

Question on Notice

No. 637

Asked on Tuesday, 25 May 2021

MR J LANGBROEK ASKED THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNITIES AND HOUSING, MINISTER FOR DIGITAL ECONOMY AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (HON L ENOCH)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise, between 2018-19 to 2020-21 to date (reported separately) (a) the total number of grants programs delivered to support community projects and initiatives, (b) detail of what the programs were and (c) the total cost (reported separately per grant program)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for the question.

The number of grant programs delivered to support community projects and initiatives between 2018-19 and 2020-21 to date (as at 30 April 2021) was seven.

Arts Queensland delivered three grant programs to support community projects and initiatives providing a total of \$6.960 million between 2018-19 and 2020-21 to date:

- 2018-19 \$2.280 million
- 2019-20 \$2.280 million
- 2020-21 \$2.400 million (to date as at 30 April 2021)

The Regional Arts Development Fund has provided a total \$6.24 million in funding to eligible councils to deliver arts and cultural projects and initiatives, as determined by local communities across Queensland.

The Indigenous Regional Arts Development Fund has provided a total of \$470 000. This funding is a partnership between the Queensland Government, through Arts Queensland, the Torres Strait Regional Authority and 15 Aboriginal Councils and host organisations throughout Queensland and provides funding for arts and cultural activities that support cultural maintenance and arts development activities.

The Queensland Arts Showcase Program has provided \$250,000 in 2020-21 to eight arts-led projects which provided social benefits to Queenslanders through the Arts Advantage stream.

Community Services delivered four grant programs to support community projects and initiatives providing a total of \$27.82 million between 2018-19 and 2020-21 to date:

- 2018-19 \$839 000
- 2019-20 \$14.267 million
- 2020-21 \$12.714 million (to date as at 30 April 2021)

Thriving Queensland Communities grants provided \$1.839 million to Neighbourhood and Community Centres to offer social connection events and undertake projects that benefit the community.

Community Drought Support grants provided \$5 million to strengthen the resilience of drought-affected Queenslanders.

Thriving Cohesive Communities Grants provided \$2.267 million. Grants fund projects that strengthen the connection of young people to family and community, and enable people from all backgrounds, ages and abilities to be socially and economically included and to contribute to their local community.

The Flexible Funding Grants Program has provided \$18.714 million and aims to accelerate recovery and build resilience of communities impacted by significant disasters. The program enables Queensland-based organisations to deliver projects and initiatives that drive disaster recovery, build awareness and resilience, and support community-led engagement activities.

Prior to 2019-2020, disaster recovery responses were met through procuring community development and personal support, delivered through local organisations, rather than a grants program.