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### **TSRA COMMON FUNDING ROUND TWO NOW OPEN**

The Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) is currently calling for grant applications in the 2015-2016 Common Funding Round.

The TSRA Common Funding Round (CFR) provides opportunities for eligible individuals and organisations to submit funding applications for projects and initiatives benefiting the Torres Strait region and its people.

The 2015-2016 CFR offers funding under the TSRA's Healthy Communities, Safe Communities, Governance & Leadership, and Culture, Art & Heritage Programmes.

Eligible projects include healthy lifestyles activities that target families, children and the elderly to increase physical activity, improve nutrition and decrease the rate of chronic disease and substance abuse; social services initiatives to improve school attendance and support the social development of Indigenous women, men and children; child and family safety projects; minor infrastructure projects contributing to community health and safety; and activities that support Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal cultural maintenance and artistic development, including language, story-telling, visual and performing arts, and traditional dance and music.

Under the Governance and Leadership Program, eligible projects include indigenous broadcasting activities, Remote Indigenous Broadcasting Services (RIBS) and Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBC) basic support funding.

The TSRA Chairperson Mr Joseph Elu said that funding provided through the TSRA Common Funding Round plays an important role in encouraging targeted initiatives to support the health, social, artistic and cultural wellbeing of communities in the region.

"The TSRA recognises the importance and success of community-driven initiatives in promoting community wellbeing, safeguarding our culture and building capacity", Mr Elu said.

Projects and activities submitted for consideration must occur between 1 January and 30 June 2016 and request a minimum \$5,000 TSRA contribution.

"Community members who are considering applying should also refer to each Programme's funding guidelines for full details of project eligibility", Mr Elu said.

Applications in the 2015-2016 CFR close 4pm Tuesday 6 October and should be emailed to [grantapplications@tsra.gov.au](mailto:grantapplications@tsra.gov.au) or delivered in hard-copy to the TSRA main office.

For further information, including grant application forms and guidelines, please visit the TSRA's website (Grant Funding) [www.tsra.gov.au/the-tsra/grant-funding](http://www.tsra.gov.au/the-tsra/grant-funding) or phone 07 40 690 700.

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