

**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS GRANT – OUT OF ROUND APPLICATION**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

1. Does not approve the grant application received from Torres Strait & Cape York Peninsula Indigenous Futsal Association Limited for Cairns NAIDOC Week 2026 Bama Futsal Cup.
2. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to finalise any and all matters relating to the above agreement.

**INTERESTED PARTIES:**

See Attachment 1.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Torres Strait & Cape York Peninsula Indigenous Futsal Association Limited has submitted a request to Council to assist with the delivery of Cairns NAIDOC Week 2026 Bama Futsal Cup at the PCYC Edmonton. The formal request is for a total value of \$5,360 (ex GST).

This application has been considered on an out of round basis due to the event dates falling outside of the current grant round.

**BACKGROUND:**

The intent of the Community Partnerships Grant is to assist community groups and organisations with the delivery of events and activities that enhance the lives of local communities, celebrate important community occasions, and provide opportunities to develop social cohesion and connection in the Cairns region.

The Community Partnerships Grant provides assistance through cash and the provision of Council venues and resources. The maximum amount per application is \$25,000 (ex GST).

**COMMENT:**

**Torres Strait & Cape York Peninsula Indigenous Futsal Association Limited for Cairns NAIDOC Week 2026 Bama Futsal Cup.**

**Event date: 8-9 July 2026**

Torres Strait & Cape York Peninsula Indigenous Futsal Association Limited is a community-based organisation focused on promoting health, wellbeing, and community engagement through futsal activities in remote Indigenous communities across Far North Queensland. The organisation works to encourage participation in sport as a means of supporting positive social outcomes.

The Cairns NAIDOC 2026 Bama Futsal Cup is proposed to be held at PCYC Edmonton and is expected to attract approximately 80 participants.

While the event would be a positive inclusion within the NAIDOC Week program, the event budget requires Council to meet all costs associated with delivery, including ineligible operational expenses and staffing.

Since 2025, Council resolved to support Torres Strait & Cape York Peninsula Indigenous Futsal Association Limited to the value of \$8,000 (ex GST) for the following events.

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount
2024/2025	Cairns NAIDOC 2025 Bama Futsal Cup	\$8,000

The Torres Strait & Cape York Peninsula Indigenous Futsal Association Limited is requesting \$5,360 (ex GST) towards the delivery of the event.

Based on the event budget including ineligible operational expenses, officers do not recommend the application for funding.

**OPTIONS:**

Option 1: (Recommended)

That Council:

1. Does not support the grant application received from Torres Strait & Cape York Peninsula Indigenous Futsal Association Limited for Cairns NAIDOC Week 2026 Bama Futsal Cup; and
2. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to finalise any and all matters relating to the above funding agreements.

Option 2:

That Council does not endorse this recommendation and adopts an alternative funding allocation.

**CONSIDERATIONS:**

Budget considerations:

### 2026/2027 Budget:

- The Community Partnerships Grant has a yet to be approved allocation of \$723,500 for the 2026/2027 financial year.
- \$235,292 (ex GST) of funds have already been allocated.
- \$0 recommended in this report.
- \$198,427 (ex GST) has been recommended in Grant Round 18 report today.
- Should the recommendations within Grant Round 18 report be supported, the remaining balance available for distribution will be \$289,781 (ex GST).

<b>2026/2027</b>	
2026/2027 Budget	<b>\$723,500 (TBC)</b>
Currently allocated	\$235,292
Recommended in this report	\$0
Recommended in Grant Round 18 report	\$198,427
<b>Total Remaining 2026/2027 Budget</b>	<b>\$289,781 (TBC)</b>

Further reports tabled at this meeting may affect the final remaining balance of the Community Partnerships budget.

### Community and Cultural Heritage:

The events and activities recommended in this report celebrate community life, foster community pride, and enhance the profile of Cairns. Through funding community-led initiatives, Council provides:

- Support to community organisations to build social cohesion and resilience by connecting people with each other and with institutions and services in the community, creating a sense of belonging.
- Activation and promotion of local organisations, businesses, and industries.
- Local volunteering opportunities through the facilitations of programs and events.
- Capacity building for local clubs, organisations, and volunteer networks.

### Corporate and Operational Plans:

The applications recommended in this report align with Council's Corporate Plan 2025 – 2030:

- Focus One – Robust Economy  
Strategy: Optimise visitation and tourism opportunities
- Focus Four – Community & Culture  
Strategy: Support diverse sport, cultural and community groups

### Statutory:

The Community Grant Policy and associated schedules are compliant with the specific community grant requirements of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

### Policy:

Council's Community Grant Policy has been applied in the assessment of these applications.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: Interested Parties

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Andrew Moore  
Executive Manager Community Life

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Destry Puia  
Director Lifestyle and Community

**ATTACHMENT 1: INTERESTED PARTIES**

**TORRES STRAIT & CAPE YORK PENINSULA INDIGENOUS FUTSAL  
ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
Director, Chair of Board of Directors	Nicole Poi Poi
Director	Stephanie Luyt
Secretary	Eugene Orwell