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Shire funding help for community groups

Community groups and events that would benefit from extra funding are now invited to apply for the Shire of Broome Community Sponsorship Program.

A maximum pool of \$120,000 is available to Broome-based community groups and events seeking financial support, with the latest funding round opening on 1 October 2015 and applications accepted until 29 January 2016.

Broome Shire President, Graeme Campbell, said that in 2014/15 more than \$80,000 was distributed to 37 different community groups and events.

"The Community Sponsorship Program provides funds to help community-based organisations, in partnership with the Shire, to develop social, cultural, economic, recreational, environmental and reconciliation projects and initiatives," Cr Campbell said.

"Broome is blessed with a vibrant and active community and an exciting calendar of events, and the annual Community Sponsorship Program is one of the ways the Shire supports these groups and events, by providing funds to help them achieve their goals.

"It is important for community groups to seek Shire support for initiatives, but they must also be aware that the Shire is looking for projects that have great community benefit and are planning for financial sustainability in future years."

A portion of the available funding is made possible through a partnership between the Shire of Broome and Energy Developments Limited through the West Kimberley Community Donations program.

Submissions will be considered up to 50 per cent of the total project cost, and to a maximum of \$10,000 for each applicant.

Anyone considering applying is encouraged to contact Shire of Broome Youth and Community Development Officer, Amy Andison, on (08) 9191 3456 to discuss the project, and more information is available online at www.broome.wa.gov.au.

An information session will be held on Tuesday 20 October between 5pm and 6pm at the Shire of Broome to provide advice and assistance on making a submission, and all those considering applying are encouraged to attend. RSVPs are required to Ms Andison on (08) 9191 3456 or amy.andison@broome.wa.gov.au.

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