

2023 Rescue and Restart Program

– Regional Arts Development Fund

Guidelines

Acknowledgement of Country

Create NSW acknowledges the Aboriginal people across the State and their continued connection to their lands, water and culture. We respect Elders past and present, and the roles those Aboriginal artists play in contributing to their culture

Purpose

The performing arts and other cultural organisations that have a dependence on earned income were heavily impacted through the restrictions implemented to limit the spread of COVID-19. Some organisations that continued to operate have drawn down on their reserves making them vulnerable to the continued impact of audience hesitancy, reduced engagement. This has also impacted on the ability of arts and cultural organisations to be able to take risks in engaging audiences, developing artforms and practice, as well as engaging and maintaining staff.

The purpose of this program is to:

- enable Regional Arts Development Organisations to engage with and develop audiences and regional stakeholders who engage directly with audiences.

Who can apply?

To be eligible for funding the organisation must:

- be NSW-based Regional Arts Development Organisation (RADO);
- have an ABN; AND
- been invited to apply for this stage of funding.

What can the funds be used for?

The funding can be used to support new and existing programs focused on developing and maintaining regionally based audiences. The programs may also provide targeted support to individuals and groups in the 'small-to-medium' sector in regional NSW in recognition of their role as important generators of cultural and artistic activity across the state. These programs should respond to a demonstrated need within a RADO's region. An audience can be defined as participants in your programs/workshops in addition to the those attending performances and events.

When must the funding be used by?

The funding is a one-off cash injection. All funds must be spent on completed programs/projects by 30 April 2024.

How will my application be assessed?

Your application will be reviewed by Create NSW staff to ensure eligibility and that the proposed program meets the purpose of the funding.

Funding amount

Each RADO will receive \$110,000 under this program.

What information do I need to provide?

To complete the application form in SmartyGrants you will need to organise and submit:

- A brief outline of your current audience's needs and areas of potential development.
- A timeline of program delivery to address identified audience need and development.
- Where any planned activity supported by this funding will take place (location); and
- How the planned activity will support the NSW ACFP Key Priority Areas (see below)

How will my application be assessed

Applications will be assessed by Create NSW to ensure that the proposed program delivers on the objectives of the program.

Assessment criteria

Applications will be assessed against the following assessment criteria:

- **Need:** Has the need for this program been adequately substantiated?
- **Impact:** Does the proposed program address the identified needs and have the benefits been identified?
- **Timeliness:** will the project be delivered within the specified time frame?

Assessment

Applications will be assessed by a minimum of two Create NSW staff members who will make recommendations for funding based on the published criteria for this Program.

Recommendations will be made to the Group Deputy Secretary, Arts, Sport and Tourism, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment for approval.

Create NSW may request additional information from applicants or from any other source. Create NSW may also seek advice from other NSW Government agencies or other third parties (such as external probity advisors) to assist and validate the assessment of applications and ensure appropriate oversight and assurance of the entire grants process.

All parties involved in the assessment process will be required to make a full declaration of their pecuniary interest or any other association, either actual or perceived, which may impinge on their capacity to conduct their duties. Create NSW may seek advice from an external probity advisor to effectively manage any real or perceived conflicts of interest.

If an application is missing information or is incomplete, Create NSW may, in its sole discretion, work with applications to clarify any missing or incomplete information.

Will I be required to report on this money?

Yes. You will be required to do a milestone report in July 2023 on any activity that has taken place and a report in June 2024 on the impact of the funding. These commitments will be reflected in the funding agreement.

NSW ACFP Key Priority Areas

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring fair access by all communities and individuals across the state. Create NSW closely considers proposals that provide high-quality activity, respectful engagement, and participation with and for the following groups:

- NSW Aboriginal people
- people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) backgrounds
- people with disability and/or who are d/Deaf
- young people under the age of 25
- people living and/or working in regional NSW
- people living and/or working in Western Sydney

Contact and Support

If you require any clarification, email us at sector.support@create.nsw.gov.au including your name and contact details.

Accessibility, Inclusion and Support

Create NSW is committed to ensuring better practice and ease of access to the Arts & Cultural Funding Program.

If you are an applicant with disability or who is d/Deaf, and you require this information in a format which is accessible to you, please contact us on (02) 8289 6520 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday (except on public holidays):

The National Relay Service numbers are:

TTY users: Phone 133 677 then ask for (02) 8289 6520.

Speak and Listen users: Phone 1300 555 727 then ask for (02) 8289 6520.

Changes to application process

Create NSW may, at its sole discretion, and at any stage of the application process, do all or any of the following:

- require additional information from an applicant
- change the scope of the requirements of these guidelines
- vary, amend (including by replacement) or terminate the application process
- re-open an application after the closing date, provided it doesn't give the applicant an advantage over other applicants
- consider any non-conforming or late application.

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