4. PERFORMANCE WITH REGARD TO CONDITIONAL GRANTS (cont.)

4.4 DEPARTMENT OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT

AMOUNT	ADJUSTED AMOUNT	AMOUNT RECEIVED	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE JUL.2007 TO March 2008	% EXPENDITURE OF ALLOCATION	AVAILABLE BALANCE
R 6,000,000	R 0.00	R 6,900,000	R 0.00	0%	R 6,900,000

The allocation was awarded to Bushbuckridge Local Municipality to subsidize the completion of tar road from GaMthakathi to Wales situated in Casteel. The project is in progress and the allocation will be spent before June 2008.

4. PERFORMANCE WITH REGARD TO CONDITIONAL GRANTS (cont.)

4.5 DWAF - OPERATIONAL AND MAINTENANCE GRANT

AMOUNT ALLOCATED	ADJUSTED ALLOCATION	AMOUNT RECEIVED	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE JUL.2007 TO MARCH 2008	% EXPENDITURE OF REVISED ALLOCATION	AVAILABLE BALANCE
R 49,191,000	R 13,653.500	R 13,653.500	R 4,884,909	36%	R 9,766,037

The initial allocation of R49million has been revised due to the outstanding transfer agreement. The portion of almost R22million was earmarked for personnel expenditure and R13.5million is allocated to Bushbuckridge Water Board, and only R13.6million is allocated to Bushbuckridge Local Municipality for operations and maintenance, including refurbishment of various assets.

4. PERFORMANCE WITH REGARD TO CONDITIONAL GRANTS (cont.)

4.6 DEVELOPMENT BANK OF SOUTH AFRICA

AMOUNT ALLOCATED	ADJUSTED AMOUNT	AMOUNT RECEIVED	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE JUL.2007 TO FEB.2008	% EXPENDITURE OF ALLOCATION	AVAILABLE BALANCE
R 500,000	R 0.00	R 500,000	R 500,000	100 %	R 0,00

The entire amount of R 500,000 has been spent in Mandela Village for land tunure upgrading and the payment was issued by DBSA, for the allocation was not directly deposited into the municipality's bank account.

5. RELATIONS AND COLLABORATION WITH VARIOUS NATIONAL, PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENTS AND ENTITIES

5.1 DWAF

WSA activities are appropriately engaged and relations are positive.

Challenge is the outstanding transfer agreement that still needs to be finalized.

5.2 PUBLIC WORKS

Outstanding debts on Assessment Rates.

5.3 PROVINCIAL TREASURY

Submission of section 71 reports
Assist with MFMA compliance & implementation

5.4 DPLG

Is assisting with the implementation of MPRA. Facilitation of the ISRDP

5.5 DPLGH

Donated 4000 dustbins to the municipality. Housing Projects within Bushbuckridge.

5.6 DEPT. OF LAND AFFAIRS

Is assisting the municipality with land audits.

5. RELATIONS AND COLLABORATION WITH VARIOUS NATIONAL, PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENTS AND ENTITIES (cont.)

5.7 DEPT. OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT

Donated tractors and graders.

Donated R6.9 million for the completion of the Gamthakathi to Wales Road.

Building of 4x bridges at Marite, Acornhoek & Mkhuhlu to the value of R 10 million

5.8 DEPT. OF SPORTS, CULTURE & RECREATION

Donated library books and furniture to the tune of R 500,000

5.9 DEPT. OF EDUCATION & TRAINING

Greenery project at Lillydale for the value of R 1,2million.

Upgrading of Mnisi Resort at Hluvukani at a cost of R 4 million.

5.10 DBSA

Spatial planning projects amounting to R 3 million.

5.11 ESKOM

Electrification projects within Bushbuckridge

6. CAPACITY CONSTRAINTS

- The population or demographic profile generated by STATS-SA, in 2001; impacts negatively on the allocation of the equitable shares to the municipality.
- Insufficient financial resources to address the Infrastructure backlogs.
- Inability to retain technically skilled employees after appointment.
- Shortage of professionals in the field of engineering, and inadequate skills base of employees.

7. THE EXTENT OF SERVICE DELIVERY

EXTENT TO WHICH SERVICE DELIVERY IS HAPPENING IN BBR MUNICIPALITY

The service delivery is progessing positively in the Municipality besides the challenges we encountered due to lack of sufficient resources i.e. human resources and financial resources

The FBS is being provided to the entire communities of the municipality however the grant is not enough to meet the demand due to insufficient grant allocation determined through the 2001 population statistics.

FBE is provided to indigent families and where there is no provision for electricity supply the Municipality is providing alternative energy (solar & lights) to almost 1400 families.

WATER PROVISION

The Municipality is currently focusing more in providing bulk water supply in the area in order to address the milineum target (2010) water for all.

This has led the Municipality commit 70% of its MIG funding on water provision projects up to 2010.

The other services as listed below have some serious challenges, hence the Municipality is doing its best to overcome them.

7. THE EXTENT OF SERVICE DELIVERY (Cont.)

SANITATION

There are VIP toilet projects going on in the Municipality to address the backlog, but the demand is huge compared to affordability.

ROADS / STREETS STORMWATER

The Municipality is getting support from Provincial Department of Roads & Transport including District Municipality (EDM) to address backlog on provision of tarred roads in district & provincial roads.

NB. Also two graders have been donated by Department of Roads & Transport as tools to address backlog on access to Municipal roads.

7. THE EXTENT OF SERVICE DELIVERY (Cont.)

HOUSING

The Municipality is getting support from the provincial Department of Housing.

ELECTRICITY

The Municipality is getting support from DME though Eskom, however the critical challenges is that there is not enough capacity from Eskom side regarding power satation, which some identified villages as per our IDP priority cannot be electrified and energise.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The Municipality is providing as much community facilities as possible, in order to address the social aspect within the society e.g.

Four taxi ranks are being constructed

Three market stalls are being constructed

Three sport facilities are already completed

Two sport facilities are waiting appointment of contracotrs

7. THE EXTENT OF SERVICE DELIVERY (Cont.)

VII. WASTE DISPOSAL SITES

The Municipality is making sure that adequate solid waste sites are provided in the Municipal Area and two sites are in the process of being legalised.

VIII. URBAN RENEWAL

The Municipality is currently busy with the urbanisation of BBR CBD into a major town which will be attractive to investors.

CHALLENGES

As we are currently putting more infrustracture in place, it is obviously that the funding for maintenance become insufficient and this will result into the infrustracture not being properly cared for

8. DETERMINATION OF THE INTERGRATED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES IS ALIGNMENT TO THE PROVINCIAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Bushbuckridge Local Municipality aligned itself with the Provincial Growth and Development Strategy. The Following Programs are aligned with the PDS.

Integrated Development Plan

Local Economic Strategy

Spatial Development Framework

Bushbuckridge is located close to proximity with the world famous Kruger National Park, the Maputo Sub-Corridor as it forms part of the Kruger to Canyon Biosphere, while it makes it an attractive for Tourism. The Area is rich in environment and natural resources based to provide opportunities for Agricultural and Tourism development.

8.1 ARREAS OF ALIGNMENT

1. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Municipality is busy with Maviljan urban renewal which will boost the economy of the Municipality in terms of Job creation and Poverty Alleviation. This is part of economic growth which links to our Province.

The development of Inyaka Dam and Bushbuckridge nature Reserve which are located along the R40 national road, which is a Sub-corridor to the Maputo Corridor.

Development of tourism projects like Commercialization of Manyeleti and Andover game reserves, development of Ivory Route and the Mnisi Resort along the Orpengate Route. These projects link to our Provincial Tourism development.

8.1 AREAS OF ALIGNMENT (Continued)

2. MANUFACTURING

The Municipality aligned itself with the Provincial initiative with manufacturing projects. The Marula project in Rolle which manufactures juice oil and cosmetic products. The Mavayeye business enterprise in Thulamahashe where they manucfacture skin clothes, Traditional dresses and Bides. The Letsopa Pottery in Rooiboklaagte where they manufacture clay pots and Arts.

3. MINING

The Municipality started clay brick manufacturing project, which is mining clay soil to manufacture bricks in the Casteel region. The project is selling its products to people or companies outside the Bushbuckridge region.

8.1 AREAS OF ALIGNMENT (Continued)

4. AGRICULTURE

Greening Bushbuckridge is a project which is aligned to the province. The resusitation of Hoxani irrigation scheme, Zoeknog farming project, Saringwa citrus fruit and Champagne Chicken Abattoir projects are part of the projects which align with our P.D.Q.S.

5. KEY ECONOMIC DEV PROGRAMMES TO ANCHOR LED:

Maximum exploitation of agricultural potential and opportunities.

Business Development Support.

Beneficiation within economic sectors.

Promotion of the arts and culture industry.

Tourism growth promotion.

SMME development.

Broad Based Economic Empowerment.

Effective implementation of LED learnerships.

Urban and Rural Development Programme.

Improving the skills base in order to promote economic empowerment and job creation.