

ARTS AND CULTURAL ASSISTANCE GRANT POLICY

Intent A key priority of Cairns Regional Council's Strategy for Culture and the Arts 2022 is to provide grant funding that builds and sustains the viability and productivity of community-based organisations, and enhances the capacity and capability of local artists and cultural and creative practitioners.

The Arts and Cultural Assistance Grant therefore aims to make available Council resources and capabilities to support Arts and Cultural events, activities and projects that make a positive creative contribution to the region.

Scope The Arts and Cultural Assistance grant category is available to individual professional or emerging professional artists and arts workers.

PROVISIONS

Assistance Type

The fund will provide access to Council venues and resources for events, activities and projects. The minimum amount per application is \$500 the maximum amount per application is \$5,000.

Logistics

Applications can be submitted at any time during the year, however the application must be lodged at least six weeks prior to the start of the event, activity or project. Events, activities and projects are to commence and be completed within twelve months of the approval date. Applicants can receive a maximum value of \$5,000 per year.

Eligible Applicants must:

- not have outstanding Council grants that have not been acquitted satisfactorily
- not have overdue outstanding payments to Council (eg rents, rates, fees, Council guarantor loan repayments etc)
- be applying for assistance for projects within the local government area of Cairns
- be a professional artist, emerging artist, arts worker or creative industry professional carrying out activities of a cultural, arts or performing arts nature (not a hobbyist)
- provide Council with a relevant detailed project outline and a clear and detailed budget
- provide Council with a quote for the requested venue hire and resources

Eligible Applications must not be:

- requesting assistance or support for an event, activity or project that has already occurred
- for events, activities or projects that are the subject of litigation
- for projects that duplicate existing services or programs
- for projects with a sole religious or political purpose
- requesting assistance from Council for resources or services that Council has to procure from outside organisations. As a general rule, this includes anything that is not core Council business.

Assessment Criteria

- Demonstrated ability of the event, activity or project to align with the funding stream intent/purpose.
- Demonstrated cultural and artistic merit of the event, activity or project.
- Demonstrated ability of the applicant to successfully manage the event, activity or project.

Assessment & Approval Responsibilities

The application will be assessed by the Manager Cultural Services. Decisions will be made by the full Council unless delegated.



This policy is to remain in force until otherwise determined by Council.

General Manager responsible for Review: Community, Sport and Cultural Services

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