

Community partnerships

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The Australia Council supports community arts and cultural development through the community partnerships section. In 2007-08, we invested more than \$5.4 million in community arts and cultural development. This support takes the form of grants to individual artists, financial and operational support to community and community arts organisations, support for key producer companies and community partnership support services, and strategic initiatives to build capacity across the sector.

Community partnerships priorities

The community partnerships committee has identified a number of priority areas. All applications must address at least one of the following: regional Australia, disability, young people, cultural diversity, emerging communities, Indigenous people, remote Indigenous communities, and specific social and cultural issues.

Grants

Prospective applicants to all community partnerships grant categories should speak with community partnerships staff before applying.

Project and professional development

Community partnerships

Applications open: anytime from 1 February to 7 September 2009*

Decisions advised: May, August and November 2009

Amount: up to \$20,000

Project and professional development grants provide funding for community arts and cultural development projects that involve a range of partners and may be for public presentation. Individuals, groups and organisations are welcome to apply, including individuals pursuing professional development opportunities.

Projects with public outcomes

Community partnerships

Applications open: anytime from 1 February to 7 September 2009*

Decisions advised: May, August and November 2009

Amount: \$20,000 to \$35,000

Projects with public outcomes grants support community arts and cultural development projects that involve partners across sectors and have strong public participation outcomes. Individuals, groups or organisations are welcome to apply, provided they have sought financial support or co-funding from other sources.

Creative producer

Community partnerships

Applications close: 25 May 2009

Decisions advised: August 2009

Projects to start: 1 January 2010

Amount: \$45,000

Up to two creative producer grants will be offered for producers to deliver community arts and cultural development projects by working with artists and communities to create and present works.

Kirk Robson Awards

Community partnerships

Nominations close: 25 May 2009

Decisions advised: August 2009

Amount: \$10,000

The Kirk Robson Awards recognise leadership among young community arts and culture practitioners. Named for community cultural leader Kirk Robson, whose life was cut short tragically in 2005, the Kirk Robson Awards acknowledge leadership in community cultural development in the areas of inclusiveness, consensus, self-determination, reconciliation and social justice. Artists and arts workers aged 30 and under can be nominated for the award.

Ros Bower Award

Community partnerships

Nominations close: 25 May 2009

Decisions advised: August 2009

Amount: \$50,000

The Ros Bower Award recognises distinguished community arts and cultural development practitioners who foster and further the ideals of Ros Bower, the pioneer of the Australia Council's community arts section. Outstanding artists and arts workers can be nominated for the award.

Program

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Applications close: 25 May 2009

Decisions advised: August 2009

Program grants provide one-year funding for community arts and cultural development organisations that have a track record of delivering innovative projects with cross-sector partners. Organisations that have more than 40 percent of their funding from other sources are eligible to apply. Funding is for the 2010 calendar year.

Initiatives

Partnership development

Community partnerships

Applications open: anytime (no closing date)

Amount: up to \$5000

The partnership development initiative provides seed funding to support the development of cross-sector partnerships that will enable future projects. Artists, groups and organisations are welcome to apply. This category does not support professional development, project production or presentation.

Creative communities partnerships

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Applications open: anytime (no closing date)

Amount: \$50,000 to \$600,000

Creative communities partnerships support major community arts and cultural development projects of excellence that deliver to community partnerships priority areas, align arts and non-arts partners and have clear outcomes that extend beyond the life of the project. The first phase of the application involves discussing the project with community partnerships staff and submitting a proof of concept. The second phase follows an invitation to present a full written application.

*For the project categories there are three assessment rounds between 1 February and 7 September 2009. Check our website for details.