come from the Regional Development Australia Fund and funding for urban local governments will come from the Liveable Cities program.

There are only four criteria and the Department has the delegation to approve projects. Applications will be assessed as they are received during the application period. If they meet the four criteria, they will be approved. There is also the provision for the Department to seek further information from applicants, if necessary. There is specific mention in the guidelines that this round gives the opportunity for the resubmission of EOIs or applications that were unsuccessful in previous rounds.

To be funded, applications must satisfy all of the following criteria:

(Source: Guidelines, Regional Development Australia Fund, Round Five, Local Government — Allocative Round, June 2013, <http://www.regional.gov.au/regional/programs/files/rdaf-round-five-guidelines-20130625.pdf>)

Funding Criterion 1: The applicant must be an eligible organisation

Eligible organisations are local governments that received funding under the General Purpose component of the local government Financial Assistance Grants in 2012–13.

Applicants may be supported by a consortium and projects may be delivered by the consortium. Consortium members may include other local governments, state or territory governments, not-for-profit organisations, business and industry organisations, universities and technical colleges, Regional Organisations of Councils, and community organisations.

The legal and operational arrangements for a consortium are a matter for participants. The Commonwealth will only enter into a Funding Agreement with an eligible organisation.

Funding Criterion 2: The application must be for an eligible project

Projects must be for the construction of new infrastructure, or the refurbishment or upgrade to existing infrastructure.

Projects must be 'investment ready', i.e. the project must be completed no later than 31 December 2016. The project must also be ready to commence construction within 12 months of the execution of the Funding Agreement between the applicant and the Commonwealth.

Projects must be maintained for a period of not less than five years following completion of the project.

Single projects or a package of smaller projects will be supported. There is no limit on the number of projects that may be submitted, however all projects must be included in a single application and, subject to approval, will form a single Funding Agreement between the applicant and the Commonwealth.

Funding Criterion 3: The project must provide community benefit, economic growth, or support the environment

Projects must benefit the Local Government Area and the communities that reside within it. Benefits may be to:

- develop the community, i.e. projects that support or enhance social capital and regional liveability through the construction, expansion or refurbishment of community facilities, infrastructure to support housing, streetscapes and civic upgrades, or facilities to support the disadvantaged
- support economic growth, i.e. by sustaining existing growth, enhancing productivity and innovation, supporting industry diversification and value-added activities, contributing to new investment, creating sustainable jobs, exploiting export opportunities, or facilitating workforce re-training and skills development, and/or
- support the environment, i.e. projects that support a transition to clean energy, sewerage upgrades, efficient storage, transformation and use of water, or the effective disposal of waste.

Funding Criterion 4: The project must be viable

The application must demonstrate that the project is viable by providing:

- Evidence of approvals—that approvals are in place, applied for, or otherwise expected to be received to allow the commencement of construction within 12 months of entering into a Funding Agreement with the Commonwealth.
- Evidence of co-contributions—that the project will be fully funded through commitment of partnership contributions in cash or in-kind.
- Evidence of planning—that the project will be delivered on time and to budget. This will be achieved through the provision of supporting documents, per 3.2 of these Guidelines.

- Evidence of costing—that the project has been appropriately costed. The level and detail of the costing, and procurement processes, should be commensurate with the value of the project.

For Round 5 of the RDAF, Shellharbour City Local Government has been allocated \$385,638. An eligible applicant can only submit one application for funding for a single project or a package of smaller projects. However, an eligible applicant can be a member of a number of consortia led by another eligible applicant.

A list of Round Five Frequently Asked Questions is available at http://www.regional.gov.au/regional/programs/rdaf_round_five_faqs.aspx#_2-7

Project Nominations

A list of potential projects has been prepared by Council officers, considering the criteria and available funding. These are shown in **Table 1**.

Table 1 Projects recommended for consideration by Council for seeking funding under RDAF Round Five

| PROJECTS RECOMMENDED FOR CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL FOR SEEKING FUNDING UNDER RDAF ROUND FIVE | Approximate Value of Project (\$M) |
|---|---|
| <p>SHELLHARBOUR FORESHORE UPGRADE (CAPPED AT 0.38M)</p> <p>Amenities blocks (upgrades) Several amenities facilities along the foreshore are in need of repair and upgrade to remain functional and to cater for existing use and demand. Upgrades are being considered for the Beverley Whitfield Pool amenities block to incorporate permanent staff accommodation and first aid facilities.</p> <p>Harbour boat ramp upgrade Consultants are preparing a design for a new jetty at this location to improve safety and accessibility. The boat ramp extension has been designed and would cater for increased demand for commercial and recreational boating access. State Government funds under the Better Boating Program could supplement Federal funding.</p> <p>Swimming pool improvements A Masterplan exists for the Beverley Whitfield Pool including the provision of shade and seating. The funding would ensure the completion of the remaining items on the Masterplan.</p> <p>Various embellishments identified in Foreshore Masterplan Embellishments include the provision of bin enclosures, seating, landscaping and access paths. Priority elements of the Masterplan could be completed.</p> | 3.00 |

| PROJECTS RECOMMENDED FOR CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL FOR SEEKING FUNDING UNDER RDAF ROUND FIVE | Approximate Value of Project (\$M) |
|---|---|
| <p>Shellharbour Village - Final Stage of Streetscape Works Approx (Capped at 0.38M)</p> <p>The funding may complete a component of the removal of overhead power lines and new lighting. Further investigation and a revised design by Endeavour Energy are required to determine the viability of completing a component of the upgrade in isolation.</p> | 1.70 |
| <p>Destination Albion Park - Stage 2 - Streetscape Works Approx (Capped at 0.38M)</p> <p>The funding would supplement and replace existing available funds for the project in Council's Budget. These works are currently on target for completion by November 2013.</p> | 1.30 |
| <p>Oak Flats Streetscape - Final Stage of Works Approx</p> <p>The final stage involves the upgrade of footpath along the eastern side of Central Avenue between Wentworth and Griffiths Streets. The upgrade would involve footpath reconstruction as implemented over previous stages.</p> | 0.15 |
| <p>Shared Use Path Strategy Implementation (Capped at 0.38M)</p> <p>Priority shared use paths include the Lake Foreshore at Koona Bay, Moore Street and Tongarra Road. These would complete key missing links within the Shared Use Path network. These paths are currently not identified in the adopted Capital Works Program as Council's budget is committed to improving the City's Asset Renewal Ratio.</p> | 10.00 |
| <p>Shellharbour War Memorial Park Gross Pollutant Trap Stage 2 (Capped at 0.38M)</p> <p>This project aims to capture litter from the southern arm of Benson Creek upstream from Lake Entrance Road at Warilla. The grant would allow for Stormwater Levy funds to be diverted to other priority work including Stormwater improvement measures within the Horsley Creek and Macquarie Rivulet catchment areas.</p> | 0.40 |
| <p>Myimbarr - Flood Lighting</p> <p>The Myimbarr sportsfield complex is being developed as a high stand sporting facility suited for Soccer, Rugby League, Australian Rules, Cricket, Athletics and Oztag. The fields are in demand for both day and night use. Two football fields require floodlighting. Electrical supply infrastructure has been provided within the site and a design / specification is complete and the project ready for tender.</p> | 0.35 |

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| <p>SES - Albion Park Headquarters</p> <p>The SES Area Head Quarters are accommodated in an historic Council building in Albion Park. For the SES to function effectively in the space available changes have to be made to the layout and repairs to the building undertaken to ensure it is fit for purpose in the long term</p> | 0.38 |
| <p>Refurbishment of the SACYA Building</p> <p>Priority works at Oakleigh Park Hall include the replacement of guttering and downpipes, structural, ventilation and brickwork repairs and the removal of redundant tennis court fencing.</p> | 0.10 |
| <p>Traffic Facilities in Warilla to improve public safety (Capped at 0.38M)</p> <p>Priority traffic facilities as identified in the Warilla Traffic Management Plan.</p> | 1.16 |
| <p>Footpaths in Warilla to improve accessibility (Capped at 0.38M)</p> <p>Priority and unfunded footpaths as identified in the Forward Capital Works Program to improve pedestrian access and safety.</p> | 1.04 |
| <p>Kerb ramp replacements / upgrades to improve disability access along Queen St, Warilla (Capped at 0.38M)</p> <p>Kerb ramps currently do not meet disability access and mobility Standards. A number of kerb ramps need to be replaced to improve wheelchair accessibility along Queen Street between Shellharbour Road and King Street.</p> | 0.08 |
| <p>Crew Park Project, Warilla</p> <p>Creating a safe, outdoor place for the community by working with the Community, Healthy Cities Illawarra and other possible partners to provide accessible facilities, with a focus on young families and their needs. Appropriately design play spaces will be created that allow for highly visible, safe recreational opportunities</p> | 0.35 |
| <p>Roadwork's to Bass Point (Capped at 0.38M)</p> <p>Bass Point is a significant historical location and a tourist destination but is poorly serviced due to the condition of the access. With the development of The Waterfront Shell Cove, formally known as the Boat Harbour, progressing as planned tourist visitations to Bass Point will only increase</p> <p>The funding could accelerate the provision of new road access to Bass Point and / or the sealing of access roads within Bass Point Reserve.</p> | 0.50 |

Any project/s endorsed by Council will be forwarded to Regional Development Australia in accordance with the application process. There are no financial implications for forwarding an application beyond preparation time by staff.

Should Council intimately be successful in achieving funding for any of the projects it nominates, a further report will be provided to Council detailing further financial and resource implications. There are no policy implications for Council if we were to nominate projects.

The public and social impacts of forwarding an application under Round 5 of the RDAF are zero. Should Council intimately be successful in achieving funding for any of the projects it nominates, a further report will be provided to Council detailing any public and social impacts.

Applications for RDAF Round Five must be submitted by 5:00pm Monday 22 July 2013. This funding opportunity is considered an important opportunity for Council to advance worthwhile projects previously identified as being of value to our community. Council's resolution on which project/s it would like to apply is sought.

Link to Community Strategic Plan

The Expression of Interest - Restart NSW Illawarra Infrastructure Fund supports the following objectives and strategies of the Community Strategic Plan:

Objective: 3.1 Infrastructure is planned and managed in a way that meets the community's needs

Strategy: 3.1.1 Provide the community with a broad range of quality infrastructure, assets and facilities delivered in a cost effective and sustainable manner.

Consultations

Internal

Director Corporate Policy
Director Shellharbour Enterprises

External

The community of Shellharbour City has been engaged with respect to the Objective and Strategy underpinning the proposed expression of interest.

Political Donations Disclosure

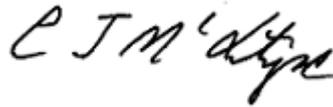
Not Applicable

Recommendation

That Council:

- 1. Determine which projects in Table 1 of this report it wishes to make application for under Round Five of the Regional Development Australia Fund.**
- 2. Determine any other projects it wishes to make application for under Round Five of the Regional Development Australia Fund.**
- 3. Submit that application by the closure date of 22 July 2013.**

Approved for Council's consideration: _____



Attachments

Nil

- 7. Committee of the Whole in Closed Session: Adjournment**

- 8. Committee of the Whole: Consideration of Adoption of Decisions Reached in Closed Session**