2026-27 Community Bands Program Application Form
Form Preview

Eligibility

* indicates a required field

Instructions for Applicants

Before completing this application form, please ensure you have read the program guidelines. To contact Create NSW staff, please email **arts.funding@create.nsw.gov.au** and quote this application number.Incomplete applications and/or applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

Application Number

This field is read only.

Eligibility Questions

To check if you are eligible to apply for 2026-27 Community Band Program, complete the questions below:

Are you applying as a recognised community band located in NSW? *

○ Yes ○ No

For the purpose of this program, a 'community band' is defined as a concert band or brass band or string ensemble composed of musicians representing a specific community, geographic area or community entity.

Has your community band received funding from Create NSW (either directly or through devolved grant programs) in the previous 12 months? *

○ Yes ○ No

Note: This is 12 months from receipt of funding. For example, if your grant was approved and payment received prior to 6 October 2025, answer No.

Is your project for contemporary music? *

○ Yes ○ No

The definition of contemporary music can be found here. For all Sound NSW grant opportunities, you can locate them here.

Does the applicant have an Australian Business Number (ABN)? *

○ Yes ○ No

Eligible applicants **cannot be** one of the following entities:

- insolvent
- a for-profit organisation or business
- an individual
- a partnership
- an educational institution, including Conservatoriums

- organisations or bands performing contemporary music (for support contact Sound NSW)

Are you one of the above entity types? *
○ Yes ○ No

Do you have a business account with an Australian financial institution? *
○ Yes ○ No

Unable to Continue

Based on your response to the above eligibility question, you are unable to continue. Please refer to the guidelines for more details.

Create NSW staff are here to help you and can be contacted between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) via:

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

Eligibility Confirmation

I confirm that I've read the guidelines and the information supporting my eligibility is accurate *
☐ Yes

Applicant Details

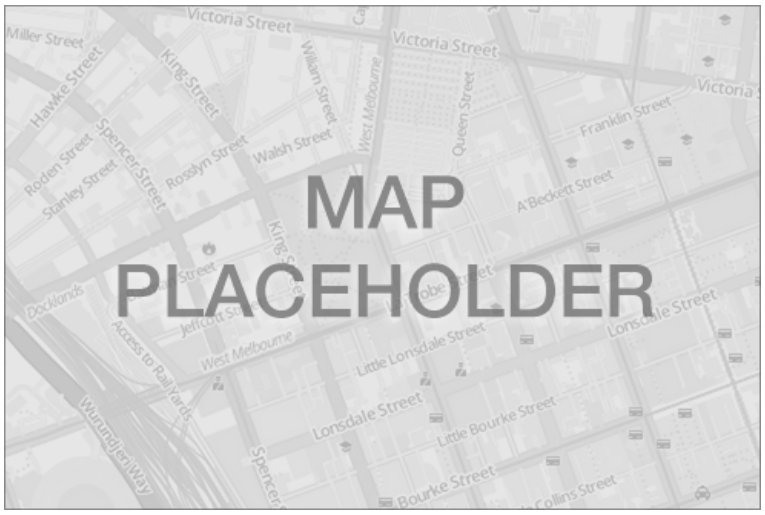
* indicates a required field

Organisation Details

Organisation Name *
Organisation Name

Please use the organisation's full name. Make sure you provide the same name that is listed in official documentation such as that with the ABR, ACNC or ATO.

Primary Address *
Address



Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required. Coordinates Required. Country must be Australia

Postal Address
Address

Primary Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.
Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

Other Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.
Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

Email Address *

Must be an email address.

Website

Must be a URL.

ABN *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity Name	
ABN Status	
Entity Type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main Business Location	

Must be an ABN.

Primary Contact Details

Name *

Title | First Name | Last Name

Primary Contact Position *

e.g., Manager, Board Member or Fundraising Coordinator.

Primary Contact Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.
Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

Primary Contact Other Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.
Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

Primary Contact Email *

Must be an email address.

Head of Community Band

This must be the **Chair**, **President** or **Head** of the Community Band.

Name *

Title | First Name | Last Name

Position *

This must be Chair, President or Head of the Community Band.

Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Primary Email *

Must be an email address.

Project Details

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Title *

Word count:
Must be no more than 25 words.
Provide a name for your initiative. Your title should be short but descriptive.

Brief description *

Word count:
Must be no more than 50 words.
Include a brief summary of who will benefit from this initiative, what activities you will do and what outcomes you expect from your activities.

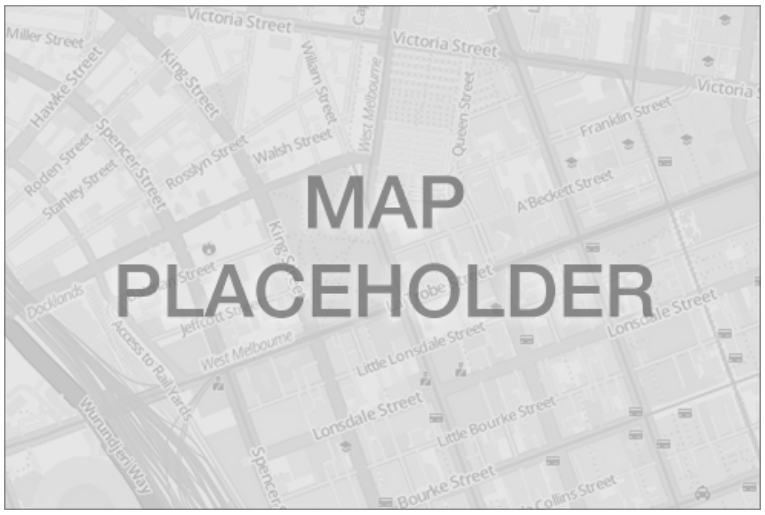
Anticipated start date *

Must be a date and between 15/2/2027 and 31/12/2027.

Anticipated end date *

Must be a date and between 15/2/2027 and 31/12/2027.

Primary location of your initiative *
Address



Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required. Coordinates Required. Country must be Australia
Primary location does not need to be a specific address, and can be postcode, suburb, state (NSW), etc. If delivered online, please specify the area of focus for delivery.

First Nations Acknowledgement and Guidance

Create NSW acknowledges and respects First Nations peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we walk, live, and work. We value their enduring connection to these lands and their rich cultural heritage. Create NSW encourages you to consider how your tour connects to and honours the oldest continuing culture in human history.

First Nations Regions and Countries *

Disclaimer and Respectful Notice:

This list is a general guide to larger communities. It may not include smaller First Nations groups, dialects, or languages.

Please explore the **AIATSIS map** of Indigenous Australia to find First Nations countries. For more information please see the **glossary**.

Strategic Priority Areas

Which of the below Strategic Priority Areas does your program/project relate to? Please note that these relate to the **Creative Communities Policy.**

First Nations stories and communities *
○ Yes ○ No

Western Sydney *
○ Yes ○ No

Broad and inclusive communities and content *
○ Yes ○ No

Accessibility and equity *
○ Yes ○ No

Regional NSW *
○ Yes ○ No

Next generation of creatives and audiences *
○ Yes ○ No

Activities

Please detail the activities expected to be completed as a result of the funding. You can stipulate one location for each activity.

Activity	Location	Expected start date	Expected end date	Decription
One per row. Add more rows if you want to list additional activities. Must be no more than 25 words.	Where will your activity occur? Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.	Must be a date and between 1/2/2027 and 31/12/2027.	Must be a date and between 1/2/2027 and 31/12/2027.	Add notes if you need to provide more context. Must be no more than 50 words.

Budget

* indicates a required field

The budget for this application is not part of the assessment criteria. Responses on this page will be used for your acquittal (if successful).

Please note: Applicants that are **not registered for GST** should enter amounts inclusive of GST, as GST is considered part of the project cost. Applicants that are **registered for GST** should enter amounts exclusive of GST, as approved funding will be paid plus GST.

Total Amount Requested *

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What is the total financial support you are requesting under this grant?

Please update the amount requested

The amount you have requested in above the maximum grant value of $2,500.Please enter a lower amount to continue.

Income

The Income Types are:

- **Other NSW Government funding -** This includes any other funding NSW Government.
- **Other non-NSW Government funding** - This includes Commonwealth/Local Government funding (not NSW Government).
- **Earned Income** - This includes philanthropic support and fundraising.

- **Donations and Sponsorship** - This includes gifts of money from individuals or groups, and money raised through events.
- **In-kind** - This can be things like using a free venue, getting free materials, or using free equipment. Do not include money paid to artists here.
- **All other income**

Add more rows if you want to list additional income types.

Income Type	Amount	Status	Description
	Must be a whole dollar amount (no cents).		Must be no more than 30 words.

Total Income

This number/amount is calculated.
Total Income = Total Amount Requested (Create NSW) + Other Income (listed in the table above)

Expenditure

The Expenditure Types are:

- **Wages and fees** - This is for artists, arts and cultural workers.
- **Travel and accommodation** - This includes per diems and other allowances.
- **Venue and Production costs** - This includes costs directly related to your project such as administration, materials, equipment and lighting hire, freight and insurance.
- **Promotion and Marketing** - This includes advertising, social media ads, and things like posters and flyers.
- **Aboriginal Protocols Expenses** - This includes Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property (ICIP), Welcome to Country and Elders fees.
- **Accessibility Expenses** - This is to enable increased accessibility and inclusion.
- **Freight and Transport Expenses** - This includes freighting and transport costs for proposals.
- **In-Kind Expenses** - This must equal the in-kind income indicated above.
- **All Other Expenses** - This includes environmental impact reduction and wellbeing support.

Add more rows if you want to list additional expenditure types.

Expenditure Type	Amount	Description
In-kind expenditure must match In-kind income amount	Must be a whole dollar amount (no cents).	Must be no more than 30 words.
	$	

Total Expenditure

This number/amount is calculated.

What is the total budgeted cost (dollars) of your project?

Project Evaluation

* indicates a required field

Project Evaluation Instructions

This information will help us to understand and advocate for the arts and cultural sector.

Your responses to the following questions will not affect your application.

To see definitions and examples of the terms below, please refer to the glossary here.

Please use whole numbers only. Enter 0 (zero) for any that are not applicable.

Breakdown of Activities

Estimate the number of activities in regions below.

Activities are the workshops/ performances/ exhibitions that are part of the creative outcome the applicant is seeking funding for in a specific location, suburb or postcode.

Estimated number of activities in Sydney (excluding Western Sydney) *

Must be a number.

Estimated number of activities in Western Sydney *

Must be a number.

Estimated number of activities in Regional NSW *

Must be a number.

Estimated total number of activities *

This number/amount is calculated.

Employment

Estimated number of participants *

Must be a number.
A participant is paid and unpaid attendance at a workshop or other activity where they are actively engaged in making, creating, or learning. Digital and online participants are recorded separately. (see also audiences)

Estimated number of permanent artists, arts and cultural workers employed (headcount): includes permanent full-time and part-time *

Must be a number.
Artists, arts and cultural workers must have a commitment to arts/cultural work as a major aspect of their working life, even if this work is not the main source of their income.

Estimated number of non-permanent artists, arts and cultural workers employed (headcount): includes non-permanent part-time, casual, temporary or contracted *

Must be a number.

Total number of volunteers *

Must be a number.

First time applicant

Are you a first time applicant? *

○ Yes ○ No

Your response will not affect your application.

Declaration and Authorisation

* indicates a required field

Disclaimer

You understand and agree that:

- Create NSW can ask questions about any information in this application and/or ask for more information. This only happens if it is necessary to help assess your application or manage the funding program.
- Create NSW may re-open your application after the closing date. This only happens if it is fair to all other applicants.
- the submission of this application does not guarantee funding will be granted for any application.
- Create NSW expressly reserves its right to accept or reject this application at its discretion.
- you must bear the costs of preparing and submitting this application and Create NSW does not accept any liability for such costs, whether or not this application is ultimately accepted or rejected.
- you have read the Funding Guidelines for the **2026-27 Community Bands Program** and have fully informed yourself of the relevant program requirements.
- applications and any additional materials cannot be submitted after the advertised closing date and time.

- applications cannot be modified after being submitted.
- Create NSW staff are available 9am-5pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) during the grant round to provide technical and general guideline advice. Staff are not able to provide advice on content or choices required within my application.

Privacy Notice

Create NSW (part of the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism, Hospitality and Sport) is collecting your personal information. Personal information collected in managed in accordance with the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act*.

Create NSW collect your personal information for the purpose of:

- Assessing your application against the eligibility criteria for the **2026-27 Community Bands Program** and contacting you to discuss your application;
- If your application is deemed eligible, to manage and administer the Program;
- To monitor and evaluate the Program.

Providing us with your personal information is not required by law. However, if you choose not to provide us with the requested information, Create NSW will be unable to assess your eligibility for the Program.

Your personal information may be disclosed by Create NSW:

- In accordance with the requirements of the NSW Government's Grants Administration Guide;
- To comply with our obligations under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act*;
- To comply with an order for the production of documents to Parliament under Standing Order 52.

Otherwise, your personal information will not be provided to a third party without your consent or unless it is authorised by law.

To access or seek amendment of your personal information, or for more information on our privacy obligations, contact the Department's Privacy Officer at information@dciths.nsw.gov.au. For more information about how Create NSW complies with its privacy obligations visit its website.

Use of Information

The**NSW Government's Grants Administration Guide**requires the publishing of, at minimum, the following information for all successful grant recipients: the project name, the project location, the grant amount, the grant recipient name, and the grant recipient location or contact address, unless an exemption applies.

Media and Communications

If successful, Create NSW and/or the NSW Government would like to publish information for media and communication purposes.

Not agreeing to publication for media and communication purposes does not impact your applications assessment. This does not impact the requirements of the **NSW Government's Grants Administration Guide** to publish your information.

Do you agree for Create NSW and/or NSW Government to publish your community band name, project title, project summary, location and amount of funding for media and communication purposes? *

○ Yes ○ No

Emails from Create NSW

Do you agree to receive emails about other grant opportunities, initiatives or events from Create NSW? *

○ Yes ○ No

Your response will not affect your application

Do you agree to receive a regular email newsletter from Create NSW? *

○ Yes ○ No

Your response will not affect your application

Declaration

Before you can complete and submit this application, you must accept the following conditions by declaring:

- If an entity is the applicant, I have the authority to complete and submit this application on the entity's behalf.
- All information supplied as part of this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- All activities proposed by this application will be conducted in accordance with applicable law, including but not limited to, complying with Working with Children legislation.
- I acknowledge:
    - funding will not be granted or released if the applicant has outstanding acquittals for this or other projects/programs across Create NSW or the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism, Hospitality and Sport (DCITHS);
    - Create NSW may withdraw any offer of funding or demand the return of funds already paid if this declaration is found to be incorrect or misleading; and
    - Create NSW and DCITHS may disclose any information in this application as described in the NSW Government's *Grants Administration Guide*, or according to applicable law.

Authorisation

I agree * ☐ Yes

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Name of authorised person *

Title | First Name | Last Name

Must be a senior staff member, board member or appropriately authorised volunteer

Position *

Position held in applicant organisation (e.g. CEO, Treasurer)

Phone number *

Must be an Australian phone number.
We may contact you to verify that this application is authorised by the applicant organisation

Email *

Must be an email address.

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