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WORKSHOPS SUCCESSFUL IN SUPPORTING ARTS AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN TORRES STRAIT

The Torres Strait Regional Authority's Culture, Art and Heritage Program have successfully delivered project planning and grant writing workshops to four outer island Torres Strait communities.

The workshops, aimed at developing communities' access to funding for important arts and cultural maintenance projects, have so far reached communities on Badu, Mer, Moa and Mabuiag Islands.

TSRA Chairperson, Joseph Elu, said the workshops were integral to building community capacity and supporting arts and cultural development in the region.

"Feedback from the TSRA funding process has been that communities would greatly benefit from a greater understanding of how to develop project ideas and present them in grant submissions," Mr Elu said.

"These workshops aim to deliver a comprehensive overview of the funding process and to develop skills within our communities to ensure projects are successful from start to finish.

"The focus is on developing a project concept, finding the appropriate funding agency and grants to resource it, learning the skills to complete a successful grant application, and also to fulfil reporting requirements once your project has been completed."

Participants have also spent time developing online research skills to find information and resources to support their project development, and to identify funding and exhibition opportunities both within and external to the region.

To date community response to the workshops has been extremely positive.

"Participants have reported feeling much more confident about engaging in the funding process," Mr Elu said.

"We look forward to further workshop delivery in the lead up to the next TSRA Common Funding Round in March 2015."

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Grant writing workshop participants in Kubin Community