

## Queensland Arts Showcase Program – Guidelines

The Queensland Arts Showcase Program (the Fund) focuses on growing a vibrant arts scene across the state, ensuring Queenslanders' can access high quality experiences that celebrate local artists and stories, and grow the state's cultural reputation.

### Fund objectives

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The objectives of the Queensland Arts Showcase Program are to:

- Support the development and presentation of new arts and cultural works by Queensland artists, organisations, and communities
- Strengthen skills development, and provide new employment and career development opportunities for Queensland artists and arts workers
- Support inclusive and accessible arts experiences for Queenslanders
- Grow a pipeline of high-quality arts and cultural products, and experiences.

### What the funding can be used for

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The Fund supports applications from individuals and organisations for a broad range of projects and programs across visual arts, craft and design; performing arts; fashion, textiles and design; and writing:

- Creative development of new work
- Production, presentation and distribution of new work
- Skills development programs for artists and arts workers
- Arts-led community engagement projects or programs

The Fund will also support costs towards artistic collaboration with a nationally or internationally significant artist or company for an outcome in Queensland.

In addition, applicants have the option to apply for fees for the commissioning of new live or recorded music as part of their project.

### Funding available

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- For single year projects - up to **\$70,000** for projects and programs for up to 12 months.
- For two-year projects up to **\$150,000** to support the development and delivery of single projects and programs across financial years. These are projects and programs that need a larger and/or longer scale of development of up to two-years and include presentation and/or distribution.

**PLUS** up to **\$10,000** towards fees for Queensland-based composers, musicians or librettists to support the commissioning of new live or recorded music as part of your project

### Eligibility

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Please refer to the Arts Queensland [General Funding Guidelines](#) for general eligibility criteria.

In addition, the Fund requires that applicants must:

- not receive Arts Queensland funding of more than \$1.5 million per annum
- **not** be an Arts Statutory Body or Arts Owned Company.

Applicants may only receive one Queensland Arts Showcase Program grant per calendar year.

## Ineligible costs

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In addition to the items listed in the General Funding Guidelines you **cannot** apply for:

- agents' fees, or management fees for participating artists
- equipment purchases or digital upgrades over \$3,000 (excluding GST)
- rent and utilities
- expenses associated with core staff involved in funded activities including fees or wages, travel, accommodation and living-away-from-home allowances.

## Assessment Criteria

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Peer assessors will assess applications against the following general criteria:

### **High quality**

- Creative idea or concept is innovative and will deliver high quality arts and cultural work or experiences
- Professionals involved are highly skilled and well regarded
- Includes collaborators and partners who will help create great outcomes

### **Strong impact**

- Creates new employment opportunities and skills development for Queensland artists and arts workers
- Builds new audiences and markets and reputation for Queensland arts and cultures
- Responds to community needs and helps deliver government priorities including the principles of the [Cultural Engagement Framework](#)

### **Sustainable value**

- Demonstrates value for money, sound governance, and ethical business practices, including paying amount not less than industry award rates, recommended or agreed minimum rates, and adhering to cultural protocols
- Proposed activity has a strong delivery plan including understanding potential risks and their management
- Will contribute to the sustainability and growth of Queensland's arts and cultural sector

## Submitting your application

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You can submit your application, along with project timeframe, budget, and support materials including letters of support, artist biographies/CVs, examples of prior work and appropriate cultural permissions online through SmartyGrants: <https://artsqueensland.smartygrants.com.au>

Applications must be submitted by the Fund closing date as outlined below:

### **Key application dates**

	Open	Close	Notification	Activity Start Date
<b>Round 7</b>				
(single and two-year projects)	3 March 2025	<b>2pm</b> , 14 April 2025	Mid July 2025	From 1 August 2025

**For support** with technical issues related to the online application, please contact an Arts Queensland Grants Officer on telephone (07) 3034 4016 or toll free 1800 175 531 or email [investment@arts.qld.gov.au](mailto:investment@arts.qld.gov.au).

Note: Arts Queensland reserves the right to modify the Fund Guidelines at any time. Applicants will be notified of changes.