



# 2023 Outback Arts Country Arts Support Program (CASP) Funding Guidelines

## KEY DATES

Applications Close 11:59 PM Sunday, 2nd April 2023, AEST

Projects to be delivered from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023, and completed by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

## Overview

The Country Arts Support Program (CASP) is an annual small grants program funded by Create NSW and managed by Regional Arts Development Organisations (RADOs) and is guided by Create NSW's Arts and Cultural Funding Program's three major objectives:

- Grow creative leadership and programming excellence in NSW
- Strengthen NSW arts and cultural activity that drives community and social benefits
- Showcase NSW as a leader for strategic arts and cultural governance and strong financial management.

## Objective:

Support community arts and cultural development in regional NSW through small grants that:

- Assist locally determined community arts and cultural activities
- Increase opportunities for regionally based groups to access a diverse range of arts programs
- Enable communities to explore and express their cultural identities
- Bring social and economic benefits to the community through training, employment and promotional opportunities
- Lead to greater awareness and appreciation of cultural diversity
- Increase the sustainability and resilience of regionally based community arts organisations

## ELIGIBILITY – WHO CAN APPLY?

- A not-for-profit incorporated body
- A local government authority
- An individual or sole trader
- A collective with a nominated administering body (see FAQs below)
- Applicants are required to have a current certificate of currency for Broadform Liability or 'Public Liability' Insurance

## WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

- Individuals and Groups based in Sydney and the Blue Mountains, or for projects based in those areas
- Interstate organisations
- Professional touring groups
- Commercial enterprises
- Groups/ensembles and unincorporated associations with no administering body
- Regional Conservatoriums
- Organisations that have applied for or received Create NSW funding for the same activity

- Previous recipients where the use of the grant did not, in the opinion of the CASP state assessment panel, conform to the spirit and intentions of these guidelines
- State and federal government departments, including schools (except P&Cs who are incorporated)
- Organisations that have overdue reports or acquittals for any funding programs administered by RANSW and/or Create NSW.
- Applicants who have not discussed their project with the relevant regional arts development organisation

## **FUNDING RANGE**

Grants of up to \$3,000 are available primarily for professional artists' fees, travel and accommodation. To find out the maximum amount you can apply for contact your local Regional Arts Development Organisation.

Projects are to take place between **1 May 2023 and 31 December 2023**.

## **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES**

Projects including but not limited to:

- Workshops
- Arts activities as part of community festivals or events
- Artist-in-residence programs
- Public art and design projects
- Performances
- Arts and cultural directories
- Community seminars and forums
- Exhibitions
- Other local arts initiatives

## **CASP WILL NOT FUND:**

- Core administrative costs, office costs or the purchase of equipment
- Capital expenses
- Production costs of films, videos, books or other publications
- Competitions
- Fundraising events
- Prizes and adjudication fees
- Applicants who have already received Create NSW funding for the same activities
- General operating expenses or ongoing costs of long-term continuous projects
- Projects that have commenced or are completed Sporting activities
- Activities which could be considered part of the curriculum for schools or tertiary institutions

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## **ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Artistic and cultural merit (Merit)
- Relevance, extent and depth of community engagement and participation (Impact)
- Evidence of consultation with and support from the community (Impact)
- Evidence of adequate planning, budgeting and capacity to manage the project (Viability)
- Priority is given to projects which address these criteria with consideration given to each region's arts and cultural resources and requirements.

## **PROCESS**

- You must contact your relevant Regional Arts Development Organisation to discuss your application before it is submitted.
- To apply to the 2023 CASP funding round you need to complete and submit an application form through our secure online grants system, SmartyGrants. You will be required to create a SmartyGrants account before you can proceed with your application. You should save your application form on a regular basis and allow plenty of time to review your application before submission.
- All applications must be submitted via the Outback Arts Country Arts Support Program (CASP) 2023 Application in SmartyGrants by 12:00 AM (Midnight) Sunday, 2nd April 2023, AEST. Applications will not be accepted after that time.
- Once your application is received and has been deemed eligible, it will be assessed, rated and prioritised by the CASP Regional Assessment Panel in your region.

## **CHECKLIST**

- All support material must be relevant to your project and submitted with your application.
- If your project involves working with children and young people participants must supply a current Working With Children Check Number.
- Applicants should consider access for People with Disability in their information and events
- Applications with creative content and/or stated intended outcomes relating to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander artists, communities or their activities must provide letters of support from relevant Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander artists and/or communities. Please follow this link to the Outback Arts' resource page to view vital Aboriginal Arts and Culture Protocol resources <https://www.outbackarts.com.au/resources>
- Applications must have a current certificate of currency for Broadform Liability or 'Public Liability' Insurance.
- Except for local government, all applicants are required to provide a current financial report for your organisation (and your administering body, if applicable) with your application.

## **OUTBACK ARTS PRIORITY AREAS**

The Country Arts Support Program supports the following strategic priority areas:

- Aboriginal artists and creative industry
- Arts and health partnerships
- Artists and Arts worker capacity
- Regional and remote audience development