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Item: 269 IS - Working Together To Manage Emergencies - Local Grants Scheme - (95495, 96331)

REPORT:

The Australian Government has launched the "Working Together to Manage Emergencies" Program, which includes the Local Grants Schemes. This Scheme is focused at the Council level through emergency management related projects, and is fully funded by the Commonwealth. The Scheme will be administered by Emergency Management Australia.

The Local Grants Scheme includes a total of \$30,000,000 over four years for local emergency management projects, including:

- Local Risk Assessments;
- Emergency Management Training and Planning;
- Protection of Local Infrastructure; and
- Security Awareness.

The NSW allocation of funds is likely to be in the vicinity of \$2,000,000 per annum. Priority will be given to projects that:

- Develop and promote effective community preparedness;
- Response and recovery initiatives;
- Protection measures for critical infrastructure; and
- Provide emergency management and security awareness training.

From a NSW perspective, it was suggested that key initiatives worth considering are:

- Emergency Risk Management (ERM) studies for Councils;
- Establishment of emergency operation centres; and
- Assist in provision of facilities where Council are required to provide them (e.g. SES).

A national cap of \$50,000 per project has been established and funds are to be expended in the year of allocation.

Five projects were submitted to the State Emergency Management Centre (SEMC) and subsequently the SEMC has requested that these projects be prioritised. This request caused a dilemma as the Local Emergency Management Committee had submitted an application for funding to undertake an Emergency Risk Management Study, which is required to be completed by December 2006. In terms of process, the LEMC has considered the projects, including a presentation by three of the applicants and has suggested a priority listing, which is now submitted for Council consideration.

The projects in order of the priority suggested by the LEMC are:

1. *Hawkesbury City Council on behalf of the Local Emergency Management Committee*

All local emergency management committees are required by the State Emergency Management Committee to undertake an Emergency Risk Management Study and document the outcomes of

the study by December 2006. An application for \$12,500 was made to employ a consultant to facilitate the process and provide the final report.

2. *Oakville Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade*

The Brigade applied for funding of \$2,995 to provide pagers to 15 extra volunteers to communicate Brigade information from the Brigade to members, to provide for rapid response to emergency situations as well as Brigade activities.

3. *Lions Club of Richmond Inc.*

The Lions Club applied for funding of \$4,400 to provide two emergency catering and rest facilities for emergency services and agency personnel in time of extended emergency callouts. A catering caravan would provide the ability to cater for 50 to 60 persons per hour with light hot and cold food and refreshments at an emergency location and catering and rest marquees would provide catering and rest facilities for 100 to 120 persons per hour with full hot and cold catering service and a rest and recuperation area for relief and standby emergency crews at a safe area close to an emergency event.

4. *Hawkesbury Radio Communications Co-operative Society Limited.*

An application for funding of \$100,000 over two years to develop and implement emergency communication protocols for informing, alerting and disseminating vital details and response information to the community leading up to and following an emergency. The project would provide:

- Detailed radio broadcast and internet communication protocol plans;
- Emergency awareness educational plan for use 'on air' and via internet;
- Standard community response and alert measures;
- Standard operating procedures for radio broadcasting and web-casting;
- 'Top of Mind' contact register and information template for when an emergency strikes the Hawkesbury;
- 'What to Do' Ready Reckoner;
- Decisions Support Chart for community;
- Emergency Broadcast Computer Log-in system for post emergency analysis and evidence.

5. *Hawkesbury Headquarters Rural Fire Brigade*

This application was for \$50,000 being part funding for the construction of a suitable multi-function, purpose built facilities, for the use of all emergency services during crisis situations within the Hawkesbury/Nepean Districts. The building would also be used as an effective recruitment centre and would be available to other volunteer emergency services, groups and general community. The total cost of the building is estimated at \$110,000 and the remaining funds would be sort from sponsors, donations and in-kind work

Conformance to Strategic Plan

The proposal is deemed to conform with the objectives set out in Council's Strategic Plan i.e.:

"Objective: Work in partnership with community and Government to implement community plans to meet the social, health, safety, leisure and cultural needs of the city"

Funding

There are no budget implications in relation to the proposal.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

- A. The priorities suggested by the Local Emergency Management Committee for applications for funding from the 'Working Together to Manage Emergencies' Program be adopted as:
1. Hawkesbury City Council - Emergency Risk Management Study;
 2. Oakville Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade - Response and Communication Awareness;
 3. Lions Club of Richmond Inc. - Emergency Catering Support to assist the State Disaster Welfare Plan Personnel;
 4. Hawkesbury Radio Communications Co-operative Society Limited - Best emergency actions and communications need; and
 5. Hawkesbury Headquarters Rural Fire Brigade - Combined Emergency Multi-Purpose Centre.
- B. The State Emergency Management Committee be advised of the priorities.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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SUPPLEMENTARY CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Item: 270 **SS - Expressions of Interest for Former Library Building - (73947, 79337)**
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Previous Item: 142, Ordinary (10 May 2005, 26 July 2005, 9 August 2005)

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