

## Arts & Cultural Development Program – Western Sydney Strategic Funding Program

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Create NSW is committed to providing dedicated strategic support to Western Sydney arts and culture. The NSW Government is committed to additional funding of \$7.5 million over four years (2015/16 – 2018/19) to support growth in Western Sydney.

The Western Sydney Strategic Funding Program will invest in programs that demonstrate effectiveness in increasing opportunities for Western Sydney arts and cultural practitioners and arts and cultural organisations, to build capacity of professionals and professional organisations based in Western Sydney, to increase participation and to support new sustainable partnerships.

Identified opportunities for investment in Western Sydney have been informed by priorities in *Create NSW*, in consultation with the Western Sydney roundtable, provided as feedback from applicants and assessors in the last rounds, and in response to opportunities not already supported through the Arts and Cultural Development Program (ACDP).

These rounds form the last committed funding round as part of the 2015/16 election commitment, however Create NSW will remain committed to ensuring equity in funding opportunities for all communities of NSW.

### Objectives of the Western Sydney Strategic Funding Program

- Increase cultural participation in Western Sydney arts and culture.
- Support areas of need and opportunities identified through various consultation mechanisms such as the Western Sydney Roundtable and Western Sydney reports.
- Address the key actions outlined in the Create in NSW: Arts and Cultural Policy Framework.
- Support ongoing excellence and innovation in Western Sydney through investing in Create NSW priority areas.

As one of the fastest-growing sectors of the State's economy, the creative industries can play a part in developing the region. Supporting culturally relevant, accessible arts programs is key to successful growth in Western Sydney. This will provide opportunities for artists and cultural practitioners and contribute to future employment and urban renewal.

## Timeline

Category	Open	Closes	Notification to Minister	Decision
<b>Western Sydney Arts &amp; Cultural Projects</b>	12 October	19 November	12 December	Early January
<b>Western Sydney Making Spaces</b>	12 October	23 November	12 December	Early January
<b>Western Sydney Live Music</b>	TBC			
<b>Western Sydney Partnerships</b>	12 October	23 November	12 December	Early January

## Western Sydney Arts and Cultural Projects

Western Sydney Arts & Cultural Projects funding supports professional arts and cultural projects delivered in Western Sydney by artists and arts and cultural workers living in Western Sydney at any stage of the creative process.

Applications are encouraged from independent artists, arts & cultural workers, new and emerging organisations.

### Objectives

- Deliver a dynamic and diverse range of arts and cultural experiences to communities in Western Sydney.
- Contribute to the development of a vibrant and accessible arts and cultural sector in NSW.
- Strengthen professional arts and cultural development in the small-to-medium arts and cultural sector.
- Contribute to arts and cultural excellence and innovation.
- Increase the accessibility of vibrant arts and culture in Western Sydney.
- Support the employment and development of professional Western Sydney-based artists and arts/cultural workers.
- Deliver arts and cultural outcomes in ACDP Priority Areas.

### Who can apply?

- Individual artists and arts/cultural workers living in Western Sydney.
- Partnerships and groups based in Western Sydney.
- Organisations based in Western Sydney.

Support for applicants based outside of Western Sydney may be considered in special circumstances. Please contact Sam Wild, Senior Manager, Arts Investment and Development at [sam.wild@create.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sam.wild@create.nsw.gov.au) for clarification.

## **Examples**

Projects may include:

- the creative development and/or public presentation of work(s)
- commissioning professional artists – for example, a writer, composer, choreographer or visual artist – to develop a work for an event
- partnerships (including those with the non-arts sector) to develop arts and culture in a specific region, Priority Area or artform/discipline
- community collaborations involving professional artists, to develop skills, public performances, exhibitions or participatory events
- the development and presentation of a new museum display featuring items from current and/or new or borrowed collections
- arts and cultural activities aimed at engaging young people, particularly students attending geographically and/or socio- economically disadvantaged schools
- extending an artist's or organisation's practice, audiences or markets
- developing and deepening audience engagement with arts and culture.

## **Funding range**

Up to \$60,000 for projects delivered within 12 months.

Up to \$75,000 for projects delivered over more than 12 months.

## **Term**

Opens 12 October

Closes 19 November

For projects starting after 1 February 2019.

Projects must be completed within a two-year period.

## **Special eligibility**

Program funded clients are eligible to apply however the project must sit outside their core annual program.

All projects must involve professional artists and arts/cultural worker and include appropriate rates for artist fees.

## **Required support material**

- Confirmation letters or letters of support related to the project (provided as one document), such as from partners, venues, key sector contacts or other funding agencies.
- For proposals involving Aboriginal people, letters of support and confirmation of involvement from the relevant communities and/or organisations.

Applicants are encouraged to gain letters of support from communities they are engaging with (where relevant).

## **Assessment criteria**

Applications will be assessed by a peer panel against the General assessment criteria:

- Artistic and Cultural Merit (Quality)
- Engagement and Participation (Reach)
- Viability (Health)
- Budget (Health).

To apply, complete and submit the Western Sydney Arts & Cultural Projects application form available through our secure online grants system, [SmartyGrants](#).

## Western Sydney Making Spaces

The Western Sydney Making Spaces objectives are to:

- increase opportunities for Western Sydney arts and cultural workers to make/develop their art
- activate new spaces or venues in Western Sydney
- provide new creative hubs to build capacity and sustainability of arts practice in Western Sydney
- increase skills development and networking opportunities for Western Sydney arts practitioners
- increase visibility of arts and cultural practice across Western Sydney.

Western Sydney Making Spaces providing support for professional artists and arts and cultural organisations and groups to establish new studios, residencies and rehearsal spaces in Western Sydney.

### Funding range

\$15,000 - \$50,000 per application, per site.

### Closing Date

Opens 12 October

Closes 19 November

### Who can apply?

- Professional artists, creative partnerships, cultural groups and arts organisations based in Western Sydney.
- Community groups, unincorporated entities and non-government organisations based in Western Sydney.
- Property owners, managers of sites and Aboriginal Land Councils in Western Sydney.
- Government property owners/managers based in NSW.

### Application limit

- Applicants are limited to submitting one application per nominated site.

### Required support material

- Confirmation letters or letters of support related to the project (provided as one document), such as from partners, venues, key sector contacts or other funding agencies.
- Lease agreements or MOUs confirming use of space.
- For proposals involving Aboriginal people, letters of support and confirmation of involvement from the relevant communities and/or organisations.

It is recognised that a MOU or lease may only be forthcoming on acknowledgment of funding therefore, if successful, Create NSW can provide confirmation of your funding and will make payment when the lease agreements are in place.

Applicants are encouraged to gain letters of support from communities they are engaging with (where relevant).

### Term

Projects must commence on or after 1 February 2019 but can run until 30 June 2021.

**Funds are not available for:**

- renovation of existing arts, screen and cultural sites
- costs of operating a radio station
- the purchase of musical instruments
- the purchase of land or buildings.

To apply, complete and submit the Western Sydney Making Spaces application form available through our secure online grants system, [SmartyGrants](#).

## Western Sydney Strategic Partnerships

Western Sydney Strategic Partnerships funding supports significant and long-term partnerships in Western Sydney that will stimulate strong, sustainable and diverse Western Sydney arts and cultural activity.

This funding supports strategic partnerships across and beyond the arts and cultural sectors, including those with local government authorities or other public, private or community organisations.

### Objectives

- Support strategic partnerships for the delivery of high-quality Western Sydney arts and cultural activity.
- Initiate new projects that support Western Sydney organisations to deliver arts and cultural activity.
- Achieve enhanced long-term arts and cultural outcomes for Western Sydney communities, including Aboriginal communities.
- Support the employment of and professional and artistic development of NSW professional artists and arts/cultural workers.
- Stimulate arts and cultural development and contribute to innovation and excellence in Western Sydney.

### Who can apply?

- Organisations based in Western Sydney.
- Partnerships and groups based in Western Sydney.

Applicants may partner with organisations outside of Western Sydney, but the benefit must be to Western Sydney communities.

### Closing Date

Opens 12 October

Closes 19 November

### Examples

Collaborative partnerships could include:

- a Western Sydney Arts Centre working in partnership with volunteer museums to develop skills or a collaborative exhibition or program
- a Western Sydney theatre group working in partnership with other performing arts centres and the local community to develop and deliver arts or performance outcomes or activities
- a partnership between a Western Sydney local council with the local health service to establish and deliver a visual arts program for the benefit of patients and visitors to the hospital.

### Funding range

Up to \$250,000 over two years.

Funding is available for new projects and/or the significant development of a current project.

### Term

Projects must commence after 1 February 2019 and be completed by 31 December 2020.

### Funding restrictions

Western Sydney Partnerships funding does not support:

- the core business or program of an organisation and related administration costs

- curriculum-based activities in schools
- infrastructure, capital or projects involving the purchase of significant assets
- partnerships between business units or facilities within the same local government authority.

### **Special eligibility**

- Partnerships between Western Sydney arts and cultural organisations and Sydney-based organisations or International organisations are eligible if the benefit and funding goes directly to the region. The application must be made by the Western Sydney partner.
- All project partners must:
  - be actively involved in project planning and development
  - play a key role in delivering the project
  - make a financial contribution (cash or in-kind).

### **Required support material**

- Project plan (see application form).
- Expression of interests from key partners (provided as one document).
- For proposals involving Aboriginal people, letters of support and expression of interests of involvement from the relevant communities and/or organisations.

To apply, complete and submit the Western Sydney Strategic Partnerships application form available through our secure online grants system, [SmartyGrants](#).