



# COMMUNITY FUNDING



Ipswich City Council's funding programs, support the role of community organisations that encourage participation in:

- Community life
- Foster social cohesion
- Celebrate diversity
- Contribute to a vibrant, healthy and sustainable



Ipswich City Council's Arts, Social Development and Community Engagement Department manages the community funding portfolio, which includes:

- Community Development Grants
- Triennial Grants
- Quick Response Grants
- Regional Arts Development Funds
- Community Donations



## Community Development Grants

- Purpose – to develop and deliver one off community projects that address local needs and achieve community development outcomes
- Two funding rounds per year – opening 1 February and 1 July. Applications are open for 1 month
- Grants of up to \$5,000 available

## Quick Response Grants

- Purpose - to deliver small community projects that address local needs and achieve community development outcomes
- Ongoing funding round, available throughout the year while such funds set aside in Council's annual budget for this purpose remain unexpended.
- Grants of up to \$1,000 available

Types of projects suitable for funding:

- Equipment purchase
- Minor facility upgrade
- Workshops aimed at skills development for volunteers
- Events and programs which strengthen community networks and social cohesion
- Costs associated with engaging industry professionals
- Costs associated with marketing and promotion of events or programs

## Triennial Grants

- Purpose – Triennial grants support community organisations to pilot or trial innovative programs that address gaps in services. Funding is allocated over three years and is designed to support community organisations to attract further funding to assist the initiative to become sustainable
- One funding round per year – opening 1 July for one month
- Total grant funding of up to \$17,500, allocated over 3 years as follows:
  - Year 1 – up to \$10,000
  - Year 2 – up to \$5,000
  - Year 3 – up to \$2,500



# Regional Arts Development Fund

## Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF)

- Delivered in partnership between the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland and Ipswich City Council
- Promotes the role and value of arts, culture and heritage as key drivers of diverse and inclusive communities and strong regions
- Queensland Government contributes 40% and Ipswich City Council 60% towards RADF
- Two funding rounds per year – opening 1 February and 1 July
- Quick response grants are available to support professional development for artists

## Ipswich RADF Funding Priorities

- Collaborative projects which celebrate creative partnerships across the Ipswich Region
- Skills development and mentoring for artists and arts workers which may include arts workshops, and marketing and media workshops, to support the promotion and showcasing of projects
- Building community participation and engagement through arts and cultural activities
- Applications which increase participation of priority community including children and young people, people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people with disabilities



## RADF Committee

- The RADF Committee is an independent group of industry representatives that reflect the diverse arts and creative practice in Ipswich
- The RADF Committee assesses each application and provides recommendations for funding and provides independent advice to support the RADF program

## Types of projects funded by RADF include:

- Projects and workshops aimed at skills development for volunteers
- Professional development for artists
- Events which strengthen community networks
- Costs associated with engaging industry professionals
- Costs associated with marketing and promotion of events or programs

Expected program outcomes have measurable social, cultural and community outcomes. These include:

- Development of new skills and capabilities within the community
- Development of strong networks where organisations share resources and acquire new knowledge and skills
- Strengthened local connections
- Increased awareness and opportunities for residents and others to participate in social, cultural and sustainable grassroots initiatives
- Improved social wellbeing, reduced isolation and increased cultural participation
- Enhanced positive social, cultural and sustainable outcomes for local communities
- More sustainable creative organisations through greater emphasis on self-generated income
- Public spaces activated with cultural and creative projects, and greater public participation in arts and creative projects

The Community Donations Program allows for funds to be allocated to not-for-profit community organisations for community purposes, and support community organisations to deliver initiatives that address identified local community needs.

The maximum amount of funding available to an applicant in any one financial year is \$15,000, unless otherwise approved by resolution of Council.

Types of projects suitable for funding:

- Equipment purchase
- Minor facility upgrade
- Programs that enhance skills development for volunteers
- Events which strengthen community networks
- Costs associated with engaging industry professionals
- Costs associated with marketing and promotion of events or programs



## Information and Support

Information regarding Ipswich City Council funding is available on Council's website

[https://www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/community/grants\\_sponsorships](https://www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/community/grants_sponsorships)

Guideline documents for Community Grants and In-Kind Assistance, Regional Arts Development Fund and Community Donations Programs are available on Council's website.

For further assistance, contact the Community Funding Team at [communityfunding@ipswich.qld.gov.au](mailto:communityfunding@ipswich.qld.gov.au)