

12.5.1 CONSTRUCTION OF FLOODWAYS ON MUCCAN SHAY GAP AND SKULL SPRINGS ROADS

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Author Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

REPORT PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider approving a budget amendment to accommodate the acceptance of funding to the value of \$800,000.00 (excl GST) reallocated by the Pilbara Regional Road Group (PRRG) for the construction of floodway infrastructure on Muccan Shay Gap Road and Skull Springs Road.

BACKGROUND

The PRRG allocated \$800,000 to the City of Karratha to be spent in the 2023/24 financial year. In September 2023, the City of Karratha indicated that it is not able to spend this allocation. The PRRG offered the surplus funding to all local governments in the PRRG and the Shire of East Pilbara was successful in gaining the support of PRRG members that the money be spent during the 2023/24 financial year on urgently required floodway construction works on the Shire's road network.

COMMENTS/OPTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

The Shire identified a high priority project suitable for the available PRRG funding. It proposed that floodways be installed on sections of Skulls Spring Road and Muccan-Shay Gap Road.

The funding arrangement for PRRG funded projects is a 1/3:2/3 ratio arrangement. As such, to accept the funding, approval from Council is being sought to allocate \$400,000.00 of municipal funds to establish a Capital Works Project for the construction of floodway infrastructure on Muccan-Shay Gap Road and Skull Springs Road.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS

Consistent with s.6.8 of the *Local Government Act 1995*

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Consistent with Council's Budget Amendments Policy

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN

3: Built Environment

- 3.4 Advocacy for improvements to the road network and maximising grant funding.

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Financial – Minor

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is proposed that Council accepts the grant of \$800,000 and meets the matched funding requirements by allocating \$400,000 from the unallocated \$1,156,256 in savings from decreased costs on Infrastructure (Roads) approved at the 28 February 2024 Budget Review. This will allocate a total of \$1,200,000 to fund the floodway construction works.

Proposed Budget Amendments:

Account	Amendment
New- Revenue PRRG Grant	\$800,000
Shire's Own Resources (Decreased costs on Infrastructure (Roads))	-\$400,000
New- Expenses Muccan-Shay Gap and Skull Springs Road floodway infrastructure.	\$1,200,000

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council, pursuant to section 6.8 of the *Local Government Act 1995* adopts the follow budget amendment accepting a grant of \$800,000 from Main Roads WA and transferring \$400,000 from 2022/23 Carry Forward Reserve to fund a Capital Works project – Floodway Construction on Muccan Shay Gap Road & Skull Springs Road:

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New- Revenue PRRG Grant	\$800,000
Shire's Own Resources (Decreased costs on Infrastructure (Roads))	-\$400,000
New- Expenses Muccan-Shay Gap and Skull Springs Road floodway infrastructure.	\$1,200,000

ABSOLUTE MAJORITY REQUIRED