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Applications Open for the Shire of Broome Community Development Fund

Applications for the Shire of Broome's 2025 Community Development Fund (CDF) are now open. This funding program supports local organisations in delivering initiatives that provide long-term social and economic benefits to the Broome community.

Applications will be accepted from 10 January 2025 for projects taking place between 1 July 2025 and 30 June 2026. Applications close on 20 March 2025. Community members are encouraged to submit their applications early to receive feedback and ensure the greatest chance of success.

Shire of Broome President Chris Mitchell said the Community Development Fund is a key part of the Shire's approach to delivering long-term social and economic benefits for the local community.

"The Shire of Broome is committed to supporting projects and events that enrich our people's lives, activate our places, and enhance our prosperity," he said.

"We've seen some great projects delivered through the program in past years, including Theatre Kimberley's Sandfly Circus performance, and the SAFE Community Action Day. It's an excellent opportunity for community groups to secure funding for initiatives that directly benefit Broome residents."

"I encourage everyone who is interested to learn as much as they can about applying - get in touch with one of our Officers, visit the Shire's website, or register for the grant application workshop to give yourself the best chance at submitting a winning application."

The Shire will host a Grant Application Workshop on Monday 24 February 2025, to help attendees submit a strong proposal.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a draft application well in advance of the closing deadline so that they can receive a review and feedback.

Applications close at 4pm on 20 March 2025.

For more information or to access the application forms, visit www.broome.wa.gov.au/CDF or contact the Shire on (08) 9191 3456.

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Background:

The Community Development Fund (CDF) invests in events, projects, and initiatives within the Shire of Broome that deliver long-term social or economic benefits to the local community. Applicants must secure 50% of their project costs from other sources, with cash contributions preferred. Depending on the scale and nature of the project, funding streams range from \$500 to over \$40,000.

Grants can be used to support a variety of initiatives, ranging from marketing and promotion to equipment purchase or hire, local transport costs, contractor fees, and more. Eligible projects must align with one or more of the Shire's strategic priorities: fostering opportunities for children and young people, enhancing community safety, promoting social cohesion, and driving economic development.

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