

Regional Arts Development Fund Guidelines

bid 2008-09

Currently, the bidding timeline is as indicated in the table found on page 20-21:

RLO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual report and bid to Arts Queensland 	By 31 March*
AQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arts Queensland receives annual reports and bids 	

With the upcoming local council elections on 15 March 2008, Arts Queensland (AQ) has considered the following options on the 2008-09 bidding process:

1. Postpone the 2008-09 RADF Allocations until 2009-10 (Not recommended. Too long delay in providing much needed regional arts funding);
2. Two Funding Rounds for 2008-09 – One for unaffected councils under existing guidelines and the other with affected councils to occur post-election (Not recommended. Difficult to manage 2 processes and would require new rationale for affected council allocations);
3. Postpone all allocations until after 2008 elections. (Not recommended as a new rationale for distribution would need to be developed. Would also result in long delay to finalise bidding process);
4. Allocate 2008-09 without a Bidding process but based on the allocations made to affected and unaffected council areas in 2007-08. (This option is preferred. Rationale as follows).

Option 4 is preferred but is open for discussion. 2008-09 could be a transitional year for the RADF Program, with no formal bidding process. Clarification

AQ are looking to base their 2008-09 allocations and respective matched council contributions on 2007-08.

This will give AQ time to review the RADF Guidelines, in particular the bidding methodology (ratios, caps etc) in light of newly formed councils with an increased population base for 2009-10.

To ensure equitability, AQ will not necessarily allocate the same figures as 2007-08, but will look at each current council's allocation individually.

We will look at several factors including the current council's RADF funding history and the reasons why a current council's allocation was increased or decreased for 2007-08 such as:

- Was additional money allocated for one off council/committee initiatives?
- Was there a significant roll-over of funds?

Adjustments will be made to suit.

For merging councils, we will:

- work out the adjusted individual AQ allocations first (as above)
- apply the current ratio formulae to these to work out new individual council contributions
- add up the individual AQ allocations to give us a total AQ allocation for the new council
- add up the individual council contributions to give us a total the new council will have to contribute
- this will give us our final figures for 2008-09, for the new council.

We will not apply the current ratio formulae to the 2007-08 totals of the merged AQ allocations.

As part of this transitional bidding process, AQ will look at allocating a portion of these funds to help new councils develop a new arts and cultural policy with a view to basing the 2009-10 bidding process on these new policies. And of course remember to include RADF and arts and culture in your council's corporate plan.

We are even discussing sending someone out to each council to help with a cultural planning process and the development of the new arts and cultural policy as part of a state-wide mapping process.

