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# Arts Industry Support Package— supporting Indigenous visual arts centres

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## Summary

The \$7 million contribution to the Indigenous Visual Arts Industry Support (IVAIS) Program will support Indigenous Art Centres and Indigenous Art Fairs during the COVID-19 crisis and beyond. Payments will be made directly to IVAIS-funded Indigenous Art Centres and IVAIS-funded Art Fairs to maintain operations and employment levels, ensuring that they continue to support artists and their communities.

Because of travel restrictions and the impact on tourism, as well as the economic downturn, Indigenous Art Centres throughout Australia will not be able to achieve normal sales in the peak tourism and art sales season. The *Supporting Indigenous Visual Arts Centres* measure will ensure that IVAIS-funded Indigenous Art Centres are well-placed to re-enter the market once the COVID-19 crisis has passed, and that IVAIS-funded Art Fairs are in place to assist to build the market for art by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

## Funding

### Eligibility

Grants will be provided to Indigenous Art Centres and Indigenous Art Fairs that already receive funding through the IVAIS Program.

Payments of up to \$85,000 will be made to each IVAIS-funded Indigenous Art Centre, spread across 2019–20 and 2020–21. Payments of up to \$70,000 will be made to each IVAIS-funded Indigenous Art Fair in 2020–21.

### Timing

Art Centres will receive the funds across two payments—one in 2019–20 and one in 2020–21. Art Fairs will receive one payment in 2020–21.

## Administration

Funding recipients do not need to apply for funding. Payments will be made directly to IVAIS-funded Indigenous Art Centres and IVAIS-funded Indigenous Art Fairs through the IVAIS Program.

Funding will be tied to existing funding agreements with IVAIS-funded Art Centres and IVAIS-funded Art Fairs, administered by the Office for the Arts within the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications.

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