



Guidelines for Regional Arts Development Fund

Goondiwindi Regional Council

What is the Regional Arts Development Fund?

The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Goondiwindi Regional Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.

The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) invests in local arts and cultural priorities, as determined by local communities, across Queensland. RADF promotes the role and value of arts, culture and heritage as key drivers to develop sustainable, diverse and prosperous local communities.

RADF has four key objectives:

1. Support local artists and arts and cultural activity to deliver value for local communities
2. Provide opportunities for local communities to participate in arts and cultural activities
3. Invest in locally-determined priorities delivered through arts and cultural activity
4. Contribute towards current Government targets and priorities

RADF principles:

- Local – empower local councils to determine priorities and outcomes through arts and cultural activity to meet the aspirations and needs of their local community
- Participation – ensure local communities in all areas of Queensland have access to arts and cultural initiatives, programs and opportunities that are locally relevant
- Quality – focus on investing in arts and cultural outcomes which will have the highest value to local communities across Queensland
- Diversity – respond to the diversity of communities, councils, arts and cultural activity and practices across Queensland and support flexible delivery models

Goondiwindi Regional Council RADF priorities:

- Arts and cultural development for children and young people
- Exposure to wide range of art forms & cultural activities
- Encourage and engage audiences and participants from diverse local demographic cultural groups
- Increase access to art & culture for community members
- Skill development of local artists
- Support health, wellbeing and social connection through arts

Goondiwindi Regional Council RADF Program

The competitive grants program will be conducted through two rounds each year in September and March.

Out of rounds applications will be considered subject to availability of funds and special circumstances regarding the need for consideration outside the normal grants program schedule.

Who can apply for an RADF grant?

The following individuals, organisations and groups can apply for an RADF grant:

1. Individual artists, emerging artists, arts workers, cultural workers or project coordinators who:
 - are based in the Goondiwindi Regional Council area, or if based outside the Council area are able to demonstrate how the project will directly benefit arts and culture in the Council area
 - are permanent residents or Australian citizens
 - have an Australian Business Number (ABN) or who will be auspiced by an incorporated organisation or individual with an ABN.
2. Arts and cultural organisations
 - based in the Goondiwindi Regional Council area, or those based outside the Council area that are able to demonstrate how the project will directly benefit arts and culture in the Council area.
 - have an Australian Business Number (ABN) or who will be auspiced by an incorporated organisation or individual with an ABN.
3. Schools or Parents & Citizens Associations who are based in the Goondiwindi Regional Council area.

What will RADF Fund?

Applications will be considered for arts and cultural projects in the following categories:

1. Developing regional skills

Objective — for individual artists and arts workers living in the Goondiwindi Regional Council area to attend professional development seminars; master classes; mentorships with recognised arts and cultural peers; and placements with recognised arts and cultural organisations.

- Assistance is available for up to 70 per cent of the total costs for registration, accommodation and travel.

2. Building community cultural capacity

Objective — for community groups and schools to engage a professional artist or arts worker to work with them on developing their arts practice or to run arts development workshops or community projects.

- RADF grants will support travel, accommodation and fees associated with employing professional artists or arts workers to work on community projects or workshops in the local community.
- Assistance is available for up to 70 per cent of the total costs of the project or workshop.
- RADF grants will support travel, accommodation and fees associated with employing professional adjudicators for local eisteddfods and cultural competitions (professional feedback to foster development of local talent). *RADF will not fund prize money or administrative costs.*
- RADF grants will support up to 70 per cent of costs associated with community stories documentation, which may be through various forms and mediums, including plays, videos, artwork, digital exhibitions, education programs, oral histories and publications.

3. Cultural tourism

Objective — for projects and activities that focus on communities' locally distinct arts, culture and heritage both for members of that community and for visitors.

RADF grants can support initiatives and activities that focus on:

- product development by professional artists, either as individuals or in partnership with individual community members or community groups
- marketing of professional artistic product.

4. Arts based health & wellbeing projects

Objective — for projects and activities that focus on arts and cultural activities that support health, wellbeing and social connection.

RADF grants can support:

- Music, dance/movement, performing and visual arts projects with a specific focus on improving health & wellbeing in local communities, particularly older people (55+) – venue hire, travel, accommodation and fees associated with employing artists or arts workers to deliver the project.
- Assistance is available for up to 70 per cent of the total costs of the project.
- Partnership development with health and social service providers.

How do I Apply?

Opening and closing dates for funding rounds of the RADF competitive Grants Program will be advertised in the local newspapers and on Council's website and Facebook. Application forms can be downloaded from Council's website www.grc.qld.gov.au or from customer service offices in Goondiwindi, Inglewood or Texas.

If you require assistance in completing the application or have questions regarding the RADF program contact Council's RADF Liaison Officer (details on application form).

How do I complete the RADF grant application form?

1. Ask yourself these key questions when developing your activity:
 - Which activity do I want to do?
 - Why do I want to do it?
 - Which people will be involved?
 - Do they have the skills to make it happen?
 - Who in the community will benefit?
 - How much will it cost?
 - Where will I get the money from in addition to an RADF grant?
2. Your application should give a snapshot of a potentially successful activity. All information required is requested on the form, so:
 - research thoroughly
 - prepare accurately and honestly
 - provide all information requested on the RADF Grant Application
3. Brief and clear support material strengthens your application. Include only relevant support material, such as:
 - letters of support from groups who will benefit
 - quotes for services cited in your budget
 - the CV's of all professional arts and cultural workers employed in the activity.

How will my application be assessed?

The RADF Grants are a competitive program and all applications received will be assessed by the RADF Committee.

Criteria for assessment will be:

- Quality - How does the project strengthen the local arts and culture?
- Reach - How does the project meet the GRC RADF priorities?
- Impact - What are the benefits to individuals and community?
- Impact - In what ways does the project develop arts and cultural skills of community members?
- Reach - Does the project improve access to arts & culture and /or support engagement of diverse audiences or participants? Reach - How many people or communities will benefit from the project?
- Viability - Who are the other partner groups/organisations in the project?
- Viability - What partner funds are being contributed?
- Impact - Will the project result in longer term or ongoing activities?

Example:

Assessment Criteria	Key Questions
Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In what ways does the project strengthen local arts and culture?• How does the project meet the GRC RADF priorities?
Reach	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In what ways does the project improve access to arts and culture for community members and /or support engagement of diverse audiences or participants
Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the benefits to individuals and community?• In what ways does the project develop arts and cultural skills of community members?
Viability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who are the other partner groups/organisations in the project?• What partner funds are being contributed

Outcome Report

All successful grantees will be required to complete an outcome report following completion of the project.