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TORRES STRAIT REGIONAL AUTHORITY COMMON FUNDING APPLICATIONS DUE IN OCTOBER

Applications for the second Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) Common Funding Round are due on 7 October for those seeking funding for activities in early 2015.

The TSRA is calling for applications from Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal organisations and individuals within the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area for grants for activities between 1 January and 31 July 2015.

TSRA Chairperson, Mr Joseph Elu, said the first round of TSRA Common Funding for 2014 saw 29 applications approved creating a total of \$2.2 million in funding to organisations and individuals.

“Funding support in round one was spread out over a range of local community organisations and initiatives promoting health, safety and the conservation of island culture and heritage,” Mr Elu said.

“Applications for initiatives in community, culture, art, Indigenous broadcasting, education and sport activities will all be considered for the second round of funding, and we are urging everyone to prepare their applications now so that they are finalised before the due date.

“Forward planning is integral to the success of applications, as the funding requests must be for activities that will take place in the first six months of next year.”

Mr Elu said common funding is not only available to organisations, but can also be available to Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal individuals in the area.

“While many organisations regularly take advantage of our common funding rounds for PBC capacity building initiatives, healthy home initiatives and locally managed cultural festivals; individuals are also encouraged to apply,” Mr Elu said.

“Under the Culture Art and Heritage Program, financial support can be provided for the development of artistic careers and for the purchase of art materials to develop traditional and contemporary art.

“If you’re not sure whether your project would be eligible, more detailed information is available on our website along with downloadable application forms for each program area.”

Applications are now open and close at 4pm on Tuesday 7 October and can be submitted via email or via post.

For more information about TSRA grants visit www.tsra.gov.au or contact the TSRA on 07 4069 0700.

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