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Isaac Region to reap funding rewards

Isaac Regional Council is set to benefit from close to \$4 million dollars in funding from the Federal and State governments, injecting much needed infrastructure and services into communities around the region Isaac's Mayor Cedric Marshall said today

In the recent federal government budget \$500 000 has been allocated for the construction of a Medical Centre in Nebo. Council submitted an application for funding in 2008 and recent approval means that building can commence shortly and a GP attracted to the town.

Council also received \$2.5million dollars from the Commonwealth's Housing Affordability Fund Program to develop 63 residential blocks in Nebo which will be subsidised to provide affordable housing in the region. The Mayor said that while a number of blocks would be used by Council to build staff and service accommodation a majority of the blocks would be put up for tender to the public.

The Isaac coastal communities were the recipients of State government funding of \$145 066, an NCOM SBS grant of \$136 882 and a Council contribution of \$60 000 to upgrade transmission equipment to ensure digital TV readiness. New towers will be installed in St Lawrence and Clairview with upgrades to the existing tower in Carmila. This work, which will take NCOM three months to complete, will provide all free-to-air channels and SBS radio transmission the Mayor said.

The last injection of funding totaling \$385 000, funded equally by the Commonwealth's Natural Disaster Mitigation Program and Emergency Management Queensland, will provide \$360 000 for River Height Measuring Systems and \$25 500 for foldable road closed signs. This infrastructure will be installed across the Isaac region to improve disaster management and the safety of residents and visitors the Mayor said.

'Council looks forward to starting these projects in the near future and providing regular updates to our communities on their progress,' the Mayor said.

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