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Dear Mr Parker,

Country Local Government Fund (CLGF) 2013-14

The State Government remains committed to the Royalties for Regions (RfR) Program and ensuring benefits continue to be delivered to regional Western Australia. An allocated of \$354.10 million was made to the CLGF from 2008-09 to 2017-18 Financial Years. This is made up of \$320 million to country local government, \$3.2 million to Regional Development Commissions for support of local governments and \$30.09 million for capacity building for the Department of Local Government.

The recently announced Machinery of Government changes, together with changing economic conditions and the State Government's focus on regional economic development sees funding applied to regional strategic projects to deliver productivity improvements ensuring economic, business and social outcomes to the benefit of the State.

This means that program delivery funds like the CLGF will refocus to ensure maximum benefits are obtained for regional Western Australia. Future RfR funding for Local Government will be available through existing RfR programs or through the Planning and Development framework and Regional Blueprints, once local government plans have been completed. This allows for participation across the whole of Government, instead of being limited to RfR.

There will be no new funding for the CLGF in 2013-14 funding round. Only county local governments deemed eligible for 2012-13 funding will have access to funding administered through the Department of Regional Development (DRD). Applications for individual 2012-13 funding needed to have been submitted by 30 December 2012. 2010-11 funding needed to be fully acquitted by 30 June 2012. Failure to meet this deadline resulted in exclusion from 2012-13 funding.

The 2012-13 applications for regional groups closed on 30 May 2013. Those applications deemed eligible under the guidelines will be processed for funding. All applicants will be advised in due course as to the status of their application following the finalisation of the assessment and approval processes.

Country local governments are to complete existing projects, continue to report and acquit funds in accordance with established Financial Assistance Agreements.

Please contact the department on 08 6552 1800 should you require more details.

Yours sincerely

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Paul Rosair
Director General

12 August 2013