

South Coast Arts Funding Guidelines Country Arts Support Program (CASP)

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

Key Dates

Application

- Applications open Monday 27 May 2024
- Applications close Sunday 7 July 2024, at Midnight

Projects

- Projects may not start before 14 October 2024
- Projects must be completed by Friday 30 May 2025

Funding

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

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.

CASP 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

2024 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
- undertake a research/development process

In 2024, preference will be given to applications from young artists (aged under 30 years) and projects targeting young people.

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

Location

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

Artists living in the Eurobodalla or Southern Highlands should contact [South East Arts](#) and [Southern Tablelands Arts](#) 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

Artforms

Eligible artforms include but are not limited to:

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

Activities

The following are examples of the types of activities eligible for funding:

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

Not Eligible

Applicants

Those not eligible to apply are:

- Applicants who have not discussed their project with South Coast Arts
- Individuals and groups based outside the South Coast Arts Region
- Professional touring groups
- Commercial enterprises
- Groups/ensembles and unincorporated associations with no administering body
- Applicants who have already received funding for the same activity
- Local Government

Activities:

Activities not eligible for funding include:

- 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 and fundraising events
- Non arts-related 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

1. Contact the Executive Director, South Coast Arts to discuss your application before it is submitted.
2. Complete an application form through SmartyGrants. You should save your application form regularly and allow plenty of time to review your application before submission.

Application 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://bit.ly/ATSIProtocols>

- Applications must have a current certificate of currency for Broadform Liability or 'Public Liability' Insurance.
3. Submit your application via SmartyGrants by the closing date. Applications will not be accepted after that time.
 4. 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.
 5. Successful applicants to attend and present the outcomes of their completed project at a presentation event held by South Coast Arts