

# 2023 Rescue and Restart Program - Stage One 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 that 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 and 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:

- Provide funding to arts and cultural organisations who received funding through the first phase of the Rescue and Restart programs and whose operations have been unable to return to pre-pandemic levels of operations due to cost escalation, skill shortages and changed audience behaviours.

## Who can apply?

To be eligible for funding the organisation must have previously received support through the eligible programs of the 2020 COVID-19 Rescue and Restart funding and been invited to apply for this funding,

Eligible programs from the 2020 Rescue and Restart program are: Stage One, Stage Two and Small Grants Program. Recipients who only received support through the strategic funding programs such as Residencies, Strategic Investment Programs and Strategic Investment – Restart programs are not eligible for support under the 2023 Rescue and Restart program.

## When do you need to respond to this invitation?

Our preference is that you respond quickly to this invitation (once you have all your information together). All responses to this invitation will be required within four weeks of receipt of your notification of eligibility.

## How was the amount of funding determined?

The amount of funding available has been based on the total stimulus payments you received through the 2020 Rescue and Restart program as part of the base funding package (not including any funding provided for specific projects that have now been completed).

## Small Grant Program Recipients

*Funding Available = Previous Small Grants from 2020 Rescue Restart Funding x 50%*

## All other recipients

*Funding Available = Previous Stage One and Stage Two Rescue Restart Funding x 22.5%<sup>1</sup>*

If an organisation believes the precalculated amount is incorrect, they must contact [sector.support@create.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sector.support@create.nsw.gov.au) so the amount can be confirmed.

## What can the funds be used for?

The funding can be used to support programs/projects currently planned for the calendar year of 2023, or new programs/projects that have been unable to proceed due to lack of funds.

The funds may be used to:

- Offset increased costs in delivering the currently planned 2023 program/projects
- Offset increased wages costs
- Offset reduced earned income
- Allow for the reduction of projected organisation or program deficit in 2023
- Be used for the stabilisation of equity
- Enable additional employment of artists, technical staff, creative staff
- Enable additional employment of administrative staff

## When must the funding be used by?

All funds must be spent or allocated to programs/projects that are completed by 31 December 2023.

## How will my application be assessed?

Your application will be checked by Create NSW staff for eligibility based on the published criteria for this program.

The information you provide will be reviewed by Create NSW for completeness and to ensure that funds will be used to achieve the objectives of the program.

Create NSW may request additional information from applicants. 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 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 applicants to clarify any missing or incomplete information.

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<sup>1</sup> Minimum funding under this program will be \$2,500.00

## What information do I need to provide?

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

- Financial statements for your last completed financial reporting period such as your audited accounts or the accounts presented at your last annual general meeting. At minimum this should include a Balance Sheet and Statement of Profit and Loss.
- Information on your current and projected end-of-year financial position. At minimum this should include a report showing your current year-to-date results, and your projected end-of-year results.
- A breakdown on how the funds will be allocated within your organisation
- Information on how the funding will help your organisation with the purpose of the program
- Where any planned activity supported by this funding will take place (location)
- How the planned activity will support the Create NSW Arts and Cultural Funding Program Key Priority Areas (please see below).

## Will I be required to provide a written report on this funding?

Yes. You will be required to provide a written report on the impact of the funding. We will provide you with the report template via SmartyGrants that you will need to complete. The report will be required to be provided to Create NSW by the end of February 2024.

## Create NSW Arts and Cultural Funding Program (ACFP) Key Priority Areas

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring fair access by all communities and individuals across the state. Create NSW encourages activities 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](mailto:sector.support@create.nsw.gov.au) including your name and contact details.

## 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.

## Accessibility, Inclusion and Support

Create NSW is committed to ensuring better practice and ease of access to its funding programs.

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.

## Announcement of the Grant

Grant recipients will be listed on the NSW Grant Finder website, within 45 days after the date of execution of all the Grant Agreements.

Further requirements relating to the acknowledgement of funding and publicity will be included in the Grant Agreement.

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