

# Media Release

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## A refreshed way to apply for a Regional Arts Development Fund grant

Artists and creatives have a new way to apply for a Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) grant with the application process moving to the SmartyGrants system.

Gladstone Region Councillor and RADF chair Glenn Churchill said SmartyGrants is Australia's most-used funding administration system with more than 500 funder organisations using its software.

"RADF applications can now be submitted via SmartyGrants alongside other Council funding opportunities so that people can look and apply in the one place," Councillor Churchill said.

"Expressions of interest for RADF 2023 Round 1 funding opened on Monday 23 January ahead of the application window opening on Friday 10 February, closing at 5pm on Friday 24 March.

"If an artist or creative hasn't previously used the SmartyGrants system and need assistance, the friendly team at Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum will be more than happy to help."

Cr Churchill said that applications are invited for short-term projects in the following categories:

- Developing Regional Skills
- Building Community Cultural Capacity
- Regional Partnerships
- Cultural Tourism
- Concept Development
- Contemporary Collections/Stories.

"RADF promotes the role and value of arts, culture and heritage as key drivers to support diversity and inclusivity," he said.

"It also helps to grow stronger regions and provides training, education and employment opportunities for Queensland artists and local communities."

### **RADF 2023 – Round 1 information**

**Expressions of interest:** Opened 23 January 2023, Closes 3 February 2023

**Applications:** Open 10 February 2023, Close 24 March 2023

**Assessment of Applications:** 13 April 2023.

Visit <https://gladstone.smartygrants.com.au> to submit an EOI and/or RADF application.

*The Gladstone Regional Council Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Gladstone Regional Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.*

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