

Application RAUPX000012

Application Summary

Application ID

RAUPX000012

Application Title

RAUPX - LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

Program Name

Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program Round 10

Applicant

LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

Submitted Date

14/12/2023

Program selection

LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

Are you a trustee on behalf of a trust?

No

Do you have an ABN?

Yes

Entity details

ABN

55631460952

Legal name

LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

Business name

LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

Date of registration

24/03/2000

GST Registered

Yes

Are you a charity registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)?

Yes

Are you a not-for-profit?

Yes

Program Selection

Program

Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program Round 10

Program Element

Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program Round 10

Eligibility

Select which entity type you are.

State agencies or other eligible entities may apply on behalf of aerodrome owners/operators (excluding Indigenous Owned and/or Operated aerodromes where you are seeking 100 per cent funding). In such cases, the state agency or other eligible entity will be the lead applicant in a joint application and will be wholly responsible for the project, including administering, reporting and acquitting all project expenditure. Only the lead organisation can submit the application form and enter into a grant agreement with the Commonwealth.

an Australian state or territory government agency or body

Is your aerodrome identified as 'remote or very remote' as defined by the 2021 Australian Statistical Geographic Standard (ASGS) Remoteness Area?

Check the remoteness of your aerodrome location using nationalmap.gov.au.

Yes

Can you provide evidence from your board or Council (or chief executive officer or equivalent if there is no board) that the project is supported by the applicant organisation, and that the organisation is willing to accept responsibility to complete the project and meet the costs of the project not covered by grant funding?

See sample letter template on business.gov.au.

Yes

Are you an owner and/or operator of an existing aerodrome in a remote or very remote area in Australia?

Yes

Applicant address

Applicant street address

Is the address located in Australia?

Yes

Address Details

Maathuy Street
Lockhart River QLD 4892
Australia

Applicant postal address

Is the address located in Australia?

Yes

Address Details

Maathuy Street
Lockhart River QLD 4892
Australia

About your organisation

We collect the following data from all applicants. We use this data to better understand your organisation and to help us develop better policies and programs.

Latest financial year figures

Has your organisation existed for a complete financial year?

Yes

What was the latest complete financial year?

2022/23

Provide the following figures for the financial year you have entered above.

Values must be that of the entity applying (the 'applicant'), regardless of whether the entity belongs to a consolidated group for tax purposes.

These fields are mandatory and entering \$0 is acceptable if applicable for your organisation.

Sales revenue (turnover)

Total revenue from the sale of goods and services, as reported in your organisation's Business Activity Statement (BAS).

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Export revenue

Total revenue from export sales, as reported in your organisation's Business Activity Statement (BAS).

s47G(1)(a)

R&D expenditure

Expenditure on research and development, i.e. creative work undertaken on a systematic basis in order to increase the stock of knowledge, including knowledge of humankind, culture and society, and the use of this stock of knowledge to devise new

s47G(1)(a)

Taxable income

Taxable income or loss as per your organisation's income tax return form.

s47G(1)(a)

Number of employees (headcount)

Number of individuals who are entitled to paid leave (sick and holiday), or generate income from managing your organisation. This should include working proprietors and salaried directors.

s47G(1)(a)

Number of independent contractors (headcount)

Number of individuals engaged by your organisation under a commercial contract (rather than an employment contract) to provide employee-like services on site.

s47G(1)(a)

ANZSIC code

Provide the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) details for your organisation.

ANZSIC division

O - Public Administration and Safety

ANZSIC class

7530 - Local Government Administration

Indigenous organisations

Is your organisation Indigenous owned?

An organisation is considered Indigenous owned where at least 51% of the organisation's members or proprietors are Indigenous.

Yes

Is your organisation Indigenous controlled?

An organisation is considered Indigenous controlled where at least 51% of the organisation's board or management committee is Indigenous.

Yes

Project information

Project title and description

If your application is successful, we will publish some grant details on GrantConnect and other government publications. Published details include:

- name of the grant recipient
- a project title
- a brief project description and its intended outcome
- amount of grant funding awarded.

Provide a project title.

Lockhart River Aerodrome - Aeronautical Ground Lighting Upgrade

Provide a brief project description for publication.

Ensure your project description focuses on your project's key activities and outcomes. Outline what it is you are going to do and how it will benefit your community.

Upgrade of the Aeronautical Ground Lighting (AGL) system at the Lockhart River Aerodrome:

- 1-New runway and taxiway lighting with LED lights, power and control boards
- 2-New dedicated diesel power generator for the new AGL system
- 3-New Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) lights
- 4-New MOS139 compliant (LED) illuminated wind indicator
- 5-New portable emergency LED lights

During the wet season, access to Lockhart River is only available via air and sea. The AGL system upgrade works will benefit the community of Lockhart River by helping to ensure that year round access to the community is available through the aerodrome. The upgrade would be key for maintaining continuity of health, education and essential services into the community.

Detailed project description and key activities

This information will be included in your grant agreement if your application is successful.

Provide a detailed description of your project including the project scope and key activities.

You must also provide a project plan and project budget which you should attach later in your application.

The project scope is the upgrade of the Aeronautical Ground Lighting (AGL) system at the Lockhart River Aerodrome, comprising the following (budget permitting):

- Replacement of the runway and taxiway lighting replacement – new system compliant with MOS Part 139 including new conduits, cabling, pits, SITs, LED lighting, power and control boards. The existing system is very old and outdated and have been unreliable.
- Provision of a dedicated diesel power generator for the new AGL system. The existing generator presently feeds the existing AGL system and other outer buildings.
- Provision of Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) lights
- Replace damaged wind indicator with MOS139 compliant (LED) illuminated wind indicator.
- Provision of new portable emergency LED lights for more reliable and easier to deployment in emergency situations.

Key activities are as follows:

- Investigative works – including site investigation for design, survey, geotechnical investigation
- Concept and detailed design – including QS budget and pre-tender estimates
- Procurement of construction contract/tendering
- Award of contract
- Procurement of AGL components
- Construction works
- Completion/handover

Please refer to the Project Plan for details.

Project outcomes

This information will be included in your grant agreement if your application is successful.

Provide a summary of the expected project outcomes.

The desired outcomes for the projects are as follows:

- New runway and taxiway lighting compliant with MOS Part 139. A modern, compliant system that will be both safe and reliable in operation and maintenance. This will also improve safety for the operators through the aerodrome, mainly Skytrans and RFDS.
- Dedicated diesel power generator for the new AGL system will provide reliability and ensure better all conditions availability of the new AGL system.
- New Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) lights. This will provide added safety for operators into the aerodrome during night time or poor visibility conditions into the runway approach, which is typical at the Lockhart River Aerodrome as it is located where the prevailing weather from the eastern coast converges with the moist rainforest environment.
- New MOS139 compliant (LED) illuminated wind indicator. This will also provide added safety for operators into the aerodrome both at day time and night time/poor visibility conditions.
- Provision of new portable emergency LED lights for more reliable and easier to deployment in emergency situations. This will assist with emergency aeromedical evacuations by the RFDS that occurs at night time as well.

During the tropical wet season, access to Lockhart River is only available via air and sea. The existing AGL system is in poor and unreliable condition with significant safety concerns. The AGL system upgrade works will benefit the community of Lockhart River by helping to ensure that year round access to the community is available. This is essential for maintaining the quality of life in the region and supplying access to essential health, educational material, and, services. Addressing the safety concerns supports continued services by the RFDS, providing social benefits to the community through medical availability in addition to the regular passenger service benefits. This is in addition to the economic support for the community, especially the growing tourism and fisheries aspects and increased capacity to connect with regional centres.

Project duration

If you are successful, we expect that your project will commence no earlier than April 2024. The project end date can be no later than 30 April 2026. The maximum duration is up to 24 months.

The start and end dates you enter here will drive the visible financial years in the project budget on the next page.

Estimated project start date

01/04/2024

Estimated project end date

31/12/2025

Estimated project duration (in months)

21

Project milestones

Provide details on the project milestones including the key activities occurring at each milestone. You can add up to 8 milestones.

The milestones start and end dates must be within the project start and end dates.

Examples of milestone titles and descriptions

Milestone Title: Project planning Description: Site survey, design specifications

Milestone Title: RFT Description: Request for quotation/tender process

Milestone Title: Resealing Description: Start and complete resealing activity

Milestone title

Execution of funding agreement

Description

Execution of funding agreement - RAUP and Council

Estimated start date

01/04/2024

Estimated end date

30/04/2024

Milestone title

Investigative works

Description

Site investigations including design investigations, survey, geotechnical

Estimated start date

08/04/2024

Estimated end date

07/06/2024

Milestone title

Design

Description

Concept and detailed design of the AGL upgrade works, including budget and pre-tender level estimates by a professional quantity surveyor (QS)

Estimated start date

10/06/2024

Estimated end date

06/11/2024

Milestone title

Tender phase

Description

Procurement of the construction contract, tendering (tender documents, advertisement, tender period, tender assessment/recommendations, deliberations)

Estimated start date

07/11/2024

Estimated end date

14/02/2025

Milestone title

Award of AGL contract

Description

Award of the construction contract for the AGL upgrade works, procurement of AGL components (long lead)

Estimated start date

17/02/2025

Estimated end date

06/06/2025

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Milestone title

Onsite construction works

Description

AGL contractor mobilisation to site and onsite construction works

Estimated start date

09/06/2025

Estimated end date

10/10/2025

Project location

Use the following steps to source details for fields below for each project location entered above.

1. click on the National Map (this has Electoral Divisions and Remoteness Area already filtered)
2. Once loaded (can take a few minutes) click on "Search for locations"
3. Find your airstrip (either using the longitude and latitude, or name of your airstrip, or the location, or official place name or address)
4. click on the airstrip
5. click on Share/Print icon (top right of page) and copy and paste URL to relevant field below
6. view Feature Information (longitude, latitude, remoteness classification and Commonwealth Electorate Division) and right click, select "copy" and paste details into relevant fields below.

Project Site 1

Is the address located in Australia?

Yes

Address Details

1 Airport Road
Lockhart River QLD 4871
Australia

Estimated % of project value expected to be undertaken at site

100

Airport/Aerodrome name and URL from National Map website<https://lhrac.com.au/>**Project Site Address Latitude**

The latitude must be expressed in numeric format. For example, the latitude of Alice Springs is -23.6980.
-12.7869

Project Site Address Longitude

The longitude must be expressed in numeric format. For example, the longitude of Alice Springs is 133.8807.
143.305

Is your project site Remote or Very Remote?

Very Remote

Project Electorate

Leichhardt

What is the nearest town (Inc. postcode) or service centre to the aerodrome?

Lockhart River 4892

What is the runway length (metres)?

1500

What is the runway surface?

Sealed

What is the aerodrome category?

Certified

Indigenous ownership

Is your aerodrome or airstrip Indigenous owned and/or operated?

Yes

Project budget

Provide a summary of your eligible project expenditure over the life of the project.

If you are registered for GST, enter the GST exclusive amount. If you are not registered for GST, enter the GST inclusive amount. We only provide grant funding based on eligible expenditure. Refer to the grant opportunity guidelines for guidance on eligible expenditure.

The financial years below are derived from the project start and end dates you entered on the previous page. If incorrect, you must ensure all amounts below are zero before going back to the previous page to update your project duration.

Expenditure in financial years should be aligned with project duration as listed in the grant opportunity guidelines.

The following expenditure table should not include any in-kind costs.

These expenditure items will be validated to the following limits in the table below (see the guidelines for more information):

- Independent audit up to a maximum of \$5,000
- Contingency costs, inspection reports and/or consultancy advice up to a maximum of 10 per cent of the eligible project cost.

The grant amount will be up to 50 per cent of eligible project costs (grant percentage), unless:

- where the applicant (you) and a third party (could include State/Territory or local government, or other entity) are both contributing to eligible project costs, the grant amount may be reduced to 33.3 per cent of eligible project costs or
- where the applicant (you) meets the definition in these Guidelines as an Indigenous Owned and/or Operated Aerodrome, the grant will be up to 100 per cent of eligible project costs.

You must attach a detailed project budget later in this application form.

Eligible expenditure

Type of expenditure	Head of expenditure	Financial Year	Costs
Project expenditure			\$2,956,799
	Contractor Costs		s47G(1)(a)
		2023/24	
		2024/25	
		2025/26	
		2026/27	
	Employee Costs		
		2023/24	
		2024/25	
		2025/26	
		2026/27	\$0
	Aviation-safety related staff training		\$0
		2023/24	\$0
		2024/25	\$0
		2025/26	\$0
		2026/27	\$0

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Type of expenditure	Head of expenditure	Financial Year	Costs
	Materials		\$0
		2023/24	\$0
		2024/25	\$0
		2025/26	\$0
		2026/27	\$0
	Capital expenditure		\$0
		2023/24	\$0
		2024/25	\$0
		2025/26	\$0
		2026/27	\$0
	Independent audit		\$0
		2023/24	\$0
		2024/25	\$0
		2025/26	\$0
		2026/27	\$0
	Tender design and process costs		\$0
		2023/24	\$0
		2024/25	\$0
		2025/26	\$0
		2026/27	\$0
	Other eligible expenditure		\$0
		2023/24	\$0
		2024/25	\$0
		2025/26	\$0
		2026/27	\$0
	Contingency costs		\$0
		2023/24	\$0
		2024/25	\$0
		2025/26	\$0
		2026/27	\$0

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Type of expenditure	Head of expenditure	Financial Year	Costs
Total project expenditure			\$2,956,799

Financial Year	Costs
2023/24	\$985,600
2024/25	\$985,600
2025/26	\$985,599
Total project expenditure	\$2,956,799

Are you and a third party both contributing to eligible project costs?

The grant amount will be limited up to 33.3 per cent of eligible project costs. The balance is to be provided by others. For eg. the contribution split would reflect 33.3% Commonwealth funding, 33.3% state/territory/local government funding and 33.4% grantee.
No

Do you meet the definition in these Guidelines as an Indigenous Owned and/or Operated Aerodrome?

The grant amount will be up to 100 per cent of eligible project costs.
Yes

Source of funding

In this section you must provide details of how you will fund the project.

Where you have project partners or collaborators, their contribution will be recorded later in the application.

The total of all sources of funding should be equal to your total project expenditure in the section above. Sources of funding include:

- grant amount sought
- your contribution
- other contributions as allowed in the grant opportunity guidelines.

Grant amount sought

Enter the grant amount sought. We will add GST to this where applicable.

\$ 2,956,799

Your contribution

Enter your organisation name. In the description field, provide additional details. Indicate whether your contribution is sourced from cash flow, loans, equity etc.

Ensure your contribution due date is within the project duration dates.

Other non-government contribution

Enter the organisation name. In the description field, provide additional details.

If you have project partners we will ask you for their details later in the application. You must provide their name and their contribution here.

Ensure your contribution due date is within the project duration dates.

Other non-Commonwealth government grants

Enter the government organisation name. In the description field, provide additional details. Provide the name of the grant.

Ensure your contribution due date is within the project duration dates.

Other Commonwealth Government grants

Enter the government organisation name. In the description field, provide additional details. Provide the name of the grant.

Ensure your contribution due date is within the project duration dates.

In-kind contributions

Contributions to your project may be cash and/or in-kind. An in-kind contribution is a non-cash contribution of goods or a service. In-kind includes labour; use of heavy plant and or equipment that has not been invoiced/paid for; donation of materials; or donation of services. In-kind values may be included in the total project value but they do not represent eligible expenditure and cannot be included as part of the grantee's agreed cash contribution (where applicable). Grant funds cannot be used to recover in-kind costs. Grant funds will be approved up to the percentages specified in the guideline for the total eligible expenditure, excluding in-kind.

Assessment criteria

The committee will assess your application based on the weighting given to each criterion and against the indicators listed beneath each criterion. We will only consider funding applications that score at least 50 per cent against each criterion, as these represent best value for money.

The amount of detail and supporting evidence you provide should be commensurate with the project size, complexity and grant amount requested. You should define, quantify and provide evidence to support your answers.

Assessment criterion 1

Demonstrated need for your project (Score out of 50)

You should demonstrate this by:

- explaining the extent of need to improve general access, all weather access and/or safety of the airstrip to facilitate delivery of essential services to the community (You will need to attach evidence to support your application, including airstrip inspection or engineering reports and photos of the problem area or issue)
- extent to which upgrades are required to support the operation of the RFDS or operators providing similar aero-medical services to the community.
- extent to which the project is time critical and the extent to which it cannot proceed without grant funding.

Your written response should include:

- a description of the essential services delivered via the airstrip (RASS, RFDS/aeromedical, air schools, food/medical supplies, other essential)
- the extent that the community relies upon the airstrip to deliver these essential services
- information, and where possible support documents, regarding the number of days annually where:
 - there have been safety or access related concerns and/or incidents
 - the airstrip has been closed due to landing surface safety concerns
 - the airstrip has been closed due to weather impacts, for example, poor visibility or lack of landing access
 - an aeromedical operator (e.g. RFDS) used the aerodrome airstrip
 - a clear explanation of how this project will address these safety/access concerns.

Other evidence to support claim can be included, for example, photographs of safety/access issues, airstrip inspection or engineering reports.

You should demonstrate the need for grant funding by providing:

- an explanation of why your project is time critical and why it cannot proceed without grant funding, the impact on scope, specification and timing of works
- information on your financial position or your ability to raise funds
- other evidence to support claim, for example, reference to ABS SEIFA 2021 index.

All weather access for aircraft operations at Lockhart River Aerodrome have historically been an issue due to the location of Airport. Low visibility conditions are frequently experienced for aircraft on approach to the Runway, as it is located where the prevailing weather from the eastern coast converges with the moist rainforest environment. The outdated low-intensity incandescent AGL system does not provide optimal conspicuity for aircraft operations in low-visibility conditions. Modern LED AGL are designed with optical performance enhancements to optimise the light intensity and increase the conspicuity of the AGL system, particularly for aircraft on approach to the aerodrome during low visibility conditions.

Following a fatal crash that occurred involving an aircraft on approach to Lockhart River Aerodrome in 2020, an Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) investigation report identified that "approaches with limited runway lighting systems and without visual approach slope indicating systems" are a risk factor for controlled flight into terrain. A copy of the report is included with the application for reference.

The existing low-intensity AGL system is in a state of disrepair, posing significant safety risks. In addition, no visual approach slope indicating systems (i.e. PAPIs) are currently provided for aircraft on approach to Runway 12/30.

During the tropical wet season, access to Lockhart River is only available via air and sea. The aerodrome is essential during this time to supply health, educational material, and services. This includes mail and essential services delivery by the daily RPT services by Skytrans, and aero-medical support/evacuations by the RFDS. A day of no access through the aerodrome due to these conditions would mean a discontinuity of this supply. A copy of correspondence from Skytrans confirming flights cancelled due to weather has been provided with the application.

The AGL system upgrade works will benefit the community of Lockhart River by helping to ensure that year round access to the community as well as provision of critical health services/medivacs, education materials, mail services and essential services is available.

Upgrading the AGL system will help ensure the continuity of the above services, most importantly RFDS aero-medical services, in all weather conditions during day and night.

The AGL system cannot be upgraded without grant funding. If the AGL system is not upgraded, the all-weather operability into the aerodrome and associated safety issues will continue, which, affects the continuity of critical essential services to the community of Lockhart River.

Assessment criterion 2

Capacity, capability and resources to deliver the project (Score out of 25)

You should demonstrate this by explaining your:

- track record managing similar projects
- plan to manage the project including addressing scope, implementation plan, procurement and works, timeframes, budget and risk management (including workplace health and safety) (you will need to attach a project plan, quotes or other relevant evidence to support your application)
- strategy to maintain the project outcomes beyond the term of the grant funding.

Your written response should include:

- a short description of one or more projects ideally from the last 5 years that demonstrates your track record managing similar projects. Briefly describe the project, list the key activities, identify the project manager, explain the outcome.

The current project's detailed project plan including:

- a description of the full scope of works including tender/procurement and construction phases (task/activity, milestone inspections, payment points, etc.) and associated timelines.
- a description of how you will carry out the project including: who is accountable, a list of resources, identification of any constraints (time, labour, costs) and how you will manage risk including weather/seasons and WH&S.

The Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council (LRASC) engaged GHD as project management and design consultants and successfully delivered the drainage upgrade project under the Australian Government's Regional Aviation Access Program - Remote Airstrip Upgrade Round 2 (RAAP-RAU-R2) and the runway rehabilitation project under the Queensland Government's Royalties for Regions Round 4 program (R4R-R4). Both projects were completed on time and on budget. Brief descriptions of these projects are provided as follows:

• RAAP-RAU-R2 Lockhart River Aerodrome Drainage Upgrade

The Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council (LRASC) was granted funding under the Regional Aviation Access Programme – Remote Airstrip Upgrade (RAAP-RAU) funding component undertaken by the Australia Government. The funding application was based on the drainage works generally recommended in the GHD investigation report on the Lockhart River Aerodrome pavement failures and associated issues (September 2007). GHD was engaged by LRASC to prepare the designs and assist with the procurement and construction phases of the aerodrome drainage works project.

The investigation report findings included the following issues that contributed to the deterioration of the runway pavement:

- o The presence of a high water table in the lower areas near the north western end of the runway pavement.
 - o The presence of a permeable silty sand below the runway pavement which will allow water penetration under the sealed runway.
- The report recommended that initially, new open drains be constructed either side of the north western end of the runway pavement to intercept water and address the above. The open drains were completed by LRASC's works crew. GHD provided construction phase technical support. Appended to the application are copies of the planning, design and procurement report as well as the work methodology adopted by the LRASC works crew for information.

The report also recommended pavement repairs and replacement at sections in the future when funds will permit. LRASC submitted for funding for these works subsequently with the Queensland Government's R4R-R4 program.

• R4R-R4 Lockhart River Aerodrome Runway Rehabilitation

The Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council (LRASC) was granted funding under the Royalties for Region Round 4 program (R4R R4) of the Queensland Government to undertake the runway rehabilitation works at the Lockhart River Aerodrome. The runway rehabilitation works will involve the proposed 'Option 1' runway pavement resurfacing approach outlined in the GHD 2012 Scoping Study Runway 12/30 Taxiway and Apron Maintenance Options, summarised as follows:

Runway 12/30, Taxiway and Apron Maintenance Options

o Option 1 scope

Stabilise the pavement from 150m from the taxiway intersection to the 12 End of Runway 12/30

Stabilise any major areas of loss of shape on the runway, taxiway and apron

Reseal all pavements with a 14/10 hot bituminous double seal.

- o Add to Option 1 shape correction of all pavements using AC 7 or AC 10 scrub course to low areas of pavement prior to resealing.

Works were originally planned as full pavement reconstruction of the first 430m of the runway and resealing of the remaining length of the runway, taxiway and apron (as per 'Option 1' above). Through considered design and tender packaging of the works, the tenders received were below budget and enabled the expansion of the project scope and incorporation of insitu stabilisation of the remainder of the runway (1070m of runway, apron and taxiway pavements), thereby providing a stronger pavement with an extended service life.

A copy of the Project Plan for the runway rehabilitation project is attached for information. GHD also nominated the runway rehabilitation project in Engineer's Australia's 2016 Cairns Regional Engineering Awards and a copy of the submission that detailed the project background, technical information, performance as well as the project attributes to satisfy the awards judging criteria is attached for reference on how the LRASC successfully delivered the project.

LRASC have engaged GHD to provide support with the funding application for RAUP-R10. If successful with the funding application, LRASC are also intending to engage GHD as consultants to complete the designs for the proposed Aeronautical Ground Lighting (AGL) upgrades as well as provide project management services through the design, tender/procurement phase and construction/handover phases of the project. The

Detailed Project Plan provided with this application outlines the scope, implementation plan, procurement and works, timeframes, budget and project risk management.

Assessment criterion 3

Impact/benefit of grant funding on your project (Score out of 25)

You should demonstrate this by explaining:

- **benefits to be provided to the communities serviced by the aerodrome and Australia more broadly, including alignment with broader Government priorities (for example improved climate resilience, First Nations priorities and provision of essential services in respect of which the community relies upon the aerodrome for such as employment, community health access, emergency medical and other services etc)**
- **total investment the grant will leverage by providing the dollar amount of State/Territory Government and/or other co-funding you expect to receive for this project.**

Your written response should include:

- **a description of the benefits that will be provided to the community and Australia more broadly if the project is approved.**

For example:

- **having a safe and accessible airstrip will ensure the community receives the goods/services that we rely on. These could include, for example: health, education, jobs, passenger flights, charter flights, commercial operations, mail/freight, RASS.**
- **Information on the increased benefits associated with the proposed airstrip upgrade project could include that the safe and accessible airstrip will provide benefits to other programmes (including State or Australian Government) or initiatives. Examples might include:**
 - **current or future contributions to delivering on outcomes under the COAG Closing the Gap (CTG) framework, delivery of education sector programs; delivery of employment programmes; delivery of social programs; and/or delivery of supplies relating to Australian Government programs**

Quantify and/or describe the State/Territory Government or other co-funding you will or expect to receive for this project. Provide evidence for this support and financial commitment (for example, letter from their CEO or equivalent).

During the tropical wet season, access to Lockhart River is only available via air and sea. The existing AGL system is in poor and unreliable condition with significant safety concerns. The AGL system upgrade works will benefit the community of Lockhart River by helping to ensure that year round access to the community is available. This is essential for maintaining the quality of life in the region and supplying access to essential health, educational material, and, services.

The existing AGL system is in poor and unreliable condition with significant safety concerns. Upgrading the AGL system will help ensure the continuity of the above services, most importantly RFDS aero-medical services, in all weather conditions during day time and night time.

The AGL system upgrade works will benefit the community of Lockhart River by helping to ensure that year round access to the community as well as the continuity of the provision of the following essential services:

- Critical health services/medivacs by the RFDS
- Health, education, jobs, passenger flights, commercial operations, mail/freight that is typically serviced by the daily RPT flights by Skytrans
- Charter flights for business and tourism

Addressing the safety concerns supports continued services by the RFDS, providing social benefits to the community through medical availability in addition to the regular passenger service benefits. This is in addition to the economic support for the community, especially the growing tourism and fisheries aspects and increased capacity to connect with regional centres.

Project partners

Complete this section if you are making a joint application. Refer to the grant opportunity guidelines.

Provide details about all your project partners.

If you do not have any project partners, select 'Save and continue' to move to the next page.

No Project partners found for this Application.

Bank account details

If your application is successful we will need to set up a payment process to pay your grant. We need your bank account details to do this. If your application is not successful we will not process these details.

We can only pay grant funding to the applicant organisation, who if successful will be party to a grant agreement with the Commonwealth. You must provide bank account details for this organisation.

Account details

Account name

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Account number

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Payment contact

We will send the payment remittance advice to this person. All other notifications are sent to the primary contact whose details you provide on the last page of this application.

Given name

s47F

Family name

s47F

Email address

s47F@lockhart.qld.gov.au

Phone number

s47F

Application finalisation

Conflict of interest

Do you have any perceived or existing conflicts of interest to declare?

Refer to the grant opportunity guidelines for further information on your conflict of interest responsibilities.

No

Additional information

You should attach any additional supporting documentation here. You should only attach documents that we have requested or you have referred to in your application.

Evidence of support from the Council, board, CEO or equivalent

You must provide evidence from your Council, board (or chief executive officer or equivalent if there is no board) that your project is supported and that you can complete the project and meet the costs of the project not covered by grant funding.

LHRA Board Meeting Minutes 21st March 2023_Support project funding.pdf

Trust documents

Where you have indicated your entity type is a trustee applying on behalf of a trust, you must attach trust documents showing the relationship of the incorporated trustee to the trust.

Project plan

You must attach a project plan outlining all the project activities including a timetable to support your claims against assessment criterion 2.

12628350-TEC-LR Aero AGL Upgrade_Project Plan.pdf

Project budget

You must attach a detailed project budget itemising expenditure for the project.

RAUP-R10_LR Aero AGL Upgrade_Cost Plan Estimate.pdf

Quotes for applications seeking \$1 million or more in grant funding

You should attach quotes where available.

(QAL)(AGL Quote).pdf

LHR Aero_DesignTenderConst_GHD Fee estimate.pdf

Evidence of support from state/territory government's relevant transport department

Where you are seeking \$1 million or more in grant funding, you should attach evidence of support from your state/territory government's relevant transport department.

Letters of support for your project (where applicable)

You should attach letters of support for your project from RFDS and other operators using your aerodrome.

231122 Letter of support to Lockhart River_Skytrans.pdf

Other supporting documents

You should attach other evidence to support your application for funding and responses to assessment criteria. For example, to support your application, we encourage you to attach evidence such as airstrip inspection, engineering and/or incident reports, photos of problem areas/issues, and demonstrated involvement of a project manager.

2023_11_14 Skytrans email_Cancelled flights.pdf

ATSB AO-2020-017 Final_0_EXCL APPENDICES.pdf

ATSB AO-2020-017 Final_0_APPENDICES.pdf

Program feedback

Your responses help us improve the design and delivery of programs. They will not affect the assessment or outcome of this application.

How did you hear about the grant opportunity?

Other

If other, provide details.

Invited as already a part of the Remote Aerodrome Inspection (RAI) program

Did you read the grant opportunity guidelines?

Before starting your application

How useful were the guidelines in completing your application?

Very useful

We welcome any additional feedback on the guidelines.

The guidelines are clear and concise

How satisfied were you with the process of applying for this grant?

Highly satisfied

We welcome any additional feedback on the application process.

The required information are clearly defined in the application form

The ability to save progress on the online application form makes it easier in progressing the application

Primary contact**Title**

s47F

Given Name

s47F

Family Name

s47F

Position Title

Director Corporate Services

Email Address

s47F@lockhart.qld.gov.au

Phone Number

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Mobile Number

s47F

Business postal address of the primary contact**Is the address located in Australia?**

Yes

Address Details

7 Anderson St
MANUNDA QLD 4870
Australia

Declaration

Privacy and confidentiality provisions

I acknowledge that this is an Australian Government program and that the Department of Industry, Science and Resources (the department) will use the information I provide in accordance with the following:

- Australian Government Public Data Policy Statement
- Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines
- grant opportunity guidelines
- applicable Australian laws.

Accordingly, I understand that the department may share my personal information provided in this application within this department and other government agencies:

- a. for purposes directly related to administering the program, including governance, research and the distribution of funds to successful applicants
- b. to facilitate research, assessment, monitoring and analysis of other programs and activities

unless otherwise prohibited by law.

I understand that where I am successful in obtaining a grant, the financial information that I provide for the purposes of payment will be accessible to departmental staff to enable payments to be made through the department's accounts payable software system.

I understand that information that is deemed 'confidential' in accordance with the grant opportunity guidelines may also be shared for a relevant Commonwealth purpose.

The department will publish information on individual grants in the public domain, including on the department's website, unless otherwise prohibited by law.

Applicant declaration

I declare that I have read and understood the grant opportunity guidelines, including the grant agreement, privacy, confidentiality and disclosure provisions.

I declare that the proposed project outlined in this application and any associated expenditure has been endorsed by the applicant's board/management committee or person with authority to commit the applicant to this project.

I declare that the applicant will comply with, and require that its subcontractors and independent contractors comply with, all applicable laws.

I declare that the applicant and any project partners are not included on the National Redress Scheme list of institutions, where sexual abuse occurred, that have not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme.

I declare that the applicant is not named by the Workplace Gender Equality Agency as an organisation that has not complied with the *Workplace Gender Equality Act (2012)*.

I confirm that the applicant, project partners and associated activities are in compliance with current Australian Government sanctions.

I declare that the information contained in this application together with any statement provided is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate, complete and not misleading and that I understand that giving of false or misleading information is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth).

I acknowledge that I may be requested to provide further clarification or documentation to verify the information supplied in this form and that the department may, during the application process, consult with other government agencies, including state and territory government agencies, about the applicant's claims and may also engage external technical or financial advisors to advise on information provided in the application.

I agree to participate in the periodic evaluation of the services undertaken by the department.

I approve the information in this application being communicated to the department in electronic form.

I acknowledge that if the department is satisfied that any statement made in an application is incorrect, incomplete, false or misleading the department may, at its absolute discretion, take appropriate action. I note such action may include excluding an application from further consideration; withdrawing an offer of funding; using the information contained in the application for a fraud investigation that would be consistent with the Australian Government's Investigations Standards and Commonwealth Fraud Control Framework and/or for a grant under management, terminating a grant agreement between the Commonwealth and the grantee including recovering funds already paid.

I declare that I am authorised to submit this form on behalf of the applicant and acknowledge that this is the equivalent of signing this application.

By checking this box I agree to all of the above declarations and confirm all of the above statements to be true

LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

ABN 55 631 460 952



14 December 2023

Business Grants Hub
Department of Industry, Science and Resources
GPO Box 2013
Canberra ACT 2601

To the Program Manager

Support for Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program – Round 10 project

This letter confirms board/management support for the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program – Round 10 project outlined as follows:

Applicant organisation name	<i>Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council</i>
Application reference number	<i>RAUPX000012</i>
Project name	<i>Lockhart River Aerodrome - Aeronautical Ground Lighting Upgrade</i>

I confirm that this organisation can complete the project and meet the cost of the project not covered by grant funding.

Signature:...

s47F

Name	s47F
Position title	<i>Chief Executive Officer</i>
Date	<i>14th December 2023</i>

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Our ref MC142651

Department of
Transport and Main Roads

20 December 2023

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Chief Executive Officer
Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council
Company Secretary Lockhart River Aerodrome Company
s47F @lockhart.qld.gov.au

Dear s47F

Thank you for your email to the office of the Minister for Transport and Main Roads regarding the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program and use of LED technology. Your email was passed on to the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) for consideration and response.

Over the past five years, TMR has adopted LED light source technology for all its new road lighting projects and is progressively replacing legacy luminaires with those incorporating LED technology.

For more than ten years now, TMR has converted all its traffic signal lanterns and electronic signs to LED technology. In all cases, LED technology has provided significantly improved lighting performance, and reduced power consumption. It has also enabled longer life light sources and reduced maintenance and operating costs.

I understand that LED technology in compliance with Civil Aviation Safety Authority requirements is now being offered for airport runway lighting with similar benefits. On this basis, TMR supports your proposal.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Julie Mitchell
Deputy Director-General (Infrastructure Management and Delivery)
Department of Transport and Main Roads

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ABN 39 407 690 291

Monday 13 November, 2023

s47F

Manager
Lockhart River Aerodrome Company
E: s47F@lhrac.com.au

RE: The Royal Flying Doctor Service Queensland Section (RFDS) Letter of Support- Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program (RAUP) Round 10.

Dear s47F

The RFDS is pleased to provide this letter of support for your application to upgrade the Lockhart Airstrip through the Commonwealth Government's RAUP.

The RFDS has been saving lives in regional, rural and remote Australia for more than 95 years.

In addition to the 24/7 aeromedical retrieval of the critically ill or injured, the RFDS also delivers a broad range of essential primary and preventative healthcare services, including telehealth, mental health, oral health and chronic disease management.

Established in Queensland in 1928 by the Reverend John Flynn, the RFDS has grown to become the world's largest and most comprehensive aeromedical and healthcare organisations, comprising a fleet of 75 aircraft, the operation of 24 aeromedical bases and six remote primary health care facilities.

Today the RFDS delivers more than 370,000 episodes of patient care across Australia every year – equivalent to assisting someone every two minutes.

In Queensland, the RFDS provides healthcare services over an area of 1.73 million square kilometres. We operate a fleet of 20 aeromedical aircraft from nine strategically located bases across the State – Cairns, Townsville, Mount Isa, Charleville, Longreach, Roma, Rockhampton, Bundaberg and Brisbane.

And with some of the world's most highly trained and skilled aviation and medical staff, including 88 nurses, 66 pilots, and 60 doctors, the RFDS in Queensland is incredibly well positioned to uphold our promise to deliver the *finest care to the furthest corner* of the State.

Upgrades to remote airstrips will help the RFDS to continue to provide high-quality healthcare to regional Queenslanders. Importantly, investment in aeromedical infrastructure at this time will keep people in jobs, especially in regional communities. It will also ensure updated and state-of-the-art health and aviation facilities that Australia needs to increase the capacity of our overall health system and provide greater resilience for the future.

The RFDS are a critical health service provider in rural, regional and remote Queensland. These communities rely upon the RFDS in their capacity to respond, especially during larger scale emergency and critical events. Funding to support replacement of the existing airport lighting system and installation of precision approach path indicator (PAPI lights) will increase the safety of the airstrip.



This project will also increase the capacity of our overall health system and provide greater resilience in the future

The Royal Flying Doctor Service fully supports the Lockhart River Aerodrome Company's application under the RAUP and recommends it to the Commonwealth Government unreservedly.

Yours sincerely,

s47F

Carole Tokody
Executive General Manager Commercial and Corporate Affairs
Royal Flying Doctor Service (Queensland Section)

From: s47F [redacted]@skytrans.com.au>
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 2:00 PM
To: s47F [redacted]@LHRAC.com.au>
Cc: s47F [redacted]@hotmail.com>
Subject: Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program

Dear s47F [redacted]

In response to s47F [redacted] email of 11 November, Skytrans supports the initiative from Lockhart River Airport to replace and upgrade runway lighting.

The attached report shows the delays caused by weather on flights to or from Lockhart River since January 2021.

In addition there were the following cancellations, attributed to weather:

- QN55 3 July 2023
- QN691 30 December 2022
- QN054 1 August 2022
- QN054 17 June 2022
- QN691 11 May 2022
- QN053 18 January 2021

Please let me know if you require any further information to assist with the application.

Best wishes,

s47F [redacted]

s47F [redacted]

**Revenue and Network Manager
PO Box 3, Airport Administration Centre
Cairns Airport QLD 4870**

s47F [redacted]@skytrans.com.au

s47F [redacted]



Dear s47F

Thank you for your email dated 18 November.

This is to confirm that Skytrans will support an application from Lockhart River Airport for funding to replace the existing runway lighting. We acknowledge the importance of safety and accessibility at the airport, and the proposed benefits to community residents and visitors from reducing delays.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information to assist with the application.

Best wishes,

s47F

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Application ID	Application	Name	Assessment Outcome	Assessors Comment
s22(1)(a)(ii)	[Redacted Content]			
RAUPX000012	RAUPX - LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL	Eligibility	Satisfactory	<p>The application is complete and meets all eligibility criteria. Correct airstrip URL: https://nationalmap.gov.au/#share=s-07usxEsP4bNs8cOOZRsOZyLqC9z</p> <p>Eligibility assessment QA Checked by s22(1)(a)(ii) on 3/01/2024. Applicant was approved to lodge two documents after closing due to a weather event (Cyclone). Documents received and included in pack. I have reviewed this assessment and I agree with the assessor's recommendations, all details have been completed in BGM.</p>

Application ID	Application	Criteria Field	Updated Response by BGH	Applicant Response
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RAUPX000012	RAUPX - LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL	C6.46 Airport/Aerodrome name and URL from National Map website	https://nationalmap.gov.au/#share=s-07usxEsP4bNs8cOOZRsOZyLqC9z	https://lhrac.com.au/
s22(1)(a)(ii)				

Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program Round Ten Assessment

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Application Number	RAUPX000012
Applicant Details	Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council
Project Title	Lockhart River Aerodrome - Aeronautical Ground Lighting Upgrade
Project Summary	Upgrade of Aeronautical Ground Lighting (AGL) system including new LED runway and taxiway lights, power and control boards, dedicated diesel power generator, Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) lights, illuminated wind direction indicator and portable emergency LED lights.
Applicant Type	Local Government (designated Aboriginal Council)
Grant amount sought	\$2,956,799.00
Grant percentage	100%

2. ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

Is the applicant eligible?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Released under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts
	Comment if applicable:	
Is the application for a designated Indigenous owned/operated aerodrome?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Comment if applicable:	
Has evidence of support for project been provided by the board or council and any other partners?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Provided in revised application	
Has any conflict of interest been identified?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Comment if applicable:	
Is the project eligible?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Comment if applicable:	
Is the grant activity eligible?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Partially <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Comment if applicable:	
Seeking funding of more than \$1 million? Not mandatory requirements but recommended	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes • Have they attached a quote? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

	<p>Cost estimate provided by GHD with supporting quotes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided evidence of support for project from relevant State or Territory Transport Department <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(Page 63 of 200) – Deputy Director-General (Infrastructure Management and Delivery) – Dept of Transport and Main Roads.</p>
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	<p><u>Letters of Support</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RFDS (QLD Section) – Executive General Manager Commercial and Corporate Affairs • Skytrans – Revenue and Network Manager (including list of weather-related flight cancellations)
Is it a Remote Air Services Subsidy Scheme (RASS) destination?	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
Is it a Remote Aerodrome Inspection airstrip?	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, have the works been identified in the 2022 or 2023 report?</p> <p>RAI report – does not include an electrical inspection which is required to be done separately by airport.</p>
Has applicant received previous RAU funding? Any risks/issues with previous grant (note in text)	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Provide details of round, project, funding and status: RAU2 – Drainage upgrade - \$650,000 – completed</p>

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	RAU4 – fencing completed, following project extension. Use of GHD as a project manager will provide project management experience and oversight given significant nature of project.
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4. MERIT ASSESSMENT

<p>Do the milestones look appropriate and will the project be completed by 30 April 2026?</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Comment if applicable: estimated 1/4/24 - 31/12/25</p> <p>Detailed project plan provided by GHD that is commiserate with the scope and cost of the project.</p>
<p>Are the costs reasonable and offer value for money?</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>




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Assessor (name and date)	s47F [redacted] – 17 December 2023
Second reviewer (if applicable)	s47F [redacted] – 19 December 2023

Once completed, save onto G drive

 <p>Australian Government</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts</p>
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To: Senator the Hon Anthony Chisholm, Assistant Minister for Regional Development (for decision)
cc: The Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

Subject: Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program (RAU) Round 10 Funding Recommendations

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4. That you **approve** the entering into grant agreements for the RAU Program under section 23(1) of the PGPA Act 2013 with grantees as set out in **Attachment A**.

Approved / Not Approved

5. That you **note** your obligations, under section 71 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act) and the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines 2017 (CGRGs), as decision maker for this grant opportunity (**Attachment C**).

Noted / Please Discuss

Senator the Hon Anthony Chisholm

Date:

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Comments:

Key Points:

1. The RAU is a competitive grants program to support airside infrastructure works that enhance the safety and accessibility of remote and very remote aerodromes across Australia. It is administered by the Business Grants Hub in the Department of Industry, Science and Resources. Under the grant guidelines at **Attachment D**, you are the decision maker responsible for approving the grants, funding to be awarded and any conditions attached to the grant.

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8. **Attachment C** references the requirements under the PGPA Act, Rules and CGRG's applying to this grant round. This submission and your subsequent record of decision is provided to satisfy the requirements of the PGPA Act Section 71. This submission details the application and assessment process, includes the program guidelines, and provides merit scores and assessment commentary on the applications, satisfying Section 4 of the CGRGs. Noting that under the CGRGs Senators do not need to report on grants awarded in a Minister's own state or territory, you are not required to report on your decisions to the Minister for Finance under section 4.11 of the CGRGs, where you accept recommendations

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Attachments:

Attachment A: List of projects recommended for funding

Attachment B: List of projects not recommended for funding or ineligible

Attachment C: PGPA Act, Rules and CGRGs

Attachment D: RAU Round 10 Program Guidelines

Attachment E: Overview of the assessment process

Cleared By: Ben Vincent
Position: Assistant Secretary
Division: Domestic Aviation and Reform,
Domestic Policy and Programs
Ph: 6136 s22(1)
Mob: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Cleared Date: 24 April 2024

Contact Officer: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Section: Regional Aviation Programs
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Instructions for MPS: Nil

Do you require a signed hardcopy to be returned: No

Responsible Adviser: s22(1)(a)(ii)

PDMS Distribution List: Jim Betts, Marisa Purvis-Smith, Stephanie Werner, Ben Vincent, s22(1)(a)(ii)

Additional Information: *The Remote Airstrip Upgrade (RAU) Program*

1. The Australian Government's RAU is a competitive grants program to enhance the safety and accessibility of remote and very remote aerodromes across Australia. The works supported facilitate delivery of essential goods and services such as food, health care, community mail and passenger services; assist meeting the needs of aeromedical providers; and complement air service delivery subsidised under the Government's Remote Air Services Subsidy Scheme.
2. The program was initiated in 2011 with the first round of grants announced in February 2012.
3. In the 2023-24 Budget, \$12 million in administered grant funds was announced to support Round 10 of the program.

RAU 10


4. In Round 10 applicants could seek from \$5,000 up to \$3 million in grant funding with applicants needing to contribute 50 per cent of the eligible costs except:
 - a. Where the applicant and a third party both contribute, the grant amount may be reduced to 33.3 percent; or
 - b. Where the applicant meets the definition of an Indigenous owned and/or operated aerodrome, the grant will be up to 100 per cent.
5. As with previous RAU rounds, under the program guidelines aerodromes are considered to be Indigenous owned and/or operated aerodromes where:
 - a. the aerodrome is owned and/or operated by an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation registered under the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (Cth) (CATSI Act) or
 - b. the aerodrome is owned and/or operated by a designated Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Council.
6. The CATSI Act delivers modern corporate governance standards but still provides measures to suit the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Examples of this are the requirements for the majority of directors and the majority of members to be Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

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10. **Attachment E** provides an overview of the assessment process.

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REMOTE AIRSTRIP UPGRADE PROGRAM ROUND 10

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Application number	Organisation	Project State/Territory	Organisation type	Project title	Project Description	Project location	Total Project Cost (\$)	Grant amount sought (\$ plus GST where applicable)	Grant %	Indigenous Owned and/or Operated Aerodrome (as defined in the Guidelines)	Department Recommendation	Amount Recommended (up to)	Basis for recommendation (summary)
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RAUX000012	Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council	QLD	Local Government (Designated Indigenous)	Lockhart River Aerodrome - Aeronautical Ground Lighting Upgrade	Upgrade of Aeronautical Ground Lighting (AGL) system included new LED runway and taxiway lights, dedicated diesel power generator, PAPI, illuminated wind direction indicator and portable emergency LED lights.	Lockhart River is a town in the Shire of Lockhart River, a designated Indigenous Council, on the eastern coast of far north Queensland. It lies approximately 535km northwest of Cairns and 1,935km northwest of Brisbane. Very Remote Australia (2021 ASGS) Pop 664 (2021 census)	\$2,956,799	\$2,956,799	100%	Yes	s47E(d)	Recommended	\$2,956,799	A strong application that demonstrates the needs for the works and links them to safety and accessibility (noting fatal accident (4 fatalities) in 2020 and the recommendations of the Australian Transport Safety Bureau report). The application notes the outdated AGL system in use and the limitations for operations in low-visibility, the aging lighting system is noted as posing a significant safety risk. s47E(d) aerodrome is a very remote indigenous community facility in an area of extreme transport disadvantage, where the aerodrome is pivotal in providing residents with emergency evacuation access. The lighting needs to be reliably functional to support night evacuation in all weather conditions. The airstrip is vital to the community with road access restricted during the wet. The airstrip provides a vital link to education and health services, including servicing a number of First Nations communities, supporting Closing the Gap outcomes. Indigenous Local Government seeking 100 per cent grant funding. s47E(d)
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REQUIREMENTS OF THE *PUBLIC GOVERNANCE, PERFORMANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2013*, RULES, AND THE COMMONWEALTH GRANTS RULES AND GUIDELINES 2017.

Any decision by a Minister to approve expenditure of relevant money must be undertaken in a manner that is consistent with the requirements of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act), Rules, and the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines 2017 (CGRGs).

The PGPA Act, Rules and CGRGs requirements relevant to the approval of funding for this proposed expenditure of relevant money under the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program are:

Requirements under the PGPA Act

Section 71(1) – Approval of proposed expenditure by you requires that you must not approve the proposed expenditure of relevant money unless you are satisfied, after making reasonable enquiries, that the expenditure would be a “proper” use of relevant money. “Proper” when used in relation to the use or management of public resources means efficient, effective, economical and ethical use.

Section 71 (3a) requires where you agree with the Department’s recommendation to approve or not approve the expenditure of relevant money for this project, that you must record the terms of the approval in writing as soon as practicable after giving your approval. This brief and any attachments, including annotations or conditions recorded by you on these documents, satisfies the requirements of Section 71 (3a) of the PGPA Act.

Section 71 (3b) requires that if you approve a proposed expenditure of relevant money, that you must comply with any other requirements prescribed by the rules in relation to the approval.

Requirements under the CGRGs – Section 4 – Grants specific Processes and Requirements

The CGRGs contain a mandatory requirement that Agency staff must provide written advice to you, where you exercise the role of an approver. These requirements are outlined under item 4.6 of the CGRGs and include:

- (a) That the proposed expenditure of relevant money for this project is for purposes of a “grant” as described in item 2.3 of the CGRGs;
- (b) That you are advised of any applicable requirements of the PGPA Act and Rules and the CGRGs relating to any ministerial reporting obligations, including the legal authority of the grant;
- (c) Outlining the application and selection process, including the selection criteria, that were used to select potential grants recipients; and
- (d) The merits of the proposed grant or grants relative to the grant guidelines and the key consideration of achieving value with relevant money.

Under the CGRGs Senators do not need to report on grants awarded in a Minister’s own state or territory, therefore you are not required to report on your decisions to the Minister for Finance under section 4.11 of the CGRGs, where you accept recommendations.

Under 4.12. Ministers may approve grants that are not recommended by the relevant officials. Where this is the case Ministers (including Senators) must report annually to the Finance Minister on all instances where they have decided to approve a particular grant which the relevant official has recommended be rejected. The report must include a brief statement of reasons (i.e. the basis of the approval for each grant). The report must be provided to the Finance Minister by 31 March each year for the preceding calendar year.