

Local Government Loans Program Factsheet

What is being provided/offered?

The purpose of the Local Government Loans Program is to encourage local governments to invest and employ more Tasmanians to upgrade, renovate and to do necessary maintenance to improve existing local government infrastructure. The Program can also be used to assist Councils with measures taken in response to, or as a result of the impacts of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Examples of the types of projects that will be considered under the Program are provided in the Local Government Loans Program Guideline.

Loan funding of a maximum \$200 million is being made available through the Program, on a first-come first-served basis.

For eligible projects, the Program will provide assistance to applicable local government authorities through:

- the provision of **loan interest rebates** in the form of a grant for the eligible period of each loan, with a **three year maximum rebate term**.

Who will be the provider?

The Program will be managed and administered by the Department of Treasury and Finance.

The loan will be between a local government entity and the Tasmanian Public Finance Corporation (Tascorp).

Local government entities will need to pay interest instalments to Tascorp and then Treasury will reimburse the interest paid.

Who is eligible?

All Tasmanian councils and joint authorities are eligible for the Program.

To be eligible for assistance under the Program, local government authorities will be required to demonstrate that each nominated project:

- will be undertaken during the 2020-21 financial year;
- will provide Tasmanian employment opportunities;
- is procured through appropriate processes that deliver value-for-money outcomes; and
- is to be financed through an approved loan from Tascorp.

While applications by local government authorities will be assessed against the above eligibility criteria, it is not intended or necessary for projects to satisfy all criteria. However, priority will be given to projects which demonstrably satisfy the majority of the above criteria.

When will the initiative be available?

The Program will remain open from **1 April 2020** until **1 August 2020**, and applications will be managed on a rolling basis up until that time.

How do I apply/access?

1. Applications can be provided any time prior to **Saturday 1 August 2020**. Applications can be lodged with Treasury via email to:

financial.survey@treasury.tas.gov.au

2. Applications will be assessed as they are received and, following consideration by the Treasurer, Treasury will advise each Council of the outcome of their application.

Where will information be published/provided?

Information will be published on the Department of Treasury and Finance website.

Further Information

For further information about the Program, refer to the Local Government Loans Program Guideline, or please contact:

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