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## **Financial helping hand offered to community groups and Broome events sector**

The Shire of Broome Council has pledged to provide almost \$165,000 of funding to local community groups and to support future events in our town.

Sixteen community groups, charities and sporting organisations will share almost \$115,000 through the Shire's Annual Community Matched Funding program 2020-21.

The funds have been provided to help facilitate projects occurring between June 2021 and June 2022, with up to \$10,000 granted to cover a maximum of 50 per cent of total project costs.

This year's recipients include SAFE Broome, Feed the Little Children and the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Six organisations operating in the Broome tourism or events space will also share \$50,000 of funding.

The Economic, Events and Tourism Development Funding (EETDF) initiative endeavours to support the local economy, with this year's recipients including the Mary G Foundation, Theatre Kimberley and Broome Bowling Club.

This funding complements existing support of Shinju Matsuri and Saltwater Country Inc, with a combined commitment of \$518,000 over three years to help facilitate these events.

Shire of Broome deputy president Desiree Male said the organisation was happy to support the community through the funding programs.

"Broome has some amazing charities and not-for-profit organisations, who play a key role in the social fabric of our town and are worthy recipients of financial assistance," she said.

"Tourism is a major industry for Broome and the wider West Kimberley and the EETDF funding will add more exciting events to our local social and sporting calendar.

"The Shire has been very mindful of the tough economic climate locally over the last 12-18 months as COVID-19 and associated travel restrictions have impacted our region – this is our way of offering a helping hand.

"I'd also like to thank EDL Energy and Rio Tinto for the provision of funding towards the Annual Community Matched Funding program."

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