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## Council's grants streamlined

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Council's grants programs have been streamlined to make the process easier for applicants.

Council's community grants have been divided into three streams, the Small Grants Program, Sponsorship Program and Donations Program. The Community Small Grants Program aims to provide assistance to local groups and organisations to develop and upgrade existing facilities, buy equipment, support event delivery, promote conservation and support business opportunities. Up to \$5000 is available to applicants under Round One, which opens on July 20 and closes on August 24, 2018.

Council's Community Sponsorship Program is designed to build relationships with community organisations to provide benefits to the Shire by ensuring our region is a vibrant, active community. The program aims to support applicants by providing mentoring opportunities, promoting community awareness and value of community events, enhancing the profile of the region and attracting new visitors, facilitating community interaction and generating local economic and tourism development. Up to \$3000 is available to applicants under Round One, which opens on July 20 and closes on August 24, 2018.

Council's Community Donations Program aims to provide assistance to community groups who make a positive contribution to the quality of life in our region through projects, activities or events. The program covers requests for donations up to \$1000 including direct cash donations, request for in-kind support using Council resources and request for event prizes from Council. The Community Donations Program is open year-round, with applications needed a minimum of six weeks prior to the event.

Round One of Council's Regional Arts Development Fund is also opening on July 20 and closing on August 24. The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a partnership between the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland and Cook Shire Council.

For more information contact Council's Grants Officer via email at mail@cook.qld.gov.au or phone on 4069 5444, or visit the grants page on Council's website.

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