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Proposal Title: Volunteer Rescue Support on the Rise

Cluster: Justice

General Government Sector Impacts

	2018-19 \$'000	2019-20 \$'000	2020-21 \$'000	2021-22 \$'000	4 year Total \$'000
Expenses (ex. depreciation)	-	4,700	4,700	4,700	14,100
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-
Less: Offsets	-	-	-	-	-
Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Net Operating Balance:	-	(4,700)	(4,700)	(4,700)	(14,100)

Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Offsets	-	-	-	-	-
Net Capital Expenditure:	-	-	-	-	-

Net Lending/(Borrowing):	-	(4,700)	(4,700)	(4,700)	(14,100)
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Total State Sector Impacts

Net Lending/(Borrowing):	-	(4,700)	(4,700)	(4,700)	(14,100)
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Notes and costing assumptions

The policy proposes to provide \$18.8 million in grant funding to the NSW Volunteer Rescue Association (VRA) over four years from 1 July 2019. The total cost across the forward estimates is \$14.1 million, with an additional cost of \$4.7 million in 2022-23.

The policy specifies that grant funding would be provided by the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and administered from within their existing resources. As shown above, the grants are capped at \$4.7 million per year.

This grant would enable the VRA to purchase 30 new rescue vehicles (consisting of 12 quick response trucks and 18 medium rescue trucks) to provide road crash and other rescue services across regional NSW. This grant would also enable the VRA to upgrade communications and training equipment, and purchase new uniforms and personal protective equipment for all VRA volunteers. The cost of the VRA managing this procurement would be met from within the grant amounts.

The PBO notes the amount of equipment purchased would be scaled to match funds available after the vehicle purchases.