1. In September 2018, the Queensland Government released the Grants to Local Government Policy Position which recommended the following outcomes: an outcome focussed grants model where grant programs with common objectives are managed consistently; aligning grant programs with State Government priorities and Council strategies and budget cycles; reduce red tape through streamlining the administration, monitoring and reporting of grant programs; and support Councils across all stages of the grant program process, including necessary long-term planning.
2. To deliver on the Policy Position the Queensland Government initiated implementation planning from September 2018 to June 2019 and consulted extensively with Local Government and key stakeholders including the Local Government Association of Queensland, Local Government Managers Australia and Local Government Finance Professionals.
3. The Grants to Local Government Model is a simple, adaptive, coordinated grant model providing value for the State, while being responsive to community priorities. The Model is based on six Outcome Focused Program Streams. Implementation of the Model relies on the Grants to Local Government – Governance Framework and the Grants to Local Government – Grant Design, Administration and Evaluation Manual.
4. The Review of Grants to Local Government: Current and Future State Assessment report was prepared by KPMG in response to an implementation action from the State Infrastructure Plan of 2016 to review infrastructure grant programs to local governments.
5. Cabinet approved the new Grants to Local Government Model and its public release.
6. Cabinet approved the public release of the:
* Grants to Local Government - Governance Framework
* Grants to Local Government – Grant Design, Administration and Evaluation Manual
* Outcome Focused Program Streams
* KPMG report – *Review of Grants to Local Government: Current and Future State Assessment*
* Grants to Local Government Engagement Report.
1. *Attachments*
* [Grants to Local Government Model](Attachments/Model.PDF)
* [Grants to Local Government – Governance Framework](Attachments/Framework.PDF)
* [Grants to Local Government – Grant Design, Administration and Evaluation Manual](Attachments/Manual.PDF)
* [Outcomes Focused Program Streams](Attachments/Streams.PDF)
* [KPMG Report – *Review of Grants to Local Government: Current and Future State Assessment*](Attachments/ReviewReport.PDF)
* [Grants to Local Government Engagement Report](Attachments/Report.PDF)