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PRIORITY COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

ADDENDUM NUMBER 2

Reason for addendum

To extend the closing date to 30 November 2023; amend the timeframes for applications to be submitted; and to remove the restriction on pre-execution expenditure. This is to ensure applicants are not unfairly disadvantaged by delays in issuing or receiving invitations to apply and to ensure communities can benefit from the program in a timely manner.

Additional amendments have been made for clarity and to remove inconsistency across some provisions.

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

Summary of major amendments

The program closing date has been extended to 30 November 2023.

Amendments have been made throughout, and in particular in Section 6 and Section 6.1 to specify that applications must be submitted within six (6) months of receiving the invitation to submit an application for funding, or by 30 November 2023, whichever is earliest. Consequential amendments have been made to relevant timeframes throughout the guidelines to reflect this change, including in Section 1 and Assessment Criterion 3, which previously specified that a project may not be considered unless it could be contracted by 31 October 2023. An amendment has also been made to section 2.2 to remove the requirement of a maximum grant period of 3 years for individual grants. All projects are should still be complete by 31 December 2026.

Amendments have been made throughout, and in particular in Section 4.1, the requirement regarding not commencing construction prior to receiving approval of funding has been removed. Consequently, Sections 1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 6.1 and Appendices A and B have been amended to reflect removal of the restriction on expenditure incurred prior to a funding agreement being executed. Any expenditure incurred by an applicant prior to a funding agreement being executed remains at the applicant's own risk, as an invitation to apply does not guarantee an approval of funding.

28 August 2023

Lodgement Reminder:

Place for Lodgement: Via email at PCIP@infrastructure.gov.au

CLOSING TIME: 5pm (Local time in the ACT)

CLOSING DATE: 30 November 2023