Special Purpose Grants for regional councils announced

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The first round of Local Government Special Purpose Grants for 2015/16 has been awarded to local councils across the Northern Territory.

Special Purpose Grants provide councils with the opportunity to apply for funding for specific projects or for capital purchases.

The primary aim of these grants is to assist councils in improving community infrastructure and service delivery. The first round has awarded over $1.4 million for infrastructure projects.

“I am pleased to announce that the following communities are amongst those successful in their applications for funding. Rubbish removal and solar lighting are just some of the essential items of any council and we are pleased to be able to assist with these purchases.

“Solar lighting is a great investment for councils and enables them to keep the expenses down. A new rubbish truck can mean the difference between a clean and hygienic community or not. No matter how small each item may seem to the outside, for the communities receiving the grants they make life better for all” Minister Price said.

**Roper Gulf Regional Council** - To purchase a new 12 cubic metre compactor rubbish truck for Ngukurr – $120,000

**East Arnhem Regional Council** - To supply and install reinforced caged solar lighting along the Yirrkala foreshore area - $40,300

**Barkly Regional Council** - To purchase a replacement rubbish truck for the Alpurrurulam community - $144,743

**Central Desert Regional Council** - To replace two skid steer loaders and trailers for two communities Nyirripi and Engalwala. - $103,100

**Alice Springs Town Council** - To re-turf and irrigate the main baseball/softball diamond at Jim McConville Park in Araluen - $85,549

The President of the Central Desert Regional Council, Adrian Dixon said, “The Special Purpose Grant funding will provide the Council with two skid steers for use in our remote communities. As the
Council has a very small rates base, funding such as the SPG funds from the NTG is vital to the Council and will allow us to purchase assets that we would otherwise struggle to fund.”

Applications are assessed to ensure initiatives are consistent with council or business plans and benefit the community.

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