

1. Question: *How much funding has the electorate of Franklin received across all rounds of the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF)?*

Response: Across all rounds of the BBRF, funding of \$3.7M was approved for projects in the Franklin electorate (4 projects). One grantee subsequently withdrew their application on 18/7/2018. The 3 remaining projects are valued at \$2.9M.

2. Question: *How much funding has the electorate of Franklin received from the National Stronger Regions Fund (NSRF)?*

Response: Nil.

2013 Community Development Grant (CDG) projects that have not yet been completed (as at 30 Sept 2020)

Grantee	Project Name
Clarence Valley Council	McLachlan Park - Connecting to the Clarence
Penrith Rugby League Club Ltd	Western Sydney Community and Conference Centre
Cumberland Council	Modernising Granville Swimming Centre (Stage 1 Amenities Upgrade)
Central Coast Council (formerly Gosford City Council)	Gosford Regional Library (previously known as Kibbleplex Learning and Development Centre Upgrade)
Manly Warringah Sea Eagles Ltd	Upgrade to Brookvale Oval Manly
Adelaide Omonia Soccer Club Incorporated	Weigall Oval Equipment Upgrade (formerly Weigall Oval Drainage)
Yarra Ranges Shire Council	Yarra Valley Tourist Railway
Heidelberg United Football Club Limited	Olympic Park Lighting Reinstatement
Guide Dogs Victoria	Stage Two - Guide Dog Facilities Enhancement Project
Greater Shepparton City Council	Greater Shepparton Regional Sports Precinct
African Australian Union Inc.	African Australian Union

From Senator Whish-Wilson from session 20 October 2020

1. Question: *Relating to when did the Launceston City Council submit their application for BBRF Round 4, who lodged the application, and when was the funding awarded?*

Response: The Launceston City Council submitted their application for under Building Better Regions Fund Round Four – Infrastructure Projects stream on 19 December 2019. The application contact is the Co-ordinator Generals office of Launceston City Council. The funding was awarded on 5 June 2020.

An extract of the BBRF Round 4 guidelines for both the Infrastructure Projects and Community Investments streams which relate to drought criteria is attached as a PDF (**Attachment 1**).

2. Question: *Relating to the application for BBRF Round 4 funding by Launceston City Council – In providing evidence in relation to their claim of being drought affected, what time period did the LCC provide data for?*

Response: The organisation provided data from the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) for the years of 2017/18 and 2018/19.

3. Question: *Relating to the application for BBRF funding by Launceston City Council – Does the Department know whether the LCC had the permission of the landowner (as is required by 2.1.1 of BBRF guidelines)?*

Response: As part of their application for BBRF the Launceston City Council provided a number of different documents as information to address criteria 2.1.1 of the guidelines, specifically that they had the authority of the land or infrastructure owner to undertake the project at the nominated site.

This information included:

- A letter of contribution from the Coordinator-General, on behalf of the Tasmanian Government
- A letter from Creative Property Holdings Pty Ltd for funds conditional on support from the applicant and the state government
- Unsigned lease arrangements for one component of the project (Macquarie House)
- An initial Project Management Plan produced by the Applicant. The applicant is the authorising body for the approvals.

4. Question: *Other than the Launceston Creative Precinct which other projects received the full funding of \$10m for BBRF Round 4?*

Response: Two other projects received \$10M funding for BBRF Round 4.

These projects are:

Ballina Shire Council – Ballina Byron Gateway Airport Runway Upgrade
and

Coffs Harbour City Council – West Woolgoolga Sports Complex.

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- projects located in a local government area that is eligible for the Australian Government's Drought Communities Programme - Extension
- projects located in a locality drought-declared by the relevant state or territory government
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