

[Legal Notice No. 56]

THE GUADALCANAL PROVINCE
DIRECT FINANCIAL AID TO AREA COUNCILS
(SICOPSA GRANT)
ORDINANCE 1991

AN

ORDINANCE

TO

PROVIDE FOR THE FORM, METHOD, CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF DIRECT SICOPSA, OR ANALOGOUS, GRANTS FOR CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND/OR INCOME GENERATION PROJECTS OF AREA COUNCILS.

ENACTED BY THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF GUADALCANAL PROVINCE.

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PART I
PRELIMINARY

1. The Ordinance may be cited as the Guadalcanal Province SICOPSA Grant Ordinance 1991 and shall come into operation on the date assented to by the Minister for Provincial Government in accordance with section 32 of the Provincial Government Act 1981.

Short Title
and com-
mencement.

2. In this Ordinance, unless the context requires otherwise -
- “Area Council” means the governing body of that respective local government area as provided for in section 3 and Schedule 1 of the Guadalcanal Province Council Ordinance 1985;
 - “Executive” means the Guadalcanal Province Executive as established in accordance with sections 21, 22 and 23 of the Provincial Government Act 1981;
 - “Fiscal Year” means the twelve (12) months period from the 1st of April to the 31st March;
 - “Grant” means that direct grant received from the Solomon Islands Government for the purposes of the Area Council Capital, Social and Income Generation Development as receipted by the Province pursuant to section 3 of this Ordinance hereto, whether SICOPSA or otherwise;
 - “Income Generation” means, in relation to a Project, that project generating internal revenue for profit in relation only to a Production and Service Orientation as prescribed in section 6(c) of this Ordinance hereto;
 - “Infrastructure Development” means, in relation to a Project, that capital development or improvement Project benefitting those infrastructural components prescribed in section 6(a) of this Ordinance hereto;
 - “Population Grant” means that portion of the SICOPSA Grant, or its future equivalent, if any, apportioned to each Area Council jurisdiction in relation to their populations pursuant to section 4 of this Ordinance hereto;
 - “Production and Service Oriented/Orientation” means, in relation to a Project whose activity and out put is measured in units of production or by the provision of a service such activities prescribed in section 6(c) of this Ordinance hereto; Merchandising, Retail or Wholesale Store Tradings are specially excluded from the allowable definition of service orientation;

Interpre-
tation.

- “Project” means an activity prescribed among the specified and allowable activities of section 6 of this Ordinance hereto for which Population Grant and Project Account monies may be utilized;
- “Project Account” means that respective Account prescribed in section 5 of this Ordinance hereto into which each Population Grant for each respective Area Council is deposited;
- “Project Appraisal Committee” means that Provincial Committee of section 8 of this Ordinance hereto responsible for appraising and approving Project Proposals submitted to it by the Area Council Project Committees and managing the release of Project Account expenditures on behalf of approved Projects;
- “Project Committee” means that respective Area Council Committee of section 7 of this Ordinance hereto responsible for developing and submitting Project Proposals to the Provincial Project Appraisal Committee and co-ordinating and implementation of approved Projects;
- “Province” means in relation to the Guadalcanal Provincial Government and Administration;
- “Revolving Fund” means that sum of money remaining from the Grant, after its apportionment to the respective Area Councils Project Accounts, and thereafter managed pursuant to the terms of the Special (SICOPSA Revolving) Fund Ordinance 1991;
- “Proposal” means a request from a respective Area Council Project Committee for funding from its Project Account of a Project;
- “SICOPSA” means the Small Island Communities and Provinces Special Assistance Program of the Solomon Islands Government, of that Ministry responsible from time to time for Provincial Government;
- “Social Development” means, in relation to a Project, Social Welfare or community development or improvement Projects prescribed in section 6(b) of this Ordinance hereto;
- “Treasurer” means the Provincial Administrative Officer the Head of the Provincial Accounts and Treasury Division in accordance with Part III of the Guadalcanal Province Financial Management Ordinance, or, for the purposes of this Ordinance, his or her authorized Accounting Officer delegate.

PART II
AREA COUNCILS' SICOPSA PROJECT ACCOUNTS

3. Every Fiscal year, the Guadalcanal Provincial Assembly shall appropriate the receipt and use of the Solomon Islands Government SICOPSA Grant, or its future equivalent, if any, into its Capital Development Project Account in its Annual Appropriation Ordinance. Thereby, the Treasury Division of the Province shall receive such periodic Grant payments from the Solomon Islands Government into its Capital Development Project Account.

Payment of Grant into Province's Capital Account.

4. Upon receipt of the SICOPSA Grant, or its future equivalent if any, and every subsequent Grant Installment received thereafter, the Provincial Treasurer shall apportion each Grant to each Area Council jurisdiction, such population statistics to be derived from the current Solomon Islands decennial census and as such statistics are more currently and accurately derived from time to time.

Apportionment of Grant among Area Councils.

5. The Provincial Treasurer shall open Project Accounts for each Area Council in the Province and shall deposit directly into each respective Project Account that sum of the money derived from the Grant's apportionment as per that Calculation of Section 4 hereto for each respective Area Council, and shall continue to deposit said apportioned Population Grant to each respective Area Council Project Account from each Grant installment received. The Treasurer shall be the Accounting Officer for all Area Council Project Accounts. The administration of the Project Accounts shall be as prescribed by Executive Regulation.

Payment of Population Grants into Area Councils' Project Accounts.

6. Pursuant to Parts III and IV hereto, Area Councils, through their respective Project Committees, may submit Proposals to the Provincial Project Appraisal Committee for funding from their respective Project Accounts for Infrastructure, Social Development and Income Generation Projects only. Such activities for which funding from Area Council Project Accounts may be utilized are:

Use of Project Accounts.

- (a) Infrastructure Development
 - (i) Works and Transportation Facilities
 - (ii) Housing and Office Space
 - (iii) School, Clinic and Hospital Plant
 - (iv) Water Supply
 - (v) Reforestation

- (b) Social Development
 - (i) Health and Medical Improvements
 - (ii) Youth Development/Training
 - (iii) Sports
 - (iv) Custom and Cultural Preservation
 - (v) Village and Community Education

- (c) Income Generation (Production and Service Oriented)
 - (i) Agriculture/Community Farming
 - (ii) Fisheries
 - (iii) Agro-Forestry/Forestry/Milling/Reafforestation
 - (iv) Production/Manufacturing (e.g. Handicrafts, Bakeries, Ship Building, etc.)
 - (v) Transport Services
 - (vi) Tourism

Funding from Area Council Project Accounts shall not be utilized for personal emoluments or meet Councils' expenses.

PART III AREA COUNCILS' PROJECT COMMITTEES

Area Councils
Projects
Committees. 7. Each Area Council shall establish a Project Committee for purpose of developing Projects allowable under this Ordinance. Organisation, powers and procedures of Project Committees shall be as prescribed by Executive Regulations.

PART IV PROVINCIAL PROJECT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE

Provincial
Project
Appraisal
Committee. 8. There shall be established a Provincial Project Appraisal Committee which shall appraise and approve, defer or disapprove of Project Proposals submitted to it by the Area Councils' Project Committee, and which shall manage the release of (Project Account expenditures) Organisation, powers and procedures of the Project Appraisal Committee shall be as prescribed by Executive Regulations.