

Creative Arts Quick Response Grants Guidelines

Objectives

This grant aims to provide financial assistance to arts organisations, groups and individuals across all arts forms, who have been impacted by cancellations and lost opportunities due to COVID-19, to adapt their work and practice, deliver works, create new works, develop their skills, or support the Alice Springs arts community.

The objectives of this grant are to:

- Encourage artists and arts organisations to continue to create and deliver works during COVID-19.
- Support artists and arts organisations to be able to adapt and innovate their work and practice within the context of COVID-19.
- Support artists to develop their skills and networks as a way to obtain or attract new work and opportunities.
- Support the sustainability of the creative arts sector in Alice Springs.

What we fund

Council will provide grants of \$2,000 for individuals and \$5,000 for arts organisations, micro businesses and groups across any arts medium. Examples of eligible projects or activities include but are not limited to:

- Performances or creation of new works.
- The adaptation of works and practice in response to COVID-19.
- Support the continuation of programs, activities, works and projects that have been impacted by COVID-19.
- Purchase of equipment and materials required to adapt or create works and support artists' practice
- Arts training, membership or subscription fees, mentoring schemes for skills development, capacity building, professional development, and/or arts management.
- ***Council favourably views projects that purchase materials, equipment or services locally within Alice Springs, where possible (dependent on the scope of the project).**

*See footnote.

Eligibility criteria

- Practicing artists who are working and regularly presenting in the municipality of Alice Springs, and have been impacted by COVID-19. This includes emerging, mid-career or established creatives.

- Non-profit arts organisations or groups located in the municipality of Alice Springs whose work is within the municipality, and have been impacted by COVID-19.
- Arts and creative micro businesses that employ fewer than five but greater than two full time equivalent staff, are located in the municipality of Alice Springs, whose work is within the municipality, and have been impacted by COVID-19.
- All applicants need to have satisfactorily acquitted any previous relevant Alice Springs Town Council funding. Applicants who have already received a 2020 Community Grant are eligible for this funding, but they need to have successfully acquitted their grant if their project has already been completed.
- All applicants require an Australian Business Number (ABN), or a completed Statement by Supplier form with reasoning for not having an ABN as an organisation or practicing artist.
- ***Applications for funding for projects that require authority from a third party (e.g. landlords or building owners) should provide proof of confirmation.**

Ineligible projects, activities and expenses

- Capital works.
- Purchase of equipment unrelated to the project or activity.
- Staffing costs not specifically related to the project or activity.
- Retrospective projects or activities.
- Ongoing operational expenses.
- Religious or political activities.
- Projects or activities that will take place outside the municipality of Alice Springs.
- Events or projects that include alcohol, tobacco or pornography sales or distribution.
- Organisations that are in conflict with Council's policies and responsibilities to the community.
- Activities that occur on a premise licensed for gambling other than for strictly charitable or community activities.
- Organisations, projects or events that operate for commercial purposes.
- Competitions and prizes.
- ***Applications from organisations or micro-businesses that are under administration, liquidation, receivership or any other insolvency proceedings.**

Assessment criteria

All applications will be assessed on the following criteria:

- How has your practice or organisation been impacted by COVID-19?
- Does the project or activity show clearly defined aims and need?
- Does the applicant have the capacity to successfully complete the project or activity?
- Is the budget realistic and complete?
- Does the project or activity have high artistic and/or community merit?

Timeline

- The Creative Arts Quick Response Grants open 9am 31 August 2020 and will remain open until the funds are expended.
- All applications will be assessed and funding determined by the Creative Arts Recovery Grants Committee, which will meet regularly after the grants open.
- Council will aim to process applications as quickly as possible, but is unable to confirm an exact date of when each applicant will be notified on the success of their application.
- Once funding has been expended, the grants program will close, and no further applications will be funded.

Decisions made by the Alice Springs Town Council, with regard to the allocation and endorsement of any funds under the Creative Arts Recovery Grants program, shall be final and no discussion will be entered into.

Acquittal

All grant recipients are required to submit an acquittal form within two months of completion of the project. Recipients of grants \$5000 and above will also be required to do a deputation to Council as part of their acquittal. The acquittal form is available on the Alice Springs Town Council website.

How to apply

Application forms can be downloaded from Alice Springs Town Council's website. Forms can be emailed to astc@astc.nt.gov.au or delivered to the Civic Centre, 93 Todd St.

***Denotes updates made to Creative Arts Grants Guidelines dated 26 October 2020.**