

2024-27 WORKS FOR QUEENSLAND – PROJECT SUBMISSIONS AND GRANT AGREEMENT

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Approves the submission of applications for funding under the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works 2024-27 Works for Queensland Program.
2. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to finalise any and all matters relating to the above applications

INTERESTED PARTIES:

Nil

Note: The identification of interested parties is provided on a best endeavours basis by Council Officers and may not be exhaustive.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The 2024-27 Works for Queensland (2024-27 W4Q) program is a Queensland Government program to provide funding to eligible councils to deliver infrastructure, planning, maintenance and capability development projects which support essential services, or contribute to community economic development or council sustainability. This initiative is delivered by the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works.

The intent of this report is to update Council on the background and status of the application for funding and agree the suite of projects to be lodged for funding.

BACKGROUND:

The 2024-27 W4Q program is a Queensland Government funding program to deliver infrastructure, planning, maintenance and capability development projects which support essential services, or contribute to community economic development or council sustainability.

The total budget for the 2024-27 W4Q program is \$300M. Each eligible local government will receive a base allocation of \$1.5M plus an additional amount calculated based on weighted population and unemployment figures in its local government area. Based on this methodology, an amount of \$18.17M has been made available to Cairns Regional Council, this represents a \$6M increase from the last round of W4Q from the Queensland Government.

The aim of 2024-27 W4Q is to support councils to deliver local infrastructure and maintenance, planning and capability development projects which:

- support essential services, contribute to community economic development and improve council sustainability.
- create and/or support jobs and deliver liveable communities where Queenslanders want to work, live and play.

Projects must be completed by 27 June 2027.

Councils are to prioritise projects that address local critical infrastructure and maintenance needs. An eligible project must be a project that is an essential services project or an economic development or council sustainability project. An essential services projects includes:

- critical infrastructure projects – water and wastewater, roads and drainage, stormwater systems
- a disaster resilience and preparedness project
- a housing supply project
- a community safety and wellbeing project – CCTV, active transport infrastructure, sport and recreation facilities

An economic development or council sustainability project includes:

- renewable energy transition project or local economic infrastructure Project Services
- a tourism infrastructure Project Services
- a community building and facilities project

COMMENT:

The following list of projects have been identified as the preferred options for receiving the 2024-27 W4Q grant allocation:

Project Name	2024/25		2025/26		2026/27	
	Budget	Grant	Budget	Grant	Budget	Grant
Active Travel	3,000,000	2,000,000	3,000,000	-	800,000	-
Underground Stormwater Renewal Program	500,000	300,000	850,000	400,000	900,000	-
Culvert Renewal Program	720,000	550,000	850,000	500,000	900,000	-
Asphalt Overlay Program	2,000,000	1,500,000	2,587,500	1,000,000	3,500,000	500,000
Kerb & Channel & Shoulder Sealing Renewal	2,587,500	2,000,000	2,337,500	1,500,000	2,337,500	-
Footpath Renewal	570,000	400,000	635,000	200,000	635,000	-
Pavement Rehabilitation Program	6,085,000	-	5,000,000	3,200,000	5,000,000	420,000
Watermain Refurbishment	4,100,000	3,200,000	6,000,000	500,000	5,000,000	-

OPTIONS:

Option 1 (Recommended)

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Option 2

That Council select alternate projects for submission of applications for funding under the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works 2024-27 Works for Queensland Program.

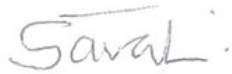
CONSIDERATIONS:

Risk Management:

The proposed projects were selected to ensure Council would be able to meet the deadline requirements outline in the 2024-27 W4Q program guidelines while delivering critical infrastructure.

Council Finance and the Local Economy:

All projects nominated for funding under the 2024-27 W4Q program are ongoing annual renewal programs. Allocation of the funding to these projects will not have any adverse impact to the wider capital works program or delivery of the individual projects.



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