

## **FUNDING GUIDELINES**

Country Arts Support Program (CASP) 2022  
South Coast Arts

## **KEY DATES**

EOI's OPEN Monday July 11, 2022  
CLOSE Friday August 12, 2022.

Projects may begin September 1, 2022 and completed by March 31, 2023.

## **CONTACT**

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Please Note: all applicants must discuss their project with South Coast Arts prior to submission.

## **OVERVIEW**

The Country Arts Support Program (CASP) is an annual small arts program funded by Create NSW and managed by the Regional Art Development Organisations (RADOs). It is guided by the Create NSW Arts and Cultural Funding Program's three major objectives:

- Grow creative leadership and programming excellence in NSW
- Strengthen NSW arts and cultural activity that drives community and social benefits
- Showcase NSW as a leader for strategic arts and cultural governance and strong financial management.

## **OBJECTIVES**

CASP supports community arts and cultural development in regional NSW through small grants that:

- Assist locally determined community arts and cultural activities
- Increase opportunities for regionally based groups to access a diverse range of arts programs
- Enable communities to explore and express their cultural identities
- Bring social and economic benefits to the community through training, employment and promotional opportunities
- Lead to greater awareness and appreciation of cultural diversity
- Increase the sustainability and resilience of regionally based community arts organisations

## **THIS GRANT ROUND – SEED FUNDING**

This is the first round of CASP funding managed by South Coast Arts, the newest member of the RADO network. Individuals and groups on the South Coast wishing to apply for funds in this round have the opportunity to seed a new creative concept and undertake a research/ development process (stage 1). While this grant does not require a public outcome, successful applicants will be

required to present their ideas and proposed outcomes at a network gathering hosted by South Coast Arts in March 2023. Successful applicants may subsequently be invited to submit an EOI for stage 2 funding resulting in a public presentation, exhibition, performance or event.

**Please Note:** Applications that include a mentoring component or community consultation and engagement are encouraged.

## **ELIGIBILITY – WHO CAN APPLY?**

### LOCATION

- Artists living and/or working on the South Coast of NSW within the Shellharbour City, Kiama and Shoalhaven City local government areas are eligible to apply. Artists living in the Eurobodalla or Southern Highlands should contact South East Arts and Southern Tablelands RADOs for information regarding their CASP grants.

### ENTITIES

- A not-for-profit incorporated body
- An individual or sole trader with ABN
- A collective with a nominated administering body to manage the grant

**PLEASE NOTE** Applicants are required to have a current certificate of currency for 'Public Liability' Insurance

## **WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?**

- Individuals and groups based outside the three local government areas
- Interstate organisations
- Professional touring groups
- Commercial enterprises
- Groups/ensembles and unincorporated associations with no administering body
- Organisations that have applied for or received Create NSW funding for the same activity
- Local Government Departments
- Applicants who have not discussed their project with the South Coast Arts RADO

## **FUNDING RANGE**

Grants of \$3,000 are available for professional artists' fees and associated costs and expenses. Concept research and development process it to take place between **1 September 2022 and 31 March 2023** and includes a presentation at a networking event in early-mid March, organised by South Coast Arts.

**ARTFORMS** may include but are not limited to:

- Dance
- Literature
- Multi-art form
- Music
- Theatre
- Visual Arts
- Interdisciplinary collaborations

### **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES**

The following components may comprise the development stage:

- Workshops
- Mentoring arrangements
- Experimenting with form or process
- Community consultation
- Community engagement
- Innovative partnerships
- Collaborative/cross disciplinary processes
- Inter-cultural collaborations
- Professional development

### **CASP WILL NOT FUND:**

- Core administrative costs, office costs or the purchase of equipment
- Capital expenses
- Production costs of films, videos, books or other publications
- Competitions, awards, prizes, judging
- Fundraising events
- Non arts related activities
- Prizes and adjudication fees
- Applicants who have already received funding for the same activities
- General operating expenses or ongoing costs of long-term continuous projects
- Projects that have commenced or are completed
- Activities which could be considered part of the curriculum for schools or tertiary institutions

### **ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Artistic and cultural merit (Merit)
- Relevance, extent and depth of community engagement and participation (Impact)
- Evidence of consultation with and support from the community (Impact)
- Evidence of adequate planning, budgeting and capacity to manage the project (Viability)

## PROCESS

- You must contact South Coast Arts to discuss your application before it is submitted.
- To apply to the 2022 CASP funding round you need to complete and submit an application form through SmartyGrants. You will be required to create a SmartyGrants account before you can proceed with your application. You should save your application form on a regular basis and allow plenty of time to review your application before submission.
- All applications must be submitted via the South Coast Arts (CASP) 2022 Application in SmartyGrants by 5pm Friday August 12, 2022. Applications will not be accepted after that time.
- Once your application is received and has been deemed eligible, it will be assessed, rated and prioritised by the CASP Regional Assessment Panel.

## CHECKLIST

- All support material must be relevant to your project and submitted with your application.
- If your project involves working with children and young people participants must supply a current Working With Children Check Number.
- Applications with creative content and/or stated intended outcomes relating to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander artists, communities or their activities must provide letters of support from relevant Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander artists and/or communities. Please follow this link to Create NSW Aboriginal Arts and culture Protocols: <https://www.create.nsw.gov.au/arts-in-nsw/aboriginal-arts-and-culture-protocols/>
- Applications must have a current certificate of currency for Broadform Liability or 'Public Liability' Insurance.