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The Regional Arts Development Fund is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Sunshine Coast Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.

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The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a partnership between the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland and Sunshine Coast Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland. RADF funds are aimed at the development of emerging and established artists, creative practitioners and producers. RADF funding is awarded to projects that align with the Sunshine Coast Creative Arts Plan 2023 – 2038, which provides a roadmap to guide council's future priorities, programs and investment in the arts to achieve its vision: *'The Sunshine Coast is alive with arts, culture and creativity.'*

These guidelines should be read in conjunction with the *Sunshine Coast Creative Arts Plan 2023-38* which is available on council's website at www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

Eligibility

Who can apply for RADF funding?

- Individual emerging and established artists, producers and creative practitioners
- Businesses
- Registered not-for-profit organisations
- Groups and collectives.

Applicants must:

- reside or be based in the Sunshine Coast Local Government Area or, if based outside the local government area, demonstrate how the project will directly benefit residents in the Sunshine Coast
- be Australian citizens or permanent residents • hold appropriate insurance • have met all acquittal conditions of previous council grants.

Applicants may only submit one RADF grant application per round.

Who cannot apply?

Applications cannot be made by:

- government agencies or departments of state or federal government
- educational, religious or medical organisations, where the application is for the organisation's core business
- individuals where the application is for content directly related to educational coursework, study or research.

Projects not eligible for funding

Funding is not available for applications that:

- include entertainment for events without a specific developmental outcome for artists
- are to fund a competition, a prize or an eisteddfod
- provide majority funding for publishing and/or printing costs
- seek costs of purchase of capital items e.g. equipment, buildings or vehicles
- seek ongoing operational expenses.

Funding is not available for projects that:

- start before application is submitted
- involve the development of private land.

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Funding categories

The Sunshine Coast RADF program provides funding in four categories:

- Concept Development Funding
- Project Funding
- Individual Development Funding
- Mentorship Funding

Concept Development Funding

What funding is available?

Up to \$5,000

Projects eligible for funding

Concept funding is one-off funding to assist in the research and/or preliminary development of ideas for new projects. Funding should be used toward the development of detailed project and implementation plans, models or investment ready proposals.

Project Funding

What funding is available?

Up to \$10,000

Projects eligible for funding

Funding for new, fully developed or established projects or to significantly redevelop existing projects and activities. Funding can also assist in the research and/or preliminary development of ideas for new projects. Projects must have a specific start and finish date.

Please note: recording projects can be supported to the value of \$5000 where clear distribution and developmental opportunities are demonstrated.

Individual Development Funding

What funding is available?

Up to \$750 for national travel

Up to \$1500 for international travel

Projects eligible for funding

Funding is available for individual artists, creative practitioners and arts workers to attend or present at professional development seminars, conferences or appropriate arts events. Funding is available for up to 65% of the total project costs which may include travel, accommodation and registration fees to a maximum of \$750 for national travel and \$1500 for international travel.

This program does not cover:

- accredited study, training or university courses
- development periods exceeding one month.

Mentorship Funding

What funding is available?

Up to \$5000

Projects eligible for funding

Funding is for artists and creative practitioners to engage in significant short-term developmental activities with a suitably qualified mentor or established practitioner. Appropriate mentors are individuals who have a high level of experience and broad networks in their chosen field. Proof of interest and availability of the mentor must be provided. Mentorships must be less than six months in length. Funding can include costs such as artist fees, project fees and travel costs including accommodation.

Please note: Catering costs are not eligible. Literary projects engaging editors can be supported to the value of \$3500.

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Application Process

Complete and submit an online RADF grant application form by the closing date.

Application forms are available on council's website and must be submitted online by the closing date.

If you have specific questions about your application, email the Creative Development team via artsfunding@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.

RADF grants require a co-funding contribution.

Sources could include:

- applicant cash contributions
- grants from other funding bodies
- fundraising, sponsorship and partnership contributions
- in-kind support.

Key dates

There are two RADF funding rounds per year (all grants categories are available in each round).

Application closing dates

- 3 April 2024
- 30 September 2024

Assessment process

RADF Panel

The RADF panel is an independent group of industry representatives that reflect the diverse creative sector in the region and are selected for their expertise in creative industries. The RADF panel assesses each application and provides recommendations for funding and independent advice to support the RADF program. Panel recommendations are reported to council for endorsement.

Assessment criteria

Applications must demonstrate how the project will directly benefit the arts ecology in the Sunshine Coast Local Government Area. Applications will be assessed with consideration of the Sunshine Coast Creative Arts Plan.

Goals

- Local artists and artistic content is developed and celebrated
- Arts audiences and creative opportunities flourish through investment and development
- Dedicated network of places and spaces for artists to connect, create and collaborate [physical and virtual]
- Art and creativity is embedded in the identity and experience of the Sunshine Coast.

Strategies

- build the profile and recognition of local artists
- build the capacity of local artists
- support artists to test, develop and realise ideas
- foster opportunities for the creation and promotion of First Nations artistic endeavours
- support a range of diverse and accessible arts experiences
- grow arts audiences and participation
- identify new and expanded markets for creative content
- support a strong network of local artists to foster broader connection and collaboration both within the arts sector and across sectors.

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Applications will also be assessed with the following considerations:

Artistic merit

- vision, ideas and conceptual rationale
- level of experimentation or risk-taking
- clear articulation of creative process
- contribution to diverse cultural expression
- contemporary in approach or practice
- evidence and quality of work.

Viability

- skills and ability of artists/arts professionals involved
- realistic and achievable planning and resource use, including clear budget
- role of partners, including confirmation of involvement
- adherence to relevant cultural protocols
- regional relevance and evidence of demand
- clear marketing or engagement approach where relevant

Notifications

Notifications are by email approx. 8 weeks after applications close.

Payment

Payment funds must be claimed before 1 September in the financial year that the grant was funded.

In some instances, there may be specific funding conditions that need to be met before payment can be made.

Acknowledgement

As a condition of funding, successful applicants are required to actively and publicly acknowledge Sunshine Coast Council and Arts Queensland's support in all published material associated with the funded activity. The funding agreement details the required acknowledgements. Funding recipients must ensure that the Queensland Government and council's positive reputation is maintained at all times.

Acquittal

All RADF funds must be acquitted within eight weeks of the stated project completion date by completing and submitting a project outcome report online.

Applicant Support

For further information about the RADF program or help completing the application please contact council's Creative Development Officer at artsfunding@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

For technical support (eg assistance with logging in or submitting applications) please contact council's grants team: 07 5420 8616. Alternatively you can email the grants team at grants@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

Please note: Office hours are 8.30am – 4.30pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays).

The Regional Arts Development Fund program is subject to council's annual budget allocations.



'The soul of our community is our flourishing arts ecology; nurturing connections, promoting experimentation and inspiring collaboration'.

Sunshine Coast Arts Plan 2018-2038



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