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# INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

10/07/23

## ADDENDUM NUMBER 2

### **Reason for addendum**

Some invitations to apply for funding under the Investing in Our Communities Program have been reissued; which may result in applications not being submitted and/or assessed by 31 October 2023, which was the date stipulated in sub-section 1.1 of the published Grant Opportunity Guidelines (the guidelines) that projects must be ready to be contracted by.

Sub-section 4.2 of the guidelines limited the amount of expenditure that could be incurred by the nominated organisation prior to the execution of a grant agreement to 30 per cent of the total grant funding. This limitation disadvantages organisations with exceptional circumstances that could result in their project commencing before the funding agreement has been executed.

Section 6 sets out the requirement for applications to be submitted within six months of the invitation to apply having been received. To ensure the department can assess and approve all applications by 31 December 2023, this requirement has been amended. Applications must be submitted within six months of the invitation to apply having been received, or by 30 November 2023, whichever is earliest. This will ensure communities benefit from the program in a timely manner.

Sub-section 6.1 has been amended to reflect the requirement for applications to be approved by 31 December 2023.

These changes have been approved by the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.

The amendments include:

1. Changes to time frames in Sub-section 1.1, Section 5.2, and Section 6 including Sub-section 6.1; and
2. Removal of the 30% maximum threshold for pre-execution expenditure to allow for delegate discretion at Sub-section 4.2.

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## Lodgement Reminder:

CLOSING TIME: 5:00 pm (Local time in the ACT)  
CLOSING DATE: 30 November 2023