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Council cash flows to community groups

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COOKTOWN

More than \$20,000 in financial support is going out to the community through Round One of Cook Shire Council's grants programs.

There are two rounds of Community Development, Economic Development and Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) grants each financial year. Council's Community and Economic Development grants aim to assist Shire residents by funding activities that promote community and/or economic improvement within the region. RADF is delivered as a partnership between Queensland Government, through Arts Queensland and eligible local councils and invests in locally identified arts and cultural priorities.

Community Development Grant recipients were the Bloomfield River District Residents Association, with \$1962 to expand their community yoga program, and the Cooktown Branch of Sporting Shooters, with \$1718 toward relocation of their entrance. Also successful were the Cooktown Dive Club, which will receive \$1934 for training and promotional equipment and a website and Seadog Vets, which will receive \$1562 to produce an educational booklet.

The Cooktown Creative Arts Association will receive \$5000 under the Economic Development Grants program for a revamp of their building and signage. Under Cook Shire Council's sponsorship program, the Cooktown School of Art Society will receive \$1000 towards the Spirit of Cook Shire art award and the Cooktown State School will receive \$250 towards its presentation evening.

Successful RADF applicants were the South Cape York Catchment Group, which will receive \$2780 towards a sculpture park at Lakeland, the Cooktown School of Art Society with \$1024 for an abstract art workshop and the Cooktown Historical Society with \$2970 for cataloguing of Palmer River history.

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

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