

Local Government Research and Development Scheme Logic

Goal									Ongoing development of local government so that								
									- Councils achieve more for their communities								
									- Councils are equipped for the future								
Outcomes ¹	Collaboration across the local government sector			Councils have knowledge and capacity to improve services		Councils deliver more with less		Councils are thought leaders and ready for the future		Communities understand the role and value of local government			A clear return on investment from research and development				
Outputs	Wide research dissemination across the local government sector			Resources and guidance on initiating, delivering, improving, reviewing, commercialising, or closing of council services		Evidence base to identify new efficiencies		Evidence base for local government improvement		Resources and guidance on improving community engagement, transparency, and accountability			Measurement of the impact and effectiveness of the Scheme				
	Communities of practice					Reduction in the duplication of effort											
	New or strengthened partnerships					Leverage government investment in programs/projects											
	Co-delivery of projects by multiple councils and their partners					Performance measurement and reporting tools											
Activities	• Research and case studies • Resources, tools and templates • Partnerships and networks • Training																
	Implementation support • Mentoring and guidance • Marketing the Scheme																
Foundations	Principle of the Scheme:			MOU between Treasurer and LGA President		Funding from the Local Government Tax Equivalent Fund in accordance with the Local Government Finance Authority Act		Oversight by Scheme's Advisory Group and LGA Board of Directors		Smart Grants Grant Management System		Grant administration by LGA staff		Scheme Policies and Procedures that address:		LGA Website, including R&D Library	
	<i>The grant must be applied for local government development purposes, and the funding must be used strategically for the benefit of Local Government as a whole.</i>													<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Eligibility- Application process- Shortlisting and selection- Project delivery- Use of grant funds- Project duration- Promotion of the scheme.			

¹ These outcomes is part of the purposes of the Local Government Research and Development Scheme as agreed in the MOU between the Treasurer and LGA.