



Australian Government

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

Arts Industry Support Package—crisis relief for regional arts

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Summary

The \$10 million measure for the Regional Arts Fund will provide crisis relief and targeted support to organisations, artists and arts workers that are critical to delivering the arts to communities in regional and remote areas.

Regional communities have been severely affected by the shutdown of arts venues and restrictions on tourism. There is a need for targeted support that meets the unique needs of these communities through the arts organisations and artists who serve them.

This support from the Australian Government will allow Regional Arts Australia to support artists, arts workers and small-to-medium entities outside Australia's metropolitan centres to be adaptable and productive throughout this period of crisis, in response to the needs of their communities. It will also assist them to develop new ways of working and establish new networks and resources for communities.

Regional Arts Australia is an established not-for-profit body with an intimate understanding of the challenges that regional organisations face as a focal point for communities, and their artistic and cultural identity. These organisations serve as community pillars, often in partnership with health, education and employment services.

Projects will need to demonstrate community need and respond to the requirements over coming months to provide relief now, as well as recovery later, from the effects of the COVID-19 crisis.

Funding

Eligibility

Assistance delivered through the Regional Arts Fund will provide targeted support to arts organisations and artists in regional and remote Australia whose communities have been affected by shutdowns in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

Timing

Funding will be delivered through the Government's Regional Arts Fund in the 2019–20 financial year.

Administration

Funding will be delivered through the existing Regional Arts Fund framework. This comprises Regional Arts Australia and a network of state- and territory-based regional program administrator organisations that deliver the funding to arts organisations and artists on behalf of the Australian Government. Funding to Regional Arts Australia will be delivered through an agreement administered by the Office for the Arts within the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications.

You will be able to find the funding guidelines for grant applications on the websites of the organisations that deliver the program in each state and territory:

NSW: [Regional Arts NSW](#)

VIC: [Regional Arts Victoria](#)

QLD: [Flying Arts Alliance Inc](#)

WA: [Country Arts WA](#)

SA: [Country Arts SA](#)

TAS: [RANT Arts Ltd](#)

NT: [Darwin Community Arts](#)

ACT: [artsACT](#)

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