



South Coast Arts

Country Arts Support Program (CASP)

FUNDING GUIDELINES

KEY DATES

- Applications open TBC
- Applications close TBC
- Projects must be completed by TBC

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Please Note: all applicants must discuss their project with South Coast Arts prior to submission.

OVERVIEW

The Country Arts Support Program (CASP) is an annual small arts program funded by Create NSW and managed by the Regional Art Development Organisations (RADOs). It is guided by the Create NSW 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.

OBJECTIVES

CASP supports 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

THIS GRANT ROUND

Individuals and groups on the South Coast wishing to apply for funds in this round have the opportunity to seed a new creative concept and undertake a research/development process.

Applications that include a mentoring component or community consultation and engagement are encouraged.

While this grant does not require a public outcome, successful applicants will be required to present their ideas and proposed outcomes at a presentation gathering hosted by South Coast Arts following project completion.

ELIGIBILITY – WHO CAN APPLY?

LOCATION

Artists living and/or working on the South Coast of NSW within the Shellharbour City, Kiama and Shoalhaven City local government areas are eligible to apply.

Artists living in the Eurobodalla or Southern Highlands should contact South East Arts and Southern Tablelands RADOs for information regarding their CASP grants.

ENTITIES

- A not-for-profit incorporated body
- An individual or sole trader with ABN
- A collective or group with a nominated administering body to manage the grant

Applicants are required to have a current certificate of currency for 'Public Liability' Insurance

WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

- Individuals and groups based outside the three local government areas
- Interstate organisations
- Professional touring groups
- Commercial enterprises
- Groups/ensembles and unincorporated associations with no administering body
- Organisations that have applied for or received Create NSW funding for the same activity
- Local Government
- Applicants who have not discussed their project with the South Coast Arts RADO

FUNDING RANGE

Grants of up to \$3,000 are available for professional artist fees and associated costs and expenses.

Projects are to take place between 1 November 2023 and 28 July 2024, concluding with a presentation at a networking event organised by South Coast Arts to be held in August/September 2024.

ARTFORMS may include but are not limited to:

- Dance
- Literature
- Multi-art form
- Music
- Theatre
- Visual Arts
- Interdisciplinary collaborations

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

The following components may comprise the development stage:

- Workshops
- Mentoring arrangements
- Experimenting with form or process
- Community consultation
- Community engagement
- Innovative partnerships
- Collaborative/cross-disciplinary processes
- Inter-cultural collaborations
- Professional development

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, awards, prizes, judging
- Fundraising events
- Non arts-related activities
- Prizes and adjudication fees
- Applicants who have already received funding for the same activities
- General operating expenses or ongoing costs of long-term continuous projects
- Projects that have commenced or are completed
- Activities which could be considered part of the curriculum for schools or tertiary institutions

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)

PROCESS

- You must contact the Executive Director, South Coast Arts to discuss your application before it is submitted.
- You need to complete and submit an application form through 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 SmartyGrants by Midnight, TBC. 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 South Coast Arts Assessment Panel.

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.
- 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 Create NSW Aboriginal Arts and Culture Protocols:

<https://www.create.nsw.gov.au/arts-in-nsw/aboriginal-arts-and-culture-protocols/>

- Applications must have a current certificate of currency for Broadform Liability or 'Public Liability' Insurance.

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