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Shire grants to boost initiatives and events that benefit Broome community

The Shire of Broome Council has pledged to provide more than \$155,000 of funding to assist local community-based organisations through the Community Development Fund (CDF) program.

Fourteen community organisations will share \$155,396.22 under Streams 1 and 2 of the CDF, with the money to support the development of animal welfare, social, cultural, economic, recreational, environmental, and reconciliation projects and initiatives that benefit the Broome community.

The CDF Program was funded by both the Shire and Energy Developments Limited (EDL) - West Kimberley Community Fund.

The funds will help facilitate projects occurring between June 2023 and June 2024. Up to \$10,000 was awarded for initiatives in Stream 1 and up to \$40,000 in Stream 2, to cover a maximum of 50 per cent of total project costs.

This year's CDF Stream 1 recipients include:

- Saving Animals Against Euthanasia (SAFE) Broome - \$7,500 to provide free desexing and microchipping for pet cats in Broome.
- RSPCA - \$6,170.63 to hold free Community Action Days to assist community members look after their pets and provide education about responsible pet ownership.
- Australian Rangeland Society (ARS) - \$7,990.59 towards the ARS 22nd Biennial Conference in Broome in September 2023.
- Burrb Wanggaraju Nurlu (BWN) - \$8,000 for the Indigenous youth performance group to hold four weekly cultural sessions targeted at disengaged youth.
- Broome Community Resource Centre - \$10,000 to upgrade its computers to newer technology and purchase office assets for community use.
- Broome Sports Awards - \$10,000 per year for the next three years to hold its annual gala awards event, which is organised by a volunteer committee and Broome's Talent Development Program.
- Goolarri - \$10,000 to assist with the running of the 20th anniversary of the Kimberley Girl (KG) pathways and leadership program targeting young Indigenous women between the ages of 16-25.
- Australia's North West (ANW) - \$10,000 to work with local businesses and content producers to develop 'Broome Arts and Food Trail' campaign materials.

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- Broome Lotteries House - \$7,600 per year for the next three years to hold the popular Broome Chilli Festival.
- Broome Bowling Club - \$7,100 to support the annual four-day Shinju Matsuri Open 4s Bowling Event, which celebrates bowling and Broome's history and culture.
- West Kimberley Junior Football League – \$10,000 to run and equip its Youth Girls Footy Inaugural Season, which includes teams from Broome, Ardyaloon and Bidyadanga.

CDF Stream 2 recipients included:

- RAMU Productions - \$30,000 per year for the next two years to go towards the running of CinefestOZ Broome, a four-day First Nationals Film Festival.
- Theatre Kimberley - \$20,000 to support Raranga (Worn Art Revamped 2023), a culturally diverse multi-arts performance, which will celebrate local art, culture and heritage.
- Kimberley Arts Network - \$11,035 per year for three years, for the Broome Fringe Festival Indigenous Community Engagement Program.

Shire of Broome president Desiree Male thanked EDL for its kind contribution and said the diverse initiatives supported by the CDF grow knowledge, appreciation and involvement in local art, culture and heritage, and promote positive activities and pathways for local youth.

"I'm also pleased to see funding for animal welfare organisations such as SAFE Broome and the RSPCA, which will help address some of the factors leading to large numbers of stray animals in Broome."

Cr Male said applications were prioritised if the initiative is new, the organisation attracts volunteers, and met the strategic priorities of the fund.

"This ensures that we continue to fund different worthy causes and they are going to new ideas and experiences for our community to enjoy.

"We have also granted money to several previous recipients, which have demonstrated an ability to deliver tangible community benefits thanks in part to Shire community grants.

"I can't wait to see the outcome of this year's initiatives and wish each organisation all the best in their endeavours."

Full details of the Community Development Fund recipients and grants can be found in the *Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting, April 27, 2023*, at broome.wa.gov.au/minutes_agendas

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