

The information below is provided in response to the *Report on Proceedings Before Public Accountability Committee Integrity, Efficacy and Value for Money of NSW Government Grant Programs*

The CHAIR: Would you have any estimate to hand, Mr McMahon, about the actual costs in applying for grants and then separately reporting back on grants?

Mr McMAHON: As Tweed said, we could do some estimates. We can easily provide those direct costs of the staff that we have and then do some estimates that are substantiated on the actual broader grant application process and then reporting costs. I have got staff time traceable on the amount of time they spend doing that type of thing.

In follow on from the above Council has two specific grant officer roles that apply for some of the grants that Council applies for with their annual employee costs valued at \$147,000 combined.

Council also has a Business Support Officer role who dedicates 60% of their time to grant reporting at a cost of \$63,000. Council also has an Assets and Works Administration Officer that spends approximately 70% of their time on grant applications and reporting relating to transport programs at a cost of \$59,000.

In addition to the above there are a number of ad hoc grants that Council applies for. A case study example of this type of grant process is as follows that relates to two waste less recycle more grants. They also provide examples of where what was asked for is not matched by what was approved and scope variations needed to be applied to “cut the project cloth” to the budget.

Grant expenses - Organics Collections, SUDs			
Cost item	Rate (incl. on-costs)	Quantity	TOTAL
Salary Waste Strategy Coordinator, Application drafting/lodgement	\$ 72	63	\$ 4,505
Salary Waste Strategy Coordinator, Application Milestone Reporting - avg 8 hours per report	\$ 572	4	\$ 2,288
Merger Consulting - Application submission	\$ 4,000	1	\$ 4,000
			\$ 10,793
Total Grant Value (Requested)			\$ 419,000
Total Grant Value (Awarded)			\$ 365,000
In-kind contribution (as per deed)			\$ 247,775

Grant expenses - Food Donation Education			
Cost item	Rate (incl. on-costs)	Quantity	TOTAL
Salary Waste Strategy Coordinator, Application drafting/lodgement	\$ 72	49	\$ 3,504
Salary Waste Strategy Coordinator, Application Milestone Reporting - avg 8 hours per report	\$ 572	5	\$ 2,860
			\$ 6,364
Total Grant Value (Requested)			\$ 200,000
Total Grant Value (Awarded)			\$ 177,070