

## ARTS AND CULTURAL PARTNERSHIPS GRANT (INDIVIDUALS)

### Intent/Purpose

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 Partnerships Grant therefore aims to make available Council resources and capabilities to support Arts and Cultural projects and activities that make a positive creative contribution to the region's arts and cultural profile.

The Arts and Cultural Partnerships grant category is available to individual professional or emerging professional artists and artworkers for the development and/or presentation of new works in partnership with Cairns Regional Council's arts and cultural presentation team.

### Objectives:

- to partner with artists and artworkers in order to build their capacity and capabilities to develop and present bold and innovative new works while minimising financial risk
- increase collaborative programming that attracts new audiences and provides employment opportunities in creative industries

### Assistance Type

This grant provides assistance through the provision of Council venues and resources only (not cash). The minimum amount per application is \$500 the maximum amount per application is \$10,000 per year.

### Logistics

Applications can be submitted at any time during the year, however the application should 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 of \$10,000 (excl gst) of venue hire and resource assistance per year for the provision of a guarantee against financial loss. In the case of profitable events, activities and projects, Council will retain revenue to cover all outgoing expenses and any further revenue will be split 50/50 upon reconciliation.

Funding agreements may be considered for up to three years on a case by case basis.

### 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

**Assessment Criteria**

- Demonstrated ability of the event, activity or project to align with the funding stream intent/purpose and objectives
- Demonstrated cultural and artistic merit of the event, activity or project
- Demonstrated ability of the applicant to successfully manage the event, activity or project
- Demonstrated focus of the event, activity or project on the development and/or presentation of new works.

**Assessment & Approval Responsibilities**

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

**Acquittal Obligations**

Grant recipients may be required to complete and submit a Council grant acquittal report template within two months of activity completion.

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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**

**ORIGINALLY ADOPTED:** 25/08/2021

**CURRENT ADOPTION:** 25/08/2021

**DUE FOR REVISION:** 25/8/2025

**REVOKED/SUPERSEDED:**



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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**