



Western Downs Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF)

The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a Queensland Government and Local Government partnership to support local arts and culture.



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Overview

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 - WDRRC Community Grants Policy and Organisational Procedure
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 - Local Priorities
 - 2016/17 Program
 - Proposed 2017/18 Program

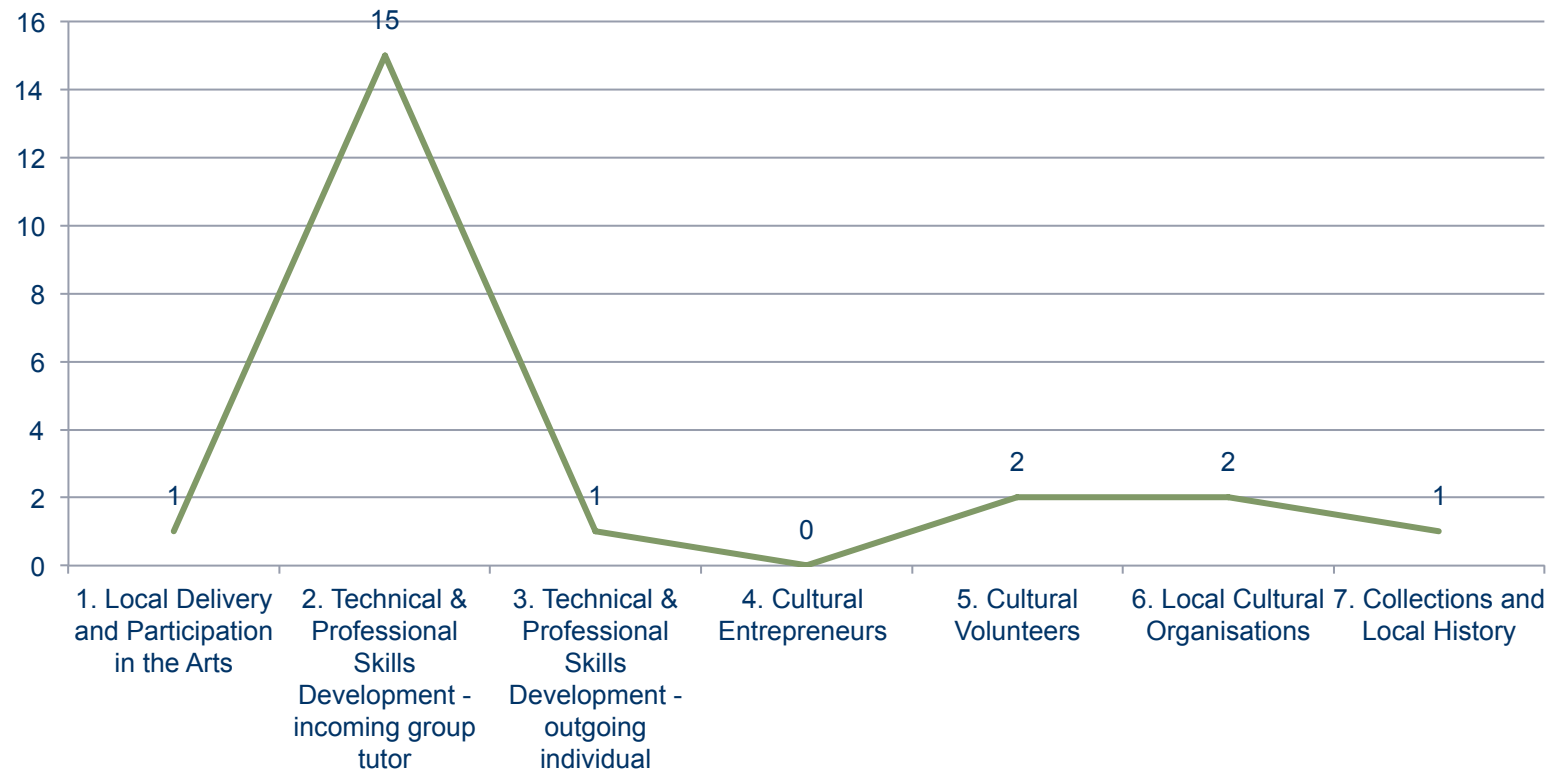


Local Priorities

- Wide variety of activities can actually be undertaken
 - not just bringing in a tutor for workshops
 - most common workshops are in: painting (various styles/mediums); photography; and quilting
- Following graph shows funded activities per new priorities (2015/16 and 2016/17)

Local Priorities

Number of Applications (from 20)





Local Priorities

- 1. Local Delivery and Participation in the Arts
 - *Objective - To support local creatives to deliver cultural activities for peers in the local area, engaging audiences from the broader community.*
 - **Funding of 65% total project cost**



Local Priorities

- 2. Technical & Professional Skills Development - incoming group tutor
 - ***Objective*** - *To facilitate access to affordable development workshops and training, by subsidising the costs of bringing professional tutors (professional artists or artswriters) to the Western Downs to teach creative groups valuable skills, for ongoing benefit of community.*
 - **Funding towards 60% total project cost**



Local Priorities

- 3. Technical & Professional Skills Development - outgoing individual
 - **Objective** - *To facilitate access to one-off professional or technical skills development workshops and conferences for individual local creatives, to develop their careers and for ongoing benefit of community.*
 - **Funding towards 40% total project cost**



Local Priorities

- 4. Cultural Entrepreneurs
 - **Objective** - *To cultivate the creative industries and support local creatives to become financially viable independent producers.*
 - **Funding towards 40% total project cost**



Local Priorities

- 5. Cultural Volunteers
 - *Objective - To build community cultural capacity and ensure sound succession planning by supporting cultural volunteers to undertake relevant training.*
 - **Funding towards 65% total project cost**



Local Priorities

- 6. Local Cultural Organisations
 - **Objective** - *To support local cultural organisations to develop and implement strategic plans to increase quality arts and cultural offerings for community and grow audiences.*
 - **Funding towards 60% total project cost**



Local Priorities

- 7. Collections and Local History
 - **Objective** - *to celebrate, document, interpret and preserve cultural heritage, historic and natural assets through oral history and digital storytelling with a view to actively encourage cultural tourism to the region. To support significance and preservation assessments and ongoing work documenting, protecting, conserving, interpreting and digitizing local collections to make them more understood and accessible.*
 - **Funding towards 60% total project cost**



2016/17 Program

- Council Initiated Projects / Strategic Initiatives
 - Staging of Qld Touring Film Festival
 - Scoping for possible establishment of Western Downs Festival
- \$56,000 pool for community allocated via two rounds
 - Round 1 – Recommendations = \$11,521.96
 - Round 2 – **closes 2 May 2017** = \$44,960.04 will be available



2016/17 Program

- Assessment process – change in sequence due to online platform, SmartyGrants
 - Stage 1 – Community and Grants Administration Officer conducts Eligibility checks
 - Stage 2 – Cultural Development Coordinator assesses
 - Stage 3 – One of the four Local RADF Committees meet to assess
 - Stage 4 – Community Grants Assessment Reference Group assesses*
 - Stage 5 – Whole-of-Council endorses recommendations*



2016/17 Program

- TIPS – Eligible Funding
 - **The Budget** is where you show which eligible activities within the project the RADF funds will go towards – **but total eligible amount is based on total project cost** (not a percentage of eligible activities)
 - Check the Guidelines as each Priority Area has **different percentages** i.e varies between 40%, 60% or 65% **of total project cost**



2016/17 Program

- TIPS – Variety of Activities
 - We're keen to broaden the activities supported through RADF, so think 'outside the box' in terms of activities you or your organisations are doing e.g. is another painting / photography / quilting workshop the best use of your time preparing an application ... these are valuable activities ... but perhaps there are other projects you could use this funding to kickstart / progress / finish??



2016/17 Program

- TIPS – Project Pitch
 - Keep in mind that RADF is about developing local arts practice, so consider how your project will cover this consideration e.g. if bringing performers out to contribute to festival, then they should also deliver workshops
 - Remember that the final decision makers i.e. Councillors, won't necessarily have an arts background, so don't assume they'll have previous knowledge about what you or your organisation do, or what your project is about



Proposed 2017/18 Program

- TBC ... hopefully in June 2017
 - Possible \$50,000 pool
- Proposed change in allocation via two streams
 - Quick Response Grants
 - Projects up to \$2,000
 - Open all year
 - Assessments within 4 to 6 weeks
 - 3 x Rounds
 - Projects over \$2,000
 - Close November / February / May
 - Same assessment process as now



Help and Updates

- For help with completing application contact your Local Community Development Officer (CDO)



Watch CDO / DCM /
WDRC eNews for
RADF updates



Questions??

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