

5.6. REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND (RADF) 2015-2016 FUNDING

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1 notes the Report; and**
 - 2 delegates authority to the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to finalise amendments in relation to the administration of the Regional Arts Development Fund program 2015-2016.**
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a longstanding and highly successful State and Local Government partnership promoting the role and value of arts, culture and heritage as key drivers of sustainable, diverse and prosperous local Queensland communities.

This report is to note Council's successful funding application to Arts Queensland and delegate authority to finalise amendments in relation to the administration of the RADF program.

BACKGROUND

At the 5 May 2015 Ordinary Meeting Council it was resolved

That Council:

- 1 endorses the 2015-2016 Regional Arts Development Fund application for funding to Arts Queensland based on a Council contribution of \$12,600;*
- 2 adopts the new Douglas Shire Council Regional Arts Development Fund Guidelines and application form; and*
- 3 delegates authority to the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 to finalise any minor amendments in relation to the Regional Arts Development Fund funding application 2015-2016.*

Council's application for RADF 2015-16 funding was submitted by the closing date, Friday 8 May 2015.

Council received notification on 6 August 2015 that funding of \$26,460 has been approved. Arts Queensland has since advised this information is now available for public release.

COMMENT

Since the Council Report on 5 May and notification of the successful funding, Arts Queensland has provided further advice in the development of local RADF 2015-16 Guidelines and Application templates. Even though Councils have the flexibility to create their own guidelines and forms, Arts Queensland has advised standard content and Key Performance Outcomes (KPOs) provided by Arts Queensland must be included. Consequently the Guidelines and application form attached to the May 5 report will have to be modified, with Arts Queensland to approve prior to opening the grant funding round.

PROPOSAL

The proposal is for Council to:

1. Note the Report; and
2. Delegate authority to the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to finalise amendments in relation to the administration of the Regional Arts Development Fund program 2015-2016.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The costs associated with running the RADF Program are provided for in the budget for the 12 months to 30 June 2016, with Council contributing \$12,600 in addition to Arts Queensland's \$26,460 funding.

CONSULTATION

Internal: Nil.

External: Council's RADF Liaison Officer attended a teleconference with the Arts Queensland Partnerships Manager and RADF Liaison Officers from other Councils on 25 August 2015 regarding updated reporting and acknowledgment information and templates for Councils and community use.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Successful notification of outcome of RADF 2015-2016 funding application

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12 AUG 2015	
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Dear Ms Cardew

CONFIDENTIAL - Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) 2015–16

It gives me great pleasure to advise you that your application for funding in the Regional Arts Development Fund 2015–16 was successful.

Funding of \$26 460 is offered to Douglas Shire Council towards RADF 2015–16 activity as described in your application and any approved variations, and in accordance with the Arts Queensland standard conditions of contract.

All necessary contracting and payment processes will be progressed by Arts Queensland with Council in liaison with your nominated RADF contact.

Please note that this advice is offered under strict embargo and is confidential pending a formal announcement by the Premier of Queensland and Minister for the Arts. Arts Queensland will advise your nominated RADF contact when this advice is for public release.

In 2015–16, the Queensland Government will provide \$2.08 million for RADF, a state and local government partnership with 59 local councils across Queensland. In 2015, together with local council contributions, this will result in \$3.9 million investment in arts and culture.

RADF gives local councils the flexibility to shape their own arts and cultural projects and invest in locally identified priorities and opportunities. This gives Queenslanders the opportunity to engage with the arts on a local level.

RADF supports approximately 3000 arts and cultural development and heritage projects annually that celebrate the State's diversity, assist to build inclusive communities and grow stronger regions. Furthermore, funding supports training, education and employment outcomes for Queensland artists and Queenslanders across the State.

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Should you wish to discuss this matter further, you can contact Katie Edmiston, Partnerships Manager, Partnerships, by email at radf@arts.qld.gov.au or on telephone (07) 3034 4016.

Yours sincerely



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