EOI Strategic Arts Program

Access for Artists with Disabilities
Independent Producers and Curators
Industry Development

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Before you submit an Expression of Interest (EOI)

You must speak with an Arts Broker prior to submitting an EOI to ensure your activity meets the eligibility criteria and objectives of the funding category. Applicants may only apply to one category within the program.

Before you submit an EOI you must read these guidelines in conjunction with the Northern Territory Arts Grants Guidelines.

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Grants-Tracker

Successful applicants will be required to submit a full application in Grants-Tracker. If you experience technical difficulties please contact a Systems Officer on (08) 8999 8981 for assistance.

Contact

Contact an Arts Broker at arts.office@nt.gov.au or call 1800 678 237.

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EOI Strategic Arts Program

The Strategic Arts Program supports new initiatives that will deliver on the priorities of Vibrant NT: Arts and Culture in the Northern Territory to grow a sustainable arts sector, market and promote Northern Territory arts and increase opportunities for access and participation in the arts across the NT.

Program Objectives

The Strategic Arts Program supports outstanding and strategic arts industry development proposals that encourage and provide targeted support for artists with a disability, independent producers / curators and arts industry development initiatives.

Funding is offered across three categories:

- **Access for Artists with Disabilities**
- **Independent Producers and Curators**
- **Arts Industry Development**

This initiative will provide targeted support to strategic projects that:

- raise the profile and access of Northern Territory artists;
- showcase diversity of the NT’s arts sector;
- strengthen sustainability for independent arts practice and emerging social enterprises;
- seed fund pilots / innovative or emerging creative social enterprises to move to sustainable business models; and
- support the development of an innovative, capable and sustainable arts industry.

Eligibility

Applicants must be current residents of the Northern Territory. Evidence of residential status may be requested by way of driver’s license, power bill, electoral roll registration etc.

Employees of the Northern Territory Government are ineligible where there is a direct conflict of interest. Employees of the Department of Tourism and Culture are ineligible to apply.

Organisations currently receiving annual or multiyear arts organisation or operational funding from Arts NT, the Department of Tourism and Culture and/or annual or multiyear arts organisation or operational funding from other federal programs delivered by the Australia Council for the Arts or Department of Communications and the Arts (previously Ministry for the Arts) are eligible to apply.

Organisations currently 'on notice' with Arts NT are not eligible to apply.

**Note:** In line with the Northern Territory Arts Grants Guidelines funding cannot be used for:

- purchasing capital equipment or real estate;
- the restoration or conservation of cultural material; and
- research or studio work that will be offered for academic assessment.

Application Process

Expressions of Interest (EOI) will be invited from 2 May 2017 for activities commencing from 1 July 2017. Email EOI directly to arts.office@nt.gov.au by close of business, 29 May 2017 on the template provided.

Before applying you should:

- read the arts and culture policy Vibrant NT Arts and Culture in the Northern Territory
- read the Northern Territory Arts Grants Guidelines
- be familiar with the arts funding requirements if your proposal includes Indigenous artistic and cultural practice or activities involving children (read section Indigenous Cultural Content and Working with Children of the Northern Territory Arts Grants Guidelines)
- discuss your proposal with an Arts Broker on 1800 678 237.

Support Materials

To strengthen your proposal you should supply:

- current CV/s;
- images of work relating to your proposal; and
- any other relevant promotional material, business or marketing plans.
- letters of support
The inclusion of artistic support material provided with your submission will be vital for the EOI as the Assessment Panel may not be familiar with you and your work. EOI are assessed on the basis of merit against the assessment criteria and the information provided.

Artistic support material can include images, video or audio samples of current or previous work relevant to the proposal. Support material must be provided in an electronic format compatible with PCs.

Letters of support will be accepted and should be kept to one page per letter, with a maximum of three letters per proposal. Only letters relevant to this opportunity are useful for the assessment.

Acknowledgement

Recipients receiving support through the Northern Territory Government must prominently acknowledge this support in all media and marketing activities. Where it is not possible to display the logo, funding must be acknowledged by using the phrase:

*Proudly sponsored by the Northern Territory Government.*

For more information on how to acknowledge Northern Territory Government funding please visit:


Key Dates

**Expression of Interest:**
Opens 2 May 2017
Closes 29 May 2017

**Notification date:**
June 2017

**Commencement date:**
after 1 July 2017

Contact

You must speak with an Arts Broker prior to submitting an EOI.

To speak to an Arts Broker and to submit an EOI please call Arts NT on 1800 678 237 or go to page 2 for contact information.
Access for Artists with Disabilities

Funding of up to $20 000 is available to Northern Territory artists with disabilities for projects that directly support the priorities and objectives of VibrantNT: Arts and Culture in the Northern Territory.

The EOI must demonstrate how the project will deliver against the objectives of the National Arts Disability Strategy, which underpins the Northern Territory Arts Access program, being:

- Access and Participation
- Arts and Cultural Practice
- Audience Development
- Strategic Development

The grant may support activities such as:

- The development of new artistic work for presentation such as recording, performance workshops or studio time to create new work for a specific public outcome;
- Inclusive event program content and experiences that increase participation and access opportunities specifically for artists with disabilities;
- Showcasing and audience development opportunities which are significant to promote the artists or arts organisations work
- Business planning, research projects, the development of a website, social media platforms or other marketing strategy;
- Seed funding for a pilot / innovative or emerging creative social enterprise partnership with the private sector that has potential to move to a commercial or sustainable business model and increase employment for artists with disabilities.

EOIs will be accepted from an individual on behalf of a creative collective where evidence of the collective is clearly demonstrated. Individuals or groups will need to nominate an administering body for grants over $10 000. For more information read the Northern Territory Arts Grants Guidelines

Category Objectives

- Create inclusive opportunities to increase participation and access for artists with disabilities;
- Raise the profile of Northern Territory artists with disabilities and showcase NT’s diverse arts sector;
- Develop and grow audiences for work created by artists with disability;
- Support innovative and sustainable creative industries for arts access; and
- Support strategic partnerships, increased private sector support and employment for artists with disabilities.

Assessment Criteria

EOI will be assessed against the following criteria:

- How well the proposal meets the program and category objectives.
- Quality of artistic outcomes.
- Benefits to the applicant and their arts practice.
- Benefits for the development and sustainability of the arts and disability sector.
- Benefits to the Northern Territory community.
- Effective project planning including use of resources, and a clear budget.
- Capacity and skills of the applicant and supporting facilitators/or participants.
- How well the proposal aligns to priorities of the Northern Territory’s arts and cultural policy Vibrant NT Arts and Culture in the Northern Territory

Eligibility

Individuals, groups or organisations are invited to apply.

For this grant opportunity, applicants need to have worked with the arts sector for more than five years in the Northern Territory. This may include arts producers, arts facilitators, arts managers, consultants, curators, established artists and arts organisations.

Key Dates

Expression of Interest: Closes 29 May 2017
Notification date: June 2017
Commencement date: 1 July 2017
Independent Producers and Curators

Funding of up to $20,000 is available to Northern Territory arts producers and curators for proposals that directly support the priorities and the objectives of the arts and culture policy: **Vibrant NT Arts and Culture in the Northern Territory**.

Applicants may include independent arts practitioners such as arts producers, arts facilitators, arts managers, consultants, curators and established artists. Creative collectives or groups may apply however groups formed without legal status must nominate an individual group member as the applicant to be legally and financially responsible for the grant on behalf of the group.

The grant may support activities such as:

- creating a business plan for the next phase of the producer or curators work or practice;
- showcasing or market development opportunities which are significant to the producer or curators career and supported by a business and or marketing plan;
- development of the independent practice such as the development of a website, social media platforms, marketing strategy, feasibility plan or strategies to support a career path; and
- seed funding for a pilot / innovative or emerging creative social enterprise to move to a sustainable business model.

The development of new artistic work for presentation is not supported through this opportunity and will be directed to existing grant programs.

Category Objectives

- raise the profile of Northern Territory artists and showcase NT’s arts sector;
- strengthen sustainability for independent arts practice; and
- support the development of innovative and sustainable creative industries or enterprise development.

Eligibility

Independent producers or curators are invited to apply.

Applicants must have worked with the arts sector for more than five years in the Northern Territory.

*Note:* EOIs will be accepted from an individual on behalf of a creative collective where evidence of the collective is clearly demonstrated. Individual producers or curators need to nominate an administering body for grants over $10,000. For more information read the [Northern Territory Arts Grants Guidelines](#).

Organisations currently receiving annual or multiyear operational funding from Arts NT, the Department of Tourism and Culture and/or annual or multiyear operational funding from other federal programs delivered by the Australia Council for the Arts or Department of Communications and the Arts (previously Ministry for the Arts) are not eligible to apply.

Assessment Criteria

EOI will be assessed against the following criteria:

- How well the proposal meets the program objectives.
- Quality of artistic and/or arts business outcomes.
- Benefits to the applicant and their independent arts practice.
- Benefits to the Northern Territory community.
- Effective project planning including use of resources, and a clear budget.
- Capacity and skills of the applicant and supporting facilitators/or participants.
- How well the proposal aligns to priorities of the Northern Territory’s arts and cultural policy [Vibrant NT Arts and Culture in the Northern Territory](#).

Key Dates

**Expression of Interest:**
Closes 29 May 2017

**Notification date:** June 2017

**Commencement date:** 1 July 2017
Industry Development

Funding of up to $100 000 is available to Northern Territory leading arts organisations for proposals that directly support the priorities and the objectives of the arts and culture policy: **Vibrant NT Arts and Culture in the Northern Territory**.

Arts organisations are invited to submit an EOI for projects demonstrating clear and considered outcomes for the activation and capacity building of the NT arts industry including but not limited to:

- Audience development
- Strategic development
- Partnership development
- Indigenous engagement

The grant may support activities such as:

- The development and implementation of new strategic partnerships.
- Employment initiatives that address key access areas and current NTG priorities.
- Training and capacity building initiatives that address existing gaps.

Eligibility

Leading Arts organisations funded under a triennial agreement with Arts NT are eligible to apply. Applicants must demonstrate a strong track record of achievement and the capacity to deliver.

Organisations currently ‘on notice’ with Arts NT are not eligible for this opportunity.

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- the restoration or conservation of cultural material; and
- research or studio work that will be offered for academic assessment.

Category Objectives

- Raise the profile of the Northern Territory Arts Industry and significantly showcase NT’s diverse arts sector and build audiences;
- Strong activation of the NT arts industry, through partnerships and the development of effective NT cultural networks; and
- Exceptional capacity building and sustainable development for the NT arts industry.

Assessment Criteria

EOI will be assessed against the following criteria:

- How well the proposal meets the program objectives.
- Quality of arts industry development outcomes.
- Benefits to the Northern Territory community.
- Effective project planning including use of resources, and a clear budget.
- Capacity and skills of the applicant and supporting facilitators/or participants.
- How well the proposal aligns to priorities of the Northern Territory’s arts and cultural policy **Vibrant NT Arts and Culture in the Northern Territory**

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