

**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 & Cultural projects and activities that make a positive creative contribution to the region.

**Scope** The Arts and Cultural Assistance grant category is available to individuals as well as Not-For-Profit organisations.

**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 to eight weeks prior to the start of the event, activity or project. Projects and activities 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:**

- 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

**Eligible Applications Must not be:**

- Requesting assistance from Council for resources or services that Council has to procure from outside organisations.
- Be a registered political party or religious group.

**Assessment Criteria**

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

**Assessment & Approval Responsibilities**

The application will be assessed by the Manager Cultural Services. The delegation for decisions will be the full Council

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**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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**REVOKED/SUPERSEDED:**



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