

Funding of Shared Services Between Communities	Policy	F14
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What is the policy?

In order to reduce cost and expand services to as many communities as possible, the department encourages communities to partner with and share services to nearby and adjacent communities. Some of the services that can be shared are (though not limited to):

- waste disposal sites
- water treatment plants
- supply of water from a water treatment plant
- use of lagoons and or wastewater treatment facilities

Definitions:

- host community – the community where the infrastructure is situated
- Local Government Services Program (LGSP) funding – funding for the provision of community services

Community responsibilities

- In planning for the recovery of the operation and maintenance costs for the infrastructure the host community is expected to charge for and recover the locally generated portion of the cost on an equitable manner.
- The rate or fees set for service to residents in the host community will apply to affected communities and collected from those councils through their locally generated revenue. These fees are to remit to the host community on a quarterly basis.
- The host community is provided the LGSP funded amount to operate and maintain the infrastructure. LGSP funding provides 80 per cent of the funding formula cost and the balance by raising locally generated revenue.
- In the case of waste disposal sites, the use of tipping fees are used to recover costs from residents associated with maintaining the site and for recycling programs.

Department responsibilities

- Provision of LGSP funding will be granted to the host community maintaining the site/service.
- This principle can be used for all services and the department can assist in determining an appropriate usage factor among the communities.

- Department staff will assist communities in developing agreements when requested.

Note: Where there is a delivery service, it should be tendered and the cost of the delivery is to be provided to the host community in their LGSP funding on the full rate (not 80 per cent split).