

WA ARTS OPPORTUNITIES

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Arts Activities in Regional Communities

Western Australian Government

Funding for projects that support participation in, access to and creation of arts and culture in regional Western Australia. For arts and cultural projects in regional WA that align with the following objectives:

- Increase access to and/or participation in arts and culture in regional Western Australia.
- Provide employment opportunities, skills development or/and career pathways for regional Western Australian artists and arts workers.
- Encourage development of regional creative and cultural industries including cultural tourism.
- Support community led activities and creative developments.
- Contribute to social inclusion, wellbeing, cohesion and vibrancy in regional WA communities.

Deadline: 9 October, 2025

Amount: Up to \$60,000

Further details: [Arts Activities in Regional Communities](#)

You can contact the Department to discuss your proposal:

Email: grantsprogramsca@cits.wa.gov.au



Arts Fund Grants

American Australian Association

Arts Fund Grants support emerging or early career artists pursuing or planning to pursue artistic development in the Australia to USA and USA to Australia direction. These Grants will provide support of up to US \$5,000 to artists in the fields of theatre, film, television, dance, music, visual arts, design, literature, photography and fashion. Grants funds may be used toward travel, living, tuition and other costs associated with the artistic development abroad. Two rounds are open each year for application, of which both American and Australian Artists may apply.

Deadline: 30 September 2025

Amount: Up to US\$5,000

Further details: [Arts Fund Grants](#)

You can contact the American Australian Association to discuss your proposal:

Email: scholarships@americanaustralian.org

Phone: +1 212 338 6860 x 205

Arts Projects for Individuals and Groups

Creative Australia

This program funds projects that deliver benefits to the arts sector and wider public, including national and international audiences and communities. A range of activities can be funded, for example: the creation of new work, productions, festivals, exhibitions, performances, publishing, recording, touring, experimentation, creative development, promotion and marketing, practice based research, market development activity, collaborations and exchanges and professional skills development, including mentoring and residencies. Activities can take place nationally, internationally, online, or in a combination of in-person and online.

Deadline: 2 September 2025

Amount: \$10,000 to \$50,000

Further details: [Arts Projects for Individuals and Groups](#)

You can contact Creative Australia to discuss your proposal:

Phone: 02 9215 9000

Online: <https://creative.gov.au/about-us/contact-us/>



Arts Projects for Organisations

Creative Australia

This program funds a range of activities that deliver benefits to the arts sector and wider public, including national and international audiences and communities. Organisations that undertake arts programs, projects, or that provide services to artists, are welcome to apply.

Organisations can propose a single project, a suite of projects or an annual program of activity.

A range of activities can be funded, for example: the creation of new work, productions, festivals, exhibitions, performances, publishing, recording, touring, experimentation, creative development, promotion and marketing, activities to develop the arts sector, practice-based research, market development activity, collaborations and exchanges and professional skills development, including mentoring and residencies. Activities can take place nationally, internationally, online, or in a combination of in-person and online.

Deadline: 2 September 2025

Amount: \$20,000 to \$100,000

Further details: [Arts Projects for Organisations](#)

You can contact Creative Australia to discuss your proposal:

Phone: 02 9215 9000

Online: <https://creative.gov.au/about-us/contact-us/>

Arts Short Notice Activity Program

Western Australian Government

The Arts Short Notice Activity Program (Arts SNAP) for individuals and groups offers funding for regional, national and international short notice activities for artists and creative industry professionals.

The program supports the growth of a vibrant sector that promotes the participation and active engagement of Western Australian artists and arts workers in high quality arts and cultural opportunities. Grants of up to \$5000 for national and regional opportunities, and up to \$10,000 for international, are available for individuals and groups.

Deadline: 4 December 2025

Amount: up to \$10,000 for international opportunities, up to \$5,000 for regional and national opportunities

Further details: [Arts Short Notice Activity Program](#)

You can contact the Department to discuss your proposal:

Email: grantsprogramsca@cits.wa.gov.au



Australian Cultural Fund

Creative Australia

The Australian Cultural Fund (ACF) is a fundraising platform for Australian artists. Through the ACF, artists upload their project, start their fundraising campaign and invite art lovers and supporters to donate with 100% of donations going directly towards artists' creative projects. Through the ACF you can offer tax deductibility to your donors. The ACF has helped raise millions of dollars for Australian artists, enabling a wide range of projects to come to life and offering support to Australia's cultural sector.

Deadline: Always open

Further details: [Australian Cultural Fund](#)

You can contact Creative Australia to discuss your proposal:

Phone: 02 9215 9000

Online: <https://australianculturalfund.org.au/contact/>

Australian Screen Festivals Fund 2025-2028

Screen Australia

Screen Australia is now accepting applications for festivals (up to three years of funding) which exhibit unique benefits to the Australian screen industry and to Australian audiences.

These festivals must demonstrate an understanding of changes in audience engagement, and how they will have an impact on their audience or within their particular niche.

Screen Australia is interested in receiving applications from organisers of festivals which are innovative and forward-focused.

Deadline: There are four application rounds per financial year

Amount: Various

Further details: [Australian Screen Festivals Fund 2025-2028](#)

You can contact Screen Australia to discuss your proposal:

Phone: 1800 507 901

Email: industrydevelopment@screenaustralia.gov.au



Contemporary Music Fund

Western Australian Government

The Contemporary Music Fund (CMF) assists homegrown contemporary music artists with projects that enable them to produce and promote their work, along with building links nationally and internationally.

Deadline: 4 December 2025

Amount:

- Up to \$15,000 for international touring/showcasing opportunities
- Up to \$10,000 for regional and national touring/showcasing opportunities
- Up to \$5,000 for Professional development opportunities

Further details: [Contemporary Music Fund](#)

You can contact the Department to discuss your proposal:

Email: grantsprogramsca@cits.wa.gov.au

Co-Production Program

Screen Australia

The Co-Production Program has been put in place to encourage production and foster partnerships between international filmmakers.

In allowing two or more international producers to come together to make a screen project, it provides them with the opportunities to access the resources required to produce projects that will be internationally competitive. The objective of the program is to foster projects that will be truly international in terms of storytelling, budget ranges and the audiences to which they appeal.

Official Co-Productions are made under formal arrangements between Australia and the governments of various countries.

Further details: [Co-Production Program](#)

You can contact Screen Australia to discuss this program:

Phone: +61 2 8113 1042

Email: pocu@screenaustralia.gov.au



Creativity for Schools

Western Australian Government

The Creativity for Schools Program offers funding support to connect Western Australian creatives with schools.

Creativity for Schools supports activities using arts-based practice to engage students in their learning beyond arts curriculum areas. The two program categories, Collaboration and Residency, will support access, participation and overall engagement for students (K to 12) in transformative creative learning experiences. They will also develop educators to use creative pedagogy across curriculum areas and beyond.

Deadline: 11 September 2025

Amount: Up to \$20,000 for residencies and up to \$60,000 for collaborations

Further details: [Creativity for Schools](#)

You can contact the Department to discuss your proposal:

Email: creativelearning@cits.wa.gov.au

Cultural Gifts Program

Office for the Arts

The Cultural Gifts Program offers tax incentives to encourage people to donate cultural items to public art galleries, museums, libraries and archives in Australia. If you have an item recognised as important to Australia's culture you can donate it and receive a tax deduction. Donations include paintings, books, sculptures, installations, new media, manuscripts, personal papers, jewellery, ceramics, technological or scientific collections.

Deadline: Always open

Further details: [Cultural Gifts Program](#)

You can contact the Office for the Arts to discuss your proposal:

Phone: 02 6271 7106

Email: cgp.mail@arts.gov.au



Documentary Development Program

Screen Australia

The aim of Screen Australia's Documentary Development program is to assist documentary makers in achieving planned outcomes for the development of their projects. The program primarily supports one-off and series documentaries, including online and VR. This could include:

- Further research
- Writing the next draft of a script or treatment
- Strategic shooting and/or editing to attract marketplace finance for the next stage of development or production; or compiling a sizzle reel.

Deadline: Any time

Amount: Up to \$30,000

Further details: [Documentary Development Program](#)

You can contact Screen Australia to discuss your proposal:

Phone: 1800 507 901

Email: documentary@screenaustralia.gov.au

Documentary Production Program

Screen Australia

The Producer Program supports the production and completion of one-off documentaries and series for distribution across broadcast, festival, theatrical, digital, XR and online platforms. Projects must have a minimum budget of \$125,000 in total and Screen Australia's maximum contribution is \$500,000. Finance does not have to be confirmed at application. While marketplace commitment is not required at application, expressions of interest from marketplace are encouraged. Screen Australia can be 'first in'.

Deadline: Any time

Amount: Up to \$500,000

Further details: [Documentary Production Program](#)

You can contact Screen Australia to discuss your proposal:

Phone: 1800 507 901

Email: documentary@screenaustralia.gov.au



Emerging Gamemakers Fund

Screen Australia

The Emerging Gamemakers Fund offers flexible support to emerging independent games practitioners as well as established gamemakers who are interested in exploring creative and artistic experimentation within their practice.

It can fund the creation of a prototype or the completion and release of a micro-scale game.

Deadline: The program runs as a series of rounds from financial year 2023/24 until financial year 2026/27

Amount: Up to \$30,000

Further details: [Emerging Gamemakers Fund](#)

You can contact Screen Australia to discuss your proposal:

Phone: 1800 507 901

Email: games@screenaustralia.gov.au

First Nations Screen Development

Screen Australia

Screen Australia supports the development of screen projects by First Nations Australians through the following funding programs:

- **First Nations Feature Development:** Writers or teams with demonstrated experience and an idea they wish to explore in the longer feature format.
- **First Nations TV Drama Development:** Writers or teams with demonstrated experience and a strong TV drama idea; supports the creation of appropriate written and/or visual materials to ensure projects are as strong as possible when competing for production finance
- **First Nations Documentary Development:** Individual practitioners or teams with some experience; emerging practitioners are encouraged to apply; supports the creation of appropriate written and/or visual materials to ensure projects are as strong as possible when competing for production finance

Amount: Various

Further details: [First Nations Screen Development Funding Programs](#)

You can contact Screen Australia to discuss your proposal:

Phone: 1800 507 901

Email: FirstNations@screenaustralia.gov.au



First Nations Screen Production

Screen Australia

Screen Australia supports the production of resonant drama and documentary projects by First Nations Australians through the following funding programs:

- **First Nations Feature Production:** Producers of feature-length projects on behalf of a team including an experienced Indigenous writer and director, or writer/director; projects must have an acceptable offer to theatrically distribute the project in Australia.
- **First Nations TV Drama Production:** Experienced teams with outstanding television drama projects that have demonstrated potential to reach an audience; local presale for Australian free-to-air or subscription television rights required, with a minimum licence fee of \$440,000 per broadcast hour.
- **First Nations Documentary Production:** Experienced teams with projects based on strong and original ideas; local presale for Australian free-to-air or subscription television rights required, with a minimum licence fee of \$150,000 per broadcast hour.

Deadline: Anytime

Amount: Limited funding available across all First Nations Production Programs

Further details: [First Nations Screen Development Funding Programs](#)

You can contact Screen Australia to discuss your proposal:

Phone: 1800 507 901

Email: FirstNations@screenaustralia.gov.au



First Nations Sector Development Industry Support

Screen Australia

The First Nations Department supports screen sector organisations and agencies to run professional development workshops and special initiatives that will better target the development needs of their local First Nations Australian Screen practitioners. This is an invitation only program that will assist state agencies, and professional development organisations, with a focus on regional and remote based screen practitioners. The intention of the fund is to provide workshops with a focus on up-skilling First Nations Australian writers, directors and producers.

Deadline: Anytime

Amount: Up to \$50,000 per applicant per financial year

Further details: [First Nations Sector Development Industry Support](#)

You can contact Screen Australia for further information:

Phone: 1800 507 901

Email: FirstNations@screenaustralia.gov.au

First Nations Sector Development Internships

Screen Australia

Internships assist practitioners whose careers would benefit from an attachment to a person, production or organisation. This program is designed to assist the career development of talented filmmakers who can demonstrate a strong commitment to a career in the film industry. This is not an entry-level scheme. An internship may take many forms and involve features, documentaries, animation, interactive digital media, TV drama or comedy series. For example:

- a director might attach themselves to a more experienced director on a production
- a producer might spend time in a TV production house to observe the script development and creative management process, or they may wish to work with a more senior producer developing a financing plan for a project of their own
- an animation filmmaker may wish to enhance specific technical or creative skills
- a filmmaker may want to hire a more experienced producer or director as a consultant on their own funded production.

Deadline: Anytime

Amount: Up to \$20,000

Further details: [First Nations Sector Development Internships](#)

You can contact Screen Australia to discuss your proposal:

Phone: 1800 507 901

Email: FirstNations@screenaustralia.gov.au



Games Production Fund

Screen Australia

The Games Production Fund offers flexible support to Australian independent gamemakers and games studios. The grant is aimed at projects that already have an early-stage prototype.

The program allows Screen Australia to respond to the varied needs of gamemakers at different career stages, providing direct funding that will assist studios in meeting their goals and establishing themselves in the international games landscape.

Deadline: The program runs as a series of rounds from financial year 2023/24 until financial year 2026/27

Amount: Up to \$100,000

Further details: [Games Production Fund](#)

You can contact Screen Australia to discuss your proposal:

Phone: 1800 507 901

Email: games@screenaustralia.gov.au

Indigenous Scholarships

American Australian Association

The American-Australian Arts Fund provides support of up to US \$10,000 to emerging Native American, Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian, Aboriginal Australian and Torres Strait Islander artists to study or undertake artistic development in each other's countries respectively. These scholarships and grants support artists in the fields of theatre, film, television, dance, music, visual arts, craft, design, literature, photography and fashion.

The Indigenous Arts Grant program will support one Aboriginal Australian or Torres Strait Islander undertaking or planning to undertake artistic development in any art field, in the United States. This scholarship will provide up to US \$10,000 of support which may be used toward travel, tuition, living expenses and any other associated artistic development costs.

Amount: Up to USD \$10,000

Further details: [Indigenous Arts Grant](#)

You can contact the American Australian Association to discuss your proposal:

Email: scholarships@americaaustralian.org

Phone: +1 212 338 6860 x 205



International Finance Fund

Screen Australia

The International Finance fund provides support to Australian projects with a very high level of global appeal, to assist them to develop pitching materials and strategy, in order to best attract international partnerships and finance in the current market.

It is open to long form drama and documentary projects on any platform which are market ready, have undergone a successful development process and can demonstrate development funding from an arm's length commercial partner.

Deadline: Always open

Amount: \$5,000 to \$20,000

Further details: [International Finance Fund](#)

You can contact Screen Australia to discuss your proposal:

Phone: 1800 507 901

Email: industry@screenaustralia.gov.au

International Marketing Support: Festivals and Awards

Screen Australia

For the promotion of Australian content and talent at the key international festivals and awards events, enabling the enhancement of international marketing strategies in conjunction with other partners.

Limited funding to acknowledge the importance of global strategies for new titles, restricted to their world or international premiere and planned related sales and marketing activities at significant industry events.

Deadline: six weeks in advance of the event.

Amount: up to \$20,000 for feature films and television series and \$10,000 for short films.

Further details: [International Marketing Support: Festivals and Awards](#)

You can contact Screen Australia to discuss your proposal:

Phone: 1800 507 901

Email: industry@screenaustralia.gov.au



International Pitching Forums and Talent Labs

Screen Australia

International Pitching Events and Talent Labs provides support to producers selected for competitive overseas pitching events in order for them to secure finance, production and marketplace partners for Australian projects, or for key creatives invited to attend premium overseas talent labs to enable professional development and to build international industry networks.

Deadline: Always open

Amount: \$5,000 to \$20,000 (depending on duration)

Further details: [International Pitching Forums and Talent Labs](#)

You can contact Screen Australia to discuss your proposal:

Phone: 1800 507 901

Email: industry@screenaustralia.gov.au

Marketing & Manufacturing Grants

Creative Australia

The Music Australia Marketing & Manufacturing Grants is a companion program to the Record Label Development Scheme, aimed at smaller Australian labels. A streamlined opportunity, this grant will provide funding to support the crucial areas of marketing, promotion, manufacturing and distribution for record labels.

These grants are designed to support Australian labels with a minimum of two active Australian artists on their roster. Grants are capped at \$10,000 each.

Deadline: 14 October 2025

Amount: \$2,000 - \$10,000

Further details: [Marketing & Manufacturing Grants](#)

You can contact Creative Australia to discuss this grant opportunity:

Phone: +61 2 9215 9028

Email: musicaustraliagrants@creative.gov.au



Narrative Content Production Program

Screen Australia

The Narrative Content Production Program supports content makers to produce narrative projects for online/direct-to-audience, television and theatrical feature film platforms.

The aims of the Narrative Content Production Program are to support:

- exceptional Australian narrative content for production and release for online/direct-to-audience, television and feature film platforms;
- distinctive storytelling for a range of audiences across different platforms and budget levels;
- talent at different career stages who are connected to the stories they tell and that reflect the breadth of Australia in service of cultural, creative and economic benefits; and
- stories with viable budgets and pathways to audiences locally and/or globally.

Deadline: There are four application rounds per financial year

Amount: Various

Further details: [Narrative Content Production Program](#)

You can contact Screen Australia to discuss your proposal:

Email: production.narrativecontent@screenaustralia.gov.au

Narrative Content Short Film Production

Screen Australia

The Narrative Content Short Film Production Funding Program supports a team of content makers that must include Director, Writer, Producer and, where applicable, Animator, to make a Narrative Content Short Film intended for theatrical festivals. There are two application rounds per financial year.

The aims of Narrative Content Short Film Production Program are to support:

- Australian live action or animated Narrative Short Films for a first and primary window of a theatrical festival outcome;
- talent who are connected to the stories they tell and reflect the breadth of Australia in service of cultural, creative and economic benefits; and
- talent and stories with **viable pathways** to festival audiences locally and/or globally.

Deadline: 30 October 2025

Amount: Minimum funding amount request is \$75,000

Further details: [Narrative Content Short Film Production](#)

You can contact Screen Australia to discuss your proposal:

Email: shortfilm.narrativecontent@screenaustralia.gov.au

Phone: 1800 507 901



National Cultural Heritage Account

Office for the Arts

The National Cultural Heritage Account is a grant program that assists Australian cultural organisations to acquire significant cultural heritage objects that they could not otherwise afford. The National Cultural Heritage Account helps to retain and protect Australia's cultural heritage for future generations and provide public access to important objects that tell a story about our cultural identity. Australian cultural organisations that can care for and provide permanent public access to Australian protected objects have a priority for funding.

Deadline: Always open

Further details: [National Cultural Heritage Account](#)

You can contact the Office for the Arts to discuss your proposal:

Phone: 1800 819 461

Email: movable.heritage@arts.gov.au

Record Label Development Scheme

Creative Australia

The Music Australia Record Label Development Scheme aims to support competitive Australian labels that take risks discovering, developing and promoting Australian talent to local and global markets.

These grants are designed to support Australian labels with a minimum of two active Australian artists on their roster. Grants are capped at \$10,000 each.

Deadline: 14 October 2025 (applicants must be registered in the Creative Australia application management system a minimum of two business days prior)

Amount: \$15,000 - \$125,000

Further details: [Record Label Development Scheme](#)

You can contact Creative Australia to discuss this grant opportunity:

Phone: +61 2 9215 9028

Email: musicaustraliagrants@creative.gov.au



Regional Arts Fund – Next Level Arts Worker Fellowship

Australian Government Regional Arts Fund, delivered by Regional Arts WA

The Next Level Arts Worker Fellowship allows regional arts organisations to apply for \$8,000 towards a professional development opportunity for a young local arts worker aged between 18-26 years old, to help them to develop skills and kickstart their career.

The chosen organisation will host the young person and provide them with mentoring and training to help them gain experience and build their career in regional WA.

Deadline: 10 September 2025

Amount: \$8,000

Further details: [Next Level Arts Worker Fellowship](#)

You can contact Regional Arts WA to discuss your proposal:

Email: vscoponi@regionalartswa.org.au

Regional Arts Fund - Next Level Fellowships

Regional Arts WA

Next Level Fellowships are available to support young regional artists and arts workers to build skills so they can develop and sustain an arts career. Applicants can apply for funding to support creative activity and professional development for a period of one year.

This program is open to applicants from regional and remote Western Australia aged between 18-26. Applicants can be an individual, or a small group of creative collaborators (e.g. a music band, dance group).

Opens: 1 January 2026

Amount: Up to \$8,000

Further details: [Next Level Fellowships](#)

You can contact Regional Arts WA to discuss your proposal:

Phone: 08 9200 4213 or 1800 811 883 (regional freecall)

Email: investment@regionalarts.org.au



Regional Arts Fund – Project Grants

Australian Government Regional Arts Fund, delivered by Regional Arts WA

Project Grants provide major funding for high-quality arts projects benefitting regional or remote artists, arts workers, audiences and communities. The focus of the project could include any area of creative practice, multiple art forms or cross-disciplinary practice. You can apply for funding to support arts projects, professional development for artists and arts workers, and community capacity building projects. Funded projects will meet the objectives of the Regional Arts Fund. The objectives of the Regional Arts Fund are to support and promote participation in, and access to, arts and culture in regional and remote Australia by:

- Encouraging and supporting sustainable economic, social and cultural development in regional communities;
- Developing partnerships and networks which leverage financial and/or in-kind support for specific projects and encourage ongoing collaboration;
- Developing audiences and broadening community engagement with the arts;
- Increasing employment and professional development opportunities for, and raise the profile of, regional and remote artists; and
- Supporting quality and viability of artistic and cultural activity.

Deadline: 18 August 2025

Amount: Up to \$30,000

Further details: [Project Grants](#)

You can contact Regional Arts WA to discuss your proposal:

Email: investment@regionalartswa.org.au



Regional Arts Fund - Quick Response Grants

Australian Government Regional Arts Fund, delivered by Regional Arts WA

Quick Response Grants assist regional artists, arts organisations and communities to take up professional or skills development opportunities, or respond to small project opportunities that arise at short notice.

Deadline: Monthly rounds February - November. Each round opens the first day of the month and closes the final day of the month

Amount: Up to \$3,000 for individuals and up to \$5,000 for organisations

Further details: [Quick Response Grants](#)

You can contact Regional Arts WA to discuss your proposal:

Email: investment@regionalartswa.org.au

Regional Performing Arts

Western Australian Government

Funding to support the development of new performing arts work and touring of existing performing arts work in regional Western Australia. Funding is offered in two streams:

- Made in WA: funding for the development of new performing art works, which are relevant and responsive to regional audiences and communities, that will be premiered in regional venues.
- Playing WA: Funding for the touring of WA produced performing arts shows to regional and remote communities in Western Australia.

Deadline: Opens 2 September 2025

Amount:

- Playing WA: Up to \$150,000
- Made in WA: Up to \$150,000

Further details: [Regional Performing Arts](#)

You can contact the Department to discuss your proposal:

Email: grantsci@cits.wa.gov.au



Screen Industry Partnerships

Screen Australia

Screen Australia is now accepting applications for events, conferences and activities which exhibit unique benefits to the Australian screen industry. These events must demonstrate an understanding of changes in audience engagement and how content is financed, made and delivered. Applications must demonstrate how they will have an impact on their audience/participants, or within their particular area of focus.

Deadline: Always open

Further details: [Screen Industry Partnerships](#)

You can contact Screen Australia to discuss your proposal:

Phone: 1800 507 901

Email: industrydevelopment@screenaustralia.gov.au

