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### **Applications open for the Shire of Broome Community Development Fund**



Applications for the Shire of Broome's 2026 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 2026 for projects taking place between 1 July 2026 and 30 June 2027. Applications close on 20 March 2026. Community members are encouraged to submit their applications early to receive feedback and maximise their chances 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 this past year, including Broome Big Ocean Community Swim and Kullarri NAIDOC Festival. 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 in early 2026 to help attendees submit a strong proposal.

Applications close at 4pm on 20 March 2026.

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

Stream One of the CDF is supported by contributions from the Energy Development Limited (EDL) West Kimberley Community Fund.

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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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