

Create NSW Arts & Cultural Development Program (ACDP) – Arts & Cultural Projects (Round 2)

Create NSW is committed to providing support to the small to medium arts and cultural sector.

Arts & Cultural Projects (Round 2) offers grants of up to \$75,000 for projects and activities delivered by individual artists, cultural practitioners, groups and partnerships. These grants provide an opportunity for arts and cultural activities in NSW to undertake a creative development, engage administrative support for their small arts organisation, activate a space for arts and cultural activity, purchase small capital items for arts and cultural activity or commission professional artists to present or develop a new work.

Applications are encouraged from applicants who have not received or applied for Create NSW funding before. Create NSW staff are available to discuss your project/activity idea and discuss how to approach a funding application.

Applications from priority groups are also encouraged. Create NSW is committed to ensuring equity in funding opportunities for all communities of NSW. There are six areas of priority:

- Aboriginal people
- People living and/or working in Western Sydney
- People living and/or working in regional NSW
- People from a culturally and linguistically diverse background
- People with a disability
- Young people

Objectives of the Arts & Cultural Projects (Round 2) funding category

- 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
- Deliver a dynamic and diverse range of arts and cultural experiences to communities in NSW.

- Develop excellence in arts and cultural practice and cultural leadership in NSW
- Support for new initiatives and seed funding for small groups
- Contribute to arts and cultural excellence and innovation.
- Increase the accessibility of vibrant arts and culture.
- Support the employment and development of professional artists and arts/cultural workers.
- Deliver arts and cultural outcomes in ACDP Priority Areas.

What can you apply for?

Projects may include:

- the creative development and/or public presentation of new work(s)
- commissioning professional artists – for example, a writer, composer, choreographer or visual artist – to develop a work for an event
- activation of venue as arts and cultural spaces including festivals and/or performance spaces
- 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.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this funding:

Individuals must be:

- an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- a NSW resident
- a professional artists or arts/cultural worker

Groups must be:

- a partnership, group or unincorporated entity with an ABN (or be able to work with a third party to administer the grant on your behalf)

Organisations:

- a legally constituted not-for-profit incorporated body, non-trading (non-distributing) co-operative/trust, or local government authority
- based in NSW

Funding range

You can apply for up to \$60,000 for arts and cultural projects to be delivered within 12 months or up to \$75,000 for projects delivered within 24 months.

Eligible costs

Applicants can request project and activity support for a range of costs, including:

- Artists fees (must be based on award rates)
- Production costs (e.g.: equipment, venue, staging, exhibitions)
- Travel and accommodation
- Costs of delivery
- Workshops
- Marketing and promotion

Ineligible costs

Funding cannot be used for the following:

- Filmmaking and production
- Accredited study, training or university courses or education programs
- Fundraising, awards or prize money
- Competitions or eisteddfods
- Purchase of musical instruments
- Repayment of loans

Key dates

Opens 25 February 2019

Closes 8 April 2019

For projects starting after 31 May 2019

Assessment criteria

Applications will be assessed against each of the following criteria:

1. **Artistic and Cultural Merit (Quality)** which can be demonstrated as one or more of the following:

- clear artistic and/or cultural vision
- high quality artistic and/or cultural outcomes
- appropriate strategies for evaluating and measuring artistic/cultural merit and refining activities
- contribution and relevance to artform, cultural diversity, cultural practice or location
- artistic and/or cultural experience and expertise
- involvement of professional artists and/or arts/cultural practitioners

2. **Engagement and Participation (Reach)** which can be demonstrated as one or more of the following:

- strategies for increasing audience/participant numbers
- the project will be widely accessible and reach a large audience
- the project supports the diversity priority areas of youth, Aboriginal people, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and/or people with disability
- relevance to target audience/participants, geographic area or community
- support and commitment of partners and/or communities
- maintenance, development or diversification of audiences and participants

3. **Viability (Health)** which can be demonstrated as one or more of the following:

- Sound planning and effective use of resources
- Achievable and realistic timelines and outcomes
- appropriate administration and management skills
- governing body with appropriate experience that reflects NSW's diversity
- record of financial stability and capacity
- ongoing strategic partnerships including collaborations across the arts/cultural sector
- track record of, delivery on, and acquittal of Arts NSW/Create NSW funding (if applicable)

4. **Budget (Health)** which can be demonstrated as one or more of the following:

- detailed, comprehensive and accurate budgeting
- income (cash and/or in-kind) from sources other than the NSW Government (this criterion is mandatory and must be demonstrated)
- value for money – realistic for scale and impact of activities
- appropriate use of requested public funds
- adequate provision for artist/creative fees (please refer to industry standards)
- provision for insurance and other liabilities.

Required support material

- Confirmation letters or letters of support related to the program such as letters from partners, venues, key sector contacts or other funding agencies. These letters must be provided as one document.
- For proposals involving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, letters of support and confirmation of involvement from the relevant communities and/or organisations.

How to apply?

To apply, please complete and submit an **Arts & Cultural Projects (Round 2)** funding application form available through the Create NSW website.

For assistance in making an application or clarification on Guidelines, please contact:

Create NSW staff on:

(02) 8289 6415 or (02) 8289 6489

Email: arts.funding@create.nsw.gov.au