**First Nations Commissioning Fund**

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**Is this funding only for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants?**

Applicants must be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples or organisations to be eligible to apply to the First Nations Commissioning Fund. This fund is part of the Backing Indigenous Arts (BIA) initiative, which aims to support sustainable and ethical Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts industries.

Arts Queensland encourages applicants to consider working in collaboration or partnership with other artists, groups and organisations where appropriate to develop new works.

Non-Indigenous artists, collectives or organisations can pursue other funding opportunities available, including [Queensland Arts Showcase Program](https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/arts/funding/organisations/arts-showcase) (QASP), [First Night Showcase - Bulmba-ja](https://www.arts.qld.gov.au/aq-funding/first-nights-showcase) and [Playing Queensland Fund](https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/arts/funding/organisations/playing).

In response to COVID-19, Arts Queensland has also released several COVID-19 specific funding. Visit [www.arts.qld.gov.au/aq-funding](http://www.arts.qld.gov.au/aq-funding) to see if there may be other funds that suit your project/activity.

**Can I submit one application to deliver multiple activities?**

Applications to the First Nations Commissioning Fund are limited to one successful application per calendar year/round and can be for a singular project or a program of connected activities such as a workshop or festival program.

**Applying as an existing recipient of Arts Queensland funding**

If your organisation is the recipient of operational funding through Arts Queensland, your application must demonstrate how the activity differs from what the organisation is currently funded to deliver. These applicants should not include general administration/operational costs in their First Nations Commissioning Fund application.

**What does ‘in-kind’ mean in the budget section?**

In-kind resources are services, expertise, materials and time that are contributed to your project but do not receive payment through the project funding.

Including in-kind and financial contributions in your application budget is important in demonstrating to the First Nations Commissioning Fund Assessment Panel that you/your organisation and/or other partners are committed and contributing to your project in addition to receiving funding.

**Does this fund have a matched funding ratio?**

There is not a specific amount you must contribute to the project budget in the application nor is there a matched funding ratio, however in-kind and cash contributions are important and highly favoured during the assessment process. Please note that if you are applying for a large-scale commission (up to $100,000), you cannot apply for 100% of project costs.