



Australian Government

Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development and Communications
Office for the Arts

Arts Industry Support Package—Support Act: crisis relief to artists, crew and music workers

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Summary

The \$10 million contribution to the performing arts industry charity Support Act will enable it to provide immediate crisis relief to artists, crew and music workers affected by the COVID-19 crisis.

The shutdown of gigs, music festivals and live performances worldwide has had a devastating impact on Australian performing artists and the network that supports them. Their income has reduced to zero almost overnight. Support Act is the only Australian charity delivering crisis relief services for people who work in the Australian music and broader arts industry who are experiencing ill health, injury, or a crisis that affects their ability to work.

This support from the Australian Government will enable Support Act to roll out much needed emergency support immediately.

Funding

Eligibility

Assistance from Support Act will provide emergency support to musicians, artists, technicians, sound engineers, roadies and other support workers in the live performance industry who have been affected by the shutdown of venues, festivals and other events in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

Timing

Funding will be delivered to Support Act in 2019–20 so that it can begin providing support to the sector immediately.

Administration

Funding will be provided to Support Act through a funding agreement administered by the Office for the Arts within the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications.

For more information email music@arts.gov.au.