

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS PRIOR TO HEARING

Department of Fire and Emergency Services

Hon Martin Aldridge MLC asked:

2. I refer to the Local Government Grants Scheme and I ask for 2021-22:

- (a) Please provide a full list of successful capital grants detailing the following:
 - (i) Name of applicant;
 - (ii) Scope of grant; and
 - (iii) Funding amount;
- (b) Please provide a full list of unsuccessful capital grants detailing the following:
 - (i) Name of applicant;
 - (ii) Scope of grant; and
 - (iii) Funding amount;
- (c) Please provide the assessment matrix used for determining capital grants;
- (d) Please detail the membership of the SES Capital Grants Committee;
- (e) Please detail the membership of the BFS Capital Grants Committee;
- (f) Please provide the total allocation to the Local Government Grants Scheme for each of the last ten years and the allocation made for SES and BFS purposes respectively; and
- (g) With respect to operating grants, please provide a breakdown of grants by applicant and by service type for 2021-22?

Answer: ...

(a) Refer to Attachment A - BFB and SES Successful

(b) Refer Attachment B - BFB and SES Not Successful Applications

(c) LGGS Capital Grants requests are assessed for compliance against the Conditions of Capital Grants as published in the LGGS Manual for Capital and Operating Grants. Refer Attachment C.

(d) Membership of the SES Capital Grants Committee is:

Member Name	Position	Role / Title
Murray CARTER	Chairperson	Executive Director Rural Fire Division
Lin BOOTH	SES Volunteer Representative	Mundaring SES
Carol ADAMS	Local Government Representative	City of Kwinana
Tony SACHSE	Local Government Representative	Shire of Mt Marshall
Craig WATERS	DFES Representative	Deputy Commissioner Operations
Mal CRONSTEDT	DFES Representative	Deputy Commissioner Strategy and Emergency Management
Richard BURNELL	DFES Representative	Executive Director Corporate Services

(e) Membership of the BFS Capital Grants Committee is:

Member Name	Position	Role / Title
Murray CARTER	Chairperson	Executive Director Rural Fire Division
Dave GOSSAGE	BFS Volunteer Representative	Bedforddale BFB
Mike WALMSLEY	Local Government Representative	Shire of Waroona
Brent BAILEY	Local Government Representative	Shire of Dandaragan
Craig WATERS	DFES Representative	Deputy Commissioner Operations
Mal CRONSTEDT	DFES Representative	Deputy Commissioner Strategy and Emergency Management
Richard BURNELL	DFES Representative	Executive Director Corporate Services

(f) Refer to Attachment D - LGGS Total Allocation – 10 years

(g) Refer to Attachment E - BFB and SES Operating Grant Allocation 2021/22

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Attachment A - BFB and SES Successful

Applicant (Local Government)	Scope of Grant	Funding amount
Albany	5 Appliance Bay Facility & Amenities - including fit out	\$ 563,290
Augusta-Margaret River	Door and Window - Training Room	\$ 9,330
Augusta-Margaret River	Replace Roller Doors	\$ 6,180
Boyup Brook	Fast Fill Trailer	\$ 7,670
Boyup Brook	Fast Fill Trailer	\$ 7,670
Brookton	2 Appliance Bay Facility & Amenities + Two Bay Trailer Shed + Off Grid Solar	\$ 573,811
Capel	2 Appliance Bay Facility & Amenities + Furniture Fit Out	\$ 681,340
Esperance	2 Appliance Bay Facility & Amenities	\$ 380,000
Esperance	Central tyre inflation system & additions for Tyre Trial	\$ 31,752
Gingin	Additional Funding - final figure to be determined	TBA
Lake Grace	Replace ceiling	\$ 25,000
Mt Marshall	2 Appliance Bay Facility & Amenities	\$ 533,910
Narrogin	Fast Fill Trailer	\$ 7,000
Northam	Extension - Garaging, PPC Storage, Storeroom & Respiratory Cleaning Area	\$ 145,505
Pingelly	1 Appliance Bay Facility & Amenities Two Bay Trailer Shed + Off Grid Solar	\$ 463,414
Plantagenet	Fast Fill Trailer	\$ 7,000
Ravensthorpe	2.4 Broadacre - Single Cab	\$ 487,200
Ravensthorpe	2 Appliance Bay Facility & Amenities	\$ 450,000
Serpentine-Jarrahdale	4 Appliance Bay Facility & Amenities	\$ 1,105,000
Wandering	Ablutions	\$ 93,500
Waroona	Station extension - Meeting/training room, office, kitchen & ablutions	\$ 183,173
West Arthur	1 Appliance Bay	\$ 50,214

Applicant (Local Government)	Scope of Grant	Funding Amount
Bayswater	Storage Shed - 3m (H) x 6m (L) x 12m (W) & 3 Phase Power	\$ 5,272
Belmont	General Rescue Utility - Urban	\$ 107,000
Bridgetown-Greenbushes	Generator - 17kva	\$ 6,889
Broome	Lighting Tower	\$ 80,000
Bunbury	General Rescue Truck	\$ 199,700
Bunbury	Roof Safety System Training Structure	\$ 12,104
Denmark	Generator - 7kva	\$ 5,363
Esperance	General Rescue Truck	\$ 199,700
Esperance	Clark Mast & accessories	\$ 12,071
Harvey	Generator - 25kva	\$ 19,150
Joondalup	Generator - 60kva	\$ 25,000
Kalamunda	Bathroom Refurbishment	\$ 30,227
Manjimup	Generator - 10kva	\$ 5,900
Narrogin	General Rescue Utility - Rural	\$ 110,200
Plantagenet	General Rescue Utility - Rural	\$ 110,200
Ravensthorpe	Kitchen upgrade & floor coverings	\$ 23,460
Shark Bay	Vertical Rescue Training Tower	\$ 163,203
Wagin	General Rescue Utility - Rural	\$ 110,200
Wanneroo	General Rescue Truck - Urban	\$ 194,000

Attachment B- BFB and SES Applications - Not Successful

BUSH FIRE SERVICE		
Applicant (Local Government)	Applicant (Local Government)	Applicant (Local Government)
Boyup Brook	Dowerin	Menzies
Boyup Brook	Dundas	Menzies
Boyup Brook	Esperance	Menzies
Boyup Brook	Gingin	Mingenew
Brookton	Gnowangerup	Morawa
Brookton	Gnowangerup	Mt Marshall
Broome	Gosnells	Mt Marshall
Bunbury	Harvey	Mundaring
Chapman Valley	Katanning	Mundaring
Chittering	Kellerberrin	Murchison
Collie	Kwinana	Wagin
Collie	Lake Grace	Wagin
Collie	Lake Grace	Wandering
Collie	Laverton	Wandering
Cuballing	Laverton	Wanneroo
Cuballing	Laverton	Williams
Cunderdin	Laverton	Williams
Cunderdin	Manjimup	Wiluna
Dalwallinu	Manjimup	Wyalkatchem
Denmark	Manjimup	Wyalkatchem
Dowerin	Manjimup	
Dowerin	Menzies	

STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE
Applicant (Local Government)
Augusta-Margaret River
Carnarvon
Esperance
Gosnells
Gosnells
Melville
Melville
Merredin
Northam
Pingelly
Swan

Attachment C – Conditions of Capital Grants

- All expenditure must comply with the relevant local government procurement policies.
- Approvals for capital grants for new facilities are conditional upon suitable land being immediately available to facilitate construction. The land can be owned freehold by the Local Government (with title) or crown land under management order with the Local Government.
- The land provided by the Local Government is to be in close proximity to utilities (power, water and communications).
- The cost in providing these utilities to the site boundary is the responsibility of the Local Government, connection costs from the site boundary to the facility are eligible for LGGs funding.
- Facilities funded by the LGGs are for the purposes of emergency services only including the housing of LGGs funded appliances/vehicles/boats/trailers only.
- Requests should advise facility projects 'shovel readiness' status. Tenders must be invited, and a building contractor engaged within 12 months of the date of the letter of approval. If a Local Government does not meet this timeline, DFES will require a written explanation of the circumstances for the delay, prior to the 12-month period. Where the Local Government cannot adequately substantiate the project delays, the project approval may be referred to the CGC for re-consideration.
- Cost shifting, through the sale of an existing Local Government property on the expectation that DFES will fund a new facility is not acceptable, unless by agreement between the Local Government Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the FES Commissioner.
- All LGGs funded BFB and SES/Collocation facilities are to comply with accepted State Government replacement policies for public buildings based upon a minimum period of 25 years for metal/fibro facilities and 50 years for brick facilities. Local Government should comply with the accepted State Government replacement policies for public buildings and will be responsible for funding a replacement facility as per DFES' Standardised Designs¹ or refund the LGGs program on a pro-rata basis at the prevailing costs for the residual life of the facility. Alternatively, Local Government is responsible for meeting any leasing costs for the residual operational life of the facility.
- Approved capital equipment must be purchased and acquitted with 12 months of the date of the letter of approval. If a Local Government does not meet this timeline, DFES will require a written explanation of the circumstances for the delay. Where the Local Government cannot adequately substantiate the delay in purchasing the equipment, the equipment approval may be cancelled.
- Capital grants are only to be expended on items as approved by the Capital Grants Committees and assets are only to be used for the purpose for which they were acquired.
- Appliances and vehicles are to be maintained as per DFES Fleet and Equipment Services or Original Equipment Manufacturers maintenance and servicing schedules. Servicing records will be subject to the LGGs auditing process.
- All assets must be fully insured (including facility contents and minor equipment such as power tools, office equipment, chainsaws, weather meters etc.) for third party property and liability. In the event where an appliance/vehicle is damaged beyond repair and written off for insurance purposes, a replacement appliance/vehicle of comparable condition will be procured. Proceeds from insurance claims shall be returned to DFES to offset replacement costs.
- Modifications are not to be made to assets funded through the LGGs without prior advice to DFES (refer to Section 3.7 for more details).

¹ Refer Appendix VI Facility Footprint Designs.

- Generally, all fleet assets being replaced through the LGGS must be transferred to DFES for disposal or refurbishment and redistribution, at no consideration, in exchange for the replacement asset.
- Assets of less value, upon their replacement, shall be disposed in accordance with the Local Government's disposal policy and procedure.
- Prior to 1 May each year, Local Governments must provide a status report to DFES for any approved capital grant of a financial nature (cash) that remains outstanding. The Capital Grants Committee will assess the status report and determine the future of the outstanding capital grant.
- Local Governments shall advise DFES (through its Asset Planning and Resource Allocation branch) of the imminent completion date for LGGS funded facility projects to facilitate requests for the attendance of the Minister for Emergency Services and Local Member at official opening ceremonies.
- Copies of Certificates of Practical Completion shall be provided to DFES following the completion of facility projects.
- All capital grants must be acquitted in accordance with the stipulated requirements.
- Failure to comply with the above conditions may result in the cancellation of the grant.

Attachment D - LGGs Total - BFS & SES – 10 years

Financial Year	Total SES Funds	Total BFB Funds	Total
2012/13	\$ 3,343,031	\$ 20,815,061	\$ 24,158,092
2013/14	\$ 5,385,895	\$ 20,315,907	\$ 25,701,802
2014/15	\$ 5,411,996	\$ 20,011,656	\$ 25,423,652
2015/16	\$ 5,106,936	\$ 21,487,615	\$ 26,594,551
2016/17	\$ 4,210,468	\$ 22,899,063	\$ 27,109,531
2017/18	\$ 8,040,000	\$ 18,526,275	\$ 26,566,275
2018/19	\$ 5,561,102	\$ 21,973,752	\$ 27,534,854
2019/20	\$ 4,025,847	\$ 23,105,698	\$ 27,131,545
2020/21	\$ 5,603,125	\$ 26,663,284	\$ 32,266,409
2021/22	\$ 5,200,441	\$ 28,835,932	\$ 34,036,373

Attachment E - BFS and SES Operating Grant Funding 2021/22

Applicant	Bush Fire Service Operating Grants 2021/22	State Emergency Service Operating Grants 2021/22
(Local Government)		
Albany	\$333,906	\$54,970
Armadale	\$143,255	\$47,330
Ashburton	\$42,813	\$29,680
Augusta-Margaret River	\$267,543	\$43,997
Bassendean		\$43,380
Bayswater		\$58,030
Belmont		\$88,564
Beverley	\$51,898	
Boddington	\$60,783	\$29,410
Boyup Brook	\$110,379	
Bridgetown-Greenbushes	\$254,391	\$20,900
Brookton	\$56,600	
Broome	\$45,971	\$39,587
Broomehill-Tambellup	\$49,878	
Bruce Rock	\$17,466	
Bunbury	\$68,667	\$51,140
Busselton	\$345,646	\$36,870
Capel	\$113,679	
Canning		\$46,850
Carnamah	\$23,857	\$17,610
Carnarvon	\$17,723	\$35,410
Chapman Valley	\$34,169	
Chittering	\$235,838	
Cockburn	\$180,657	\$62,500
Collie	\$183,863	\$23,660
Coolgardie	\$9,034	
Coorow	\$75,686	
Corrigin	\$53,523	
Cranbrook	\$86,359	
Cuballing	\$42,063	
Cue	\$3,558	
Cunderdin	\$40,299	
Dalwallinu	\$38,399	
Dandaragan	\$48,607	
Dardanup	\$200,480	
Denmark	\$196,430	\$21,978
Derby-West Kimberley	\$27,227	\$24,540
Donnybrook-Balingup	\$229,020	\$19,780
Dowerin	\$33,177	
Dumbleyung	\$52,323	
Dundas	\$28,446	
East Pilbara	\$16,823	\$45,770
Esperance	\$290,085	\$25,000

Applicant	Bush Fire Service Operating Grants 2021/22	State Emergency Service Operating Grants 2021/22
(Local Government)		
Exmouth	\$26,772	\$35,810
Gingin	\$245,990	
Gnowangerup	\$56,247	\$22,590
Goomalling	\$64,923	
Gosnells	\$142,248	\$63,735
Greater Geraldton	\$159,168	\$48,840
Harvey	\$205,132	\$34,700
Irwin	\$47,610	
Jerramungup	\$71,698	
Joondalup		\$97,325
Kalamunda	\$141,698	\$61,640
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	\$2,500	\$38,770
Karratha	\$41,329	\$117,317
Katanning	\$46,757	
Kellerberrin	\$45,195	
Kent	\$38,843	
Kojonup	\$60,741	
Kondinin	\$15,028	
Koorda	\$21,999	
Kulin	\$48,480	
Kwinana	\$208,268	
Lake Grace	\$54,859	
Laverton	\$15,000	
Leonora	\$3,760	
Mandurah	\$34,864	\$52,005
Manjimup	\$249,355	\$42,375
Meekatharra	\$7,020	\$5,180
Melville		\$30,890
Menzies	\$24,758	
Merredin	\$57,982	\$30,123
Mingenew	\$24,223	
Moora	\$73,570	\$14,998
Morawa	\$24,539	
Mt Magnet	\$9,622	
Mt Marshall	\$88,026	
Mukinbudin	\$18,275	
Mundaring	\$435,540	\$27,530
Murchison	\$15,971	
Murray	\$267,779	\$37,890
Nannup	\$164,209	
Narembeen	\$14,010	
Nannup		\$13,030
Narrogin Shire	\$46,287	
Northam Shire	\$223,763	\$12,941
Northampton	\$52,919	\$33,990

Applicant	Bush Fire Service Operating Grants 2021/22	State Emergency Service Operating Grants 2021/22
(Local Government		
Nungarin	\$8,403	
Perenjori	\$34,203	
Pingelly	\$50,764	\$33,400
Plantagenet	\$193,330	\$18,629
Port Hedland	\$13,882	\$65,060
Quairading	\$46,219	
Ravensthorpe	\$94,524	\$22,790
Rockingham		\$90,700
Sandstone	\$11,044	
Serpentine-Jarrahdale	\$372,405	\$35,010
Shark Bay	\$10,069	\$47,020
Stirling		\$73,027
Swan	\$331,483	\$69,730
Tammin	\$20,636	
Three Springs	\$35,813	
Toodyay	\$204,863	\$32,466
Upper Gascoyne	\$6,216	
Victoria Plains	\$71,590	
Vincent		\$53,920
Wagin	\$64,486	\$31,201
Wandering	\$39,272	
Wanneroo	\$362,703	\$34,045
Warooka	\$58,048	
West Arthur	\$43,708	
Westonia	\$31,734	
Wickepin	\$59,581	
Williams	\$36,464	
Wiluna	\$20,613	
Wongan-Ballidu	\$33,080	
Woodanilling	\$32,343	
Wyalkatchem	\$52,275	
Wyndham-East Kimberley	\$58,380	\$18,070
Yalgoo	\$30,837	
Yilgarn	\$71,554	
York	\$54,731	

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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS PRIOR TO HEARING

Department of Fire and Emergency Services

Hon Martin Aldridge MLC asked:

8. I refer to the DFES Annual Report 2019-20, which states a \$5.09 million underspend in the Local Government Grants Scheme due to delays in the commissioning of appliances and I ask:
- (a) Please explain what factors led to this significant delay;
 - (b) How many individual applications for firefighting appliances have been unable to be funded due to these delays;
 - (c) For the past four financial years, please provide a breakdown of funding requested and funding delivered for firefighting appliances through the Local Government Grants Scheme;
 - (d) What measures has the State Government put in place to address this backlog of firefighting appliance requests;
 - (e) What was the underspend in 2020-21;
 - (f) What is the underspend predicted in 2021-22 and across the forward estimates;
 - (g) What is the design life for each appliance type by service;
 - (h) How many appliances are currently operational beyond their design life;
 - (i) When will each of the appliances identified in (h) be scheduled for replacement;
 - (j) Who is the manufacturer and what is the manufacturing location of each appliance type; and
 - (k) What is the cost of each appliance type identified in (j)?

Answer: ...

(a) Delays in the commissioning of LGGGS funded appliances relate to the establishment of new fleet contracts and COVID-19 restrictions and supply chain impacts on the fleet replacement program.

(b) Note: all applications approved for delivery by the Bush Fire Service and State Emergency Service Capital Grants Committees were funded. The underspend on the grants program reflects a delay in delivering appliances to the local governments, it does not reflect a reduction in funding allocated. Funded is expended during the year on the construction of appliances and if the appliances are not delivered before year end, the expenditure is capitalised as inventory held for distribution, rather than as a grant expenditure.

(c)

Financial Year	Funding Requested ¹	Funding Delivered ²
2016/17	\$21.187m	\$13.823m
2017/18	\$27.362m	\$6.590m
2018/19	\$18.693m	\$5.184m
2019/20	\$17.800m	\$10.686m

(d) Contracts have been established and as Project Advisory Teams final acceptance of fleet types is established for new concepts, appliance delivery is progressing. Global cab chassis constraints are being addressed directly with suppliers and vehicle manufacturers.

(e - f) The underspend in the LGGs for 2020/21 was \$13.9 million and was mainly associated with COVID-19 and associated supply chain impacts. Approximately \$5.272 million underspend on appliances is estimated for 2021-22 due to manufacturing supply chain issues associated with COVID-19 pandemics impacts. DFES is expecting to achieve the delivery of appliances within the forward estimates period.

(g - h) The service life of operational fleet is for planning and budget purposes only. The service life of operational fleet is subject to actual use, wear and tear and performance versus maintenance /repair costs. All DFES fleet, including the high fire season fleet are fit for purpose, maintained in accordance with original equipment manufacturer (OEM) recommendations and are Australian Design Rules (ADR) compliant.

Type	Indicative Service Life Years	
	BFB	SES
Light Tanker	10	N/A
Tanker (1.4/2.4/3.4/4.4)	16	N/A
12.2 Bulk Water Carrier	20	N/A
Incident Control Vehicle	20	20
Fast Fill Trailer	20	N/A
Troop Carrier	N/A	16
SES Ute	N/A	16
General Rescue Utility	N/A	10
General Rescue Truck	N/A	16
Flood Rescue Boat and Trailer (Light and Heavy)	N/A	20
Personnel Carrier (12 Seater Bus)	N/A	20
All-Terrain Vehicle and Trailer	N/A	20
Lighting Trailer	N/A	20
Trailer	N/A	20

¹ Requests includes DFES offer and acceptance, Local Government variations to the offer and Local Government requests (scheduled program adjustments and additional resources).

² Funding delivered = Capital budget (Fleet) approved by LGGs Capital Grants Committee

(i) Operational Appliances scheduled for replacement.

The service life of operational fleet is for planning and budget purposes only. The service life of operational fleet is subject to actual use, wear and tear and performance versus maintenance /repair costs. All DFES fleet, including the high fire season fleet are fit for purpose, maintained in accordance with original equipment manufacturer (OEM) recommendations and are Australian Design Rules (ADR) compliant.

Appliance Type ³	QTY	Replacement Schedule		
		2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
BFB APPLIANCES	QTY			
Light Tanker	93	43	20	20
1.4 Tanker	8	6	3	0
2.4 Tanker	40	8	4	2
3.4 tanker	9	8	0	0
4.4 Tanker	4	24	12	4
Total BFB	154	89	39	26
SES VEHICLES	QTY	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Troop Carrier	45	0	0	0
SES Utility	10	0	0	0
General Rescue Utility	0	33	10	9
General Rescue Truck	1	1	1	1
Personnel Carrier (12-Seater Bus)	0	0	0	1
Flood Rescue Boat and Trailer (Light and Heavy)	15	9	3	3
Total SES	71	43	14	14

(j) Manufacturers and manufacturing locations by appliance type.

Type	Manufacturer	Location
Light Tanker	Frontline Fire and Rescue	Malaga and Collie
Tanker (1.4) Single / Crew Cab types	Technifire 2000 (WA)	Canning Vale and Collie
2.4 (Broadacre) Single Cab type	Varley	Ballarat Vic
3.4 (Urban) Crew Cab type	Frontline Fire and Rescue	Malaga
4.4 (Broadacre) includes choice of Tatra, Iveco, Volvo and Isuzu chassis in single and crew cab types.	Frontline Fire and Rescue	Malaga and Collie
12.2 Bulk Water Carrier Single Cab type	Frontline Fire and Rescue	Malaga
General Rescue Utility	Osborne Park Isuzu	Osborne Park
General Rescue Truck	Paull Group	Kewdale
Road Crash Rescue Tender	Frontline Fire and Rescue	Malaga
Flood Rescue Boat and Trailer (Light and Heavy)	PFG Group	Tasmania

(k) The total value of award for each contract is publicly available on TendersWA.

³ Scheduled replacement type is not necessarily 'like for like' and reflects approved variation. The SES Troop Carrier and Utility have been replaced by the General Rescue Utility.

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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS PRIOR TO HEARING

Department of Fire and Emergency Services

Hon Martin Aldridge MLC asked:

14. I refer to the application by the Shire of Northam for funding under the Local Government Grants Scheme to construct a fire station for the Wundowie Bush Fire Service in 2021-22 and I ask:
- (a) Please table the application;
 - (b) Was the application conforming with the guidelines of the LGGS;
 - (c) On how many occasions has an application been received to construct this proposed facility by the LGGS;
 - (d) Please provide the assessment of the Capital Grants Committee in relation to this application;
 - (e) How are applications assessed and ranked by the committee; and
 - (f) Of the ninety applications totalling \$29.4 million that relate to BFS applications under the LGGS that were unsuccessful, I ask:
 - (i) How many applications met the criteria of the LGGS but were not prioritised due to funding limitations;
 - (ii) What was the total amount of project funding identified in (i);
 - (iii) How many applications did not meet the criteria of the LGGS; and
 - (iv) What was the total amount of project funding identified in (iii)?

Answer: ...

- (a) The 2021/22 Application cover letter for Shire of Northam provided is attached The full application is considered commercially sensitive and unable to be tabled.
- (b) Yes
- (c) Four
- (d) The application was considered by the LGGS Capital Grants Committee (CGC) in the context of the emergency services requirements of the State. The application was not supported following a regional risk to capability assessment, which considered the proximity of existing crews and assets. This was endorsed by the BFS Capital Grants Committee.
- (e) Applications are assessed for compliance against the conditions of the Capital Grants Manual and provided to the Capital Grants Committee, where they are assessed in the following priority:
 1. Substantive fleet replacement (those assets scheduled replacement by reaching service life age);
 2. Facility establishment – new facility for those BFB's with substantive fleet assets and without garaging – includes amenities;
 3. Facility replacement/modification – where replacement substantive fleet assets cannot be accommodated within existing appliance bays (capacity to meet physical size);
 4. Facility modification/provision of essential amenities (ablutions, training, welfare)
 5. Additional fleet (appliance) requests;
 6. Equipment requests.

- (f) (i) 77 applications met criteria¹
- (ii) \$24,208,549
- (iii) 11 applications did not meet criteria
- (v) \$4,935,061

¹ Of the 90 applications noted as unsuccessful, answers to 'f' (i and iii) refers to 88 in total. Exclusions include;

1. Gingin South BFB Collocated Facility – Additional funding request - \$ value yet to be advised, project's total funding requirement is yet to be finalised.
2. Gosnells BFB – Thermal Imaging Camera was approved for purchase direct through the LG's operating grant as the total amount was less than \$5000.00.



Entered in D/B
Peter Raykos

Peter Raykos
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Our ref: 5.1.1.3 / O70318
Enquiries:

Dear Mr Raykos

LGGS Grant Application

I refer to your letter dated 4th January 2020 outlining the Shire of Northam Local Government Grant Scheme allocation. The Shire of Northam thanks you for the offer and wishes to propose an alternative ESL allocation for the 2021/2022 financial year.

The Shire of Northam has consistently exceeded its expenditure in the operational grant allocation. This is due to complying with our duty of care to our volunteers and supplying them with essential resources to sustain the functioning of the brigades. This includes ensuring that all PPC and PPE is compliant with relevant OSH requirements, in the best interests of the health and safety of the volunteers.

Due to the changes with the implementation of the Work Health Safety Act 2020, it is anticipated that this year will see a significant increase in expenditure for formal training. This is due a skills gap analysis being completed to ensure that our volunteers are adequately trained to enable them to fulfil their role in the community.

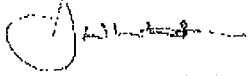
The Shire of Northam, in partnership with Northam DFES Regional Office have identified capacity gaps within the Shire of Northam district. Some of these gaps require a large focus on improving training levels, others will require physical resourcing to enhance the existing capabilities within these areas equivalent to the risk. Delivering these outcomes will allow the bush fire brigade volunteers to further support not just our own community but that of our neighbouring local government districts.

The Shire of Northam appreciates the opportunity to put forward an alternative allocation to the Local Government Grants Scheme and looks forward to working together in building a safer community in the Shire of Northam.

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If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Shire of Northam Community
Emergency Services Manager,

Yours faithfully



JASON WHITEAKER
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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26 March 2021

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