

HEALING ARTS SOUTH AUSTRALIA – SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Eligibility

Individuals, groups and organisations

Applicants must:

- be an individual, group or organisation proposing an activity that showcases, amplifies or extends the health and wellbeing benefits of arts, culture and creativity for South Australians during Healing Arts South Australia (3–9 May 2027)
- be Australian citizens or have permanent resident status
- live in South Australia six months or more per year

Individuals and unincorporated South Australian groups may have their grant auspiced by a recognised incorporated body.

Applications are accepted from South Australian organisations, including those funded through CreateSA and other government Departments.

Local Government and state government agencies are eligible applicants.

Individuals must hold a current ABN and appropriate insurance and accept responsibility for receiving and acquitting grant funds.

Your application will be ineligible if:

- you have an overdue acquittal for a previous grant
- your organisation is insolvent or under administration
- the proposed funded activity falls outside the approved activity period of 3–9 May 2027
- your activation does not align with one or more of the Healing Arts South Australia 2027 key themes and/or target audiences

What you can and can't apply for

Healing Arts South Australia small grants program guidelines

This small grants program provides one-off funding to eligible applicants for activities that align with the themes and outcomes of Healing Arts South Australia.

Both new and existing initiatives are eligible. Projects that are already established may apply for funding to expand, adapt or deepen their impact during Healing Arts South Australia.

Healing Arts South Australia themes

Projects must respond to at least one of the following themes:

- The art to growing up safe and happy
- The art to mental health in a changing world
- The art to connection through culture
- The art to ageing well

Program outcomes

Funded activities should demonstrate how they will contribute to one or more of the following outcomes:

- Support community wellbeing through arts and creative experiences
- Encourage connections between people, communities and creative practice
- Showcase how arts and culture can contribute positively to health and wellbeing
- Foster collaboration between the arts, health, research and community sectors

Audience

Applications that demonstrate meaningful engagement with the priority audiences of Healing Arts South Australia, including the ageing population, artists, culturally and linguistically diverse communities, First Nations peoples, regional communities, and young people, are strongly encouraged.

Funding available

Grants of between \$2,000 and \$20,000 (ex GST) are available.

Projects must:

- Be delivered between 3 May and 9 May 2027
- Be achievable within the proposed timeframe and budget

Funding priorities

For this funding round:

- Priority will be given to projects based in or benefiting regional communities

Eligibility requirements

To be eligible, your project must:

- Demonstrate meaningful community relevance, engagement and participation

- Be financially viable, with a realistic and balanced budget

Ineligible applications

You cannot apply if:

- Your project does not align with Healing Arts South Australia themes or outcomes
- Your activity does not demonstrate genuine community engagement
This includes fundraising events, awards, prize-giving ceremonies and similar activities without a clear participatory or community benefit focus
- Your project is not financially viable

Ineligible expenses

Funding cannot be used for:

- Costs related to tertiary education
- Academic research that does not include a public activation
- Publication of research
- Projects that form part of a higher education course
- Capital expenses, including:
 - Purchase or construction of land or buildings
 - Major building renovations or extensions
 - Purchase of vehicles
 - Installation of permanent fixtures and fittings
 - Etc.

Further Information

If you are unsure whether your project fits within the program, please contact:

healingarts@sa.gov.au

How to apply

Grant applications will need to be submitted via SmartyGrants.

All applicants

1. Check that all previous funding from CreateSA is acquitted (contact us if you are unsure)
2. Read the above guidelines

3. Click on '[Apply Now](#)'
4. Register if you are a new SmartyGrants user
5. If you have an existing SmartyGrants account, you can use it to log in and complete an application
6. Complete the online application form. Upload support material (noting any protocols relevant to your proposed activity, such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander protocols, working with children etc) and information as required
7. Your application can be saved/updated at any time and must be submitted by 5pm on the closing date
8. You will be able to download a pdf of your submitted application

Support material

Support material assists assessors in understanding your application. It should be relevant to your proposal and clearly demonstrate the quality of your activation.

What you must supply

- **Brief bio or organisation profile**
- **Project plan or outline and budget**
A short document outlining what will happen during Healing Arts South Australia, including activities and delivery approach. Please highlight how your project aligns with Healing Arts South Australia theme(s) and outcome(s). Include a timeline or schedule demonstrating the project can be delivered between 3 and 9 May 2027 and a detailed budget and budget notes.

Template available [here](#).

What you can supply

- **Evidence of partnerships**
Contracts, emails, or other supporting documentation evidencing collaboration with:
 - Community groups
 - Artists or facilitators
 - Health or wellbeing organisations
- **Risk management or delivery plan**
Optional, but useful for strengthening your application.

Template available [here](#).

- **Audience or participant evidence**
Survey results, testimonials, or data from previous programs showing community need or interest.
- **Past examples of similar work (if available)**
Photos, videos, reports, or links to previous projects you have delivered.
- **Letters of support or referee details**
From community groups, health organisations, councils, cultural organisations, or partners.
- **Marketing or communications plan**
Outlining how you will attract participants and contribute to Healing Arts South Australia's visibility. Optional, but useful for strengthening your application.

Budget tips

Your budget must be a balanced income and expenditure budget.

Notes to budget can include:

- a list of expenditure items for which CreateSA funding is sought
- a list of expected income and expenses
- detail of calculations for items such as ticket sales and artist fees (Applicants must demonstrate that any revenue generated through the funded project is reasonable and proportionate to the project activities, audience reach and intended outcomes. Budgets should clearly explain how revenue has been calculated and how project income will support the delivery and sustainability of the activity).
- evidence of confirmed financial or in-kind support from other sources
- the timing of notification for unconfirmed funds
- a contingency statement for significant unconfirmed funds
- quotes to support major expenses

Practical tip

You do not need to overload your application. Strong submissions typically include:

- A clear project plan
- A realistic budget and evaluation strategy
- 2 to 4 pieces of relevant supporting evidence (for example images, links, or past work)

Focus on quality and relevance over volume, particularly demonstrating:

- Clear wellbeing impact
- Deliverability within the program timeframe
- Genuine community involvement and participation

After you submit your application

Acknowledgment

You will receive an automated email acknowledging submission of your application.

Assessment

Your application will be assessed against the following criteria:

- The activation demonstrates a measurable contribution to health and wellbeing through arts and culture.
- The activation aligns with one or more of the Healing Arts South Australia key themes.
- The activation demonstrates strong community engagement and participation.
- The activation is feasible and includes clear planning, a realistic budget and the capacity to deliver the project successfully.

Applications will be assessed by a government panel comprising representatives from relevant sectors, such as Arts, Health and other areas aligned with the aims of the program.

Notification and advice

After your application has been assessed, you will be notified of the outcome by email before the commencement of the funded activity. Grant decisions are final and are not subject to appeal.

Regardless of the outcome, all activation organisers are encouraged to participate in Healing Arts South Australia. Organisers will receive a participant pack and benefit from promotion through Healing Arts South Australia communications, including visibility via Jameel Arts & Health Lab and South Australian Government channels.

Successful applicants will:

- enter into a Funding Agreement – return of funding agreements and payment invoices are managed through our online grants portal
- provide an acquittal within three months of the completion of the funding period
- Acknowledge Healing Arts South Australia by using the provided promotional materials and complying with prescribed funding acknowledgement requirements, including the use of approved logos on all marketing, promotional and communication materials.

Grant payments and variations

Tax Invoice

Once you have received notification that your application has been successful you will need to submit (via SmartyGrants) your fully executed funding agreement and a tax compliant invoice made out to:

Department of Premier and Cabinet

Arts and Cultural Policy

CreateSA

Make sure your invoice is dated after the date of the final signature in your fully executed (signed) funding agreement.

[Tax invoice template \(PDF, 103.0 KB\)\(PDF\)](#)

If you have not received a grant from CreateSA in the last two years, or if you have changed address or bank details, you will need to complete a [Vendor Creation Form](#).

Upload the form via SmartyGrants, along with your invoice.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Protocols

CreateSA works with artists and organisations to ensure respect and acknowledgement for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and cultures and does not support activity which misrepresents or appropriates Aboriginal cultural material.

We recommend an approach which includes communication, consultation and consent.

Creative Australia has a [comprehensive framework](#) for respecting Aboriginal arts and culture.

Working with children in art

Artists and arts organisations in receipt of CreateSA funding must understand their legal obligations and establish responsible steps for artists when they involve children in the creation, exhibition or distribution of creative works.

A child is defined as anyone under 18 years.

Adherence to the law and ensuring the safety of children are conditions of funding for projects that CreateSA supports. Applications for activity involving children must demonstrate due consideration of legal and ethical compliance.

Further information is available from:

- Arts Law Centre of Australia information sheet [Children in the creative process](#)

- Creative Workplaces - [Children and young people in the arts.](#)

Respectful behaviour

It is a legal obligation to prevent discrimination, sexual harassment and victimisation in all areas of employment and public life, including education, provision of goods and services, and clubs and associations. This applies to the arts and cultural sector, as much as to business, government and the wider community.

CreateSA is committed to a zero-tolerance approach to all forms of victimisation, bullying and harassment, including sexual harassment.

The [Equal Opportunity Commission](#) provides three main services in South Australia: information, education, and assessing and resolving complaints.

The Equal Opportunity Commission has a free legal advice clinic for people facing discrimination, sexual harassment and victimisation, in partnership with the University of Adelaide. The service provides legal advice on areas of Equal Opportunity law and in drafting legal documentation, statements and preparation for conciliation and Tribunal hearings.

The [Australian Human Rights Commission](#) aims to foster greater understanding and protection of human rights in Australia and to address the human rights concerns of a broad range of individuals and groups. The Commission investigates alleged infringements under federal legislation and their website includes an extensive range of publications and guides.

A number of agencies, organisations and groups in the arts and cultural sector have Codes of Conduct or Codes of Behaviour with the aim of preventing sexual harassment and abuse.

Resources

[Equal Opportunity at Work: A Handbook for Employers in South Australia](#) is a practical guide that includes action checklists and templates for policy, procedure and Code of Conduct documents.

[Theatre Network NSW Code of Behaviour](#)

[Association of Artist Managers Code of Conduct](#)

[Screen Australia Code of Conduct to Prevent Sexual Harassment](#)

[Live Performance Australia Australian Live Performance Industry Code of Practice: Discrimination, Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Bullying](#)

Copyright and intellectual property

All applications must provide details of arrangements relating to copyright and intellectual property associated with the proposed activity. This includes details about

authenticity, cultural ownership and appropriate contracts with artists for the publishing of their work.

Copyright information and advice are available from:

- [Arts Law Centre of Australia](#)
- [Indigenous Art Code](#)
- [Artists in the Black](#)
- [Australian Copyright Council](#)
- [Australasian Performing Right Association](#)
- [Phonographic Performance Company of Australia](#)

Confidential information and Privacy

We collect your personal information as is reasonably necessary for the purposes and functions of:

- administering our grants and funding program
- keeping you informed about relevant upcoming events, grants funding initiatives and outcomes, our services, special events or client feedback surveys as well as our activities in general
- improving our websites and other services.

We comply with the [Government's Information Privacy Principles](#) when dealing with all personal information.

The information that you provide in your application may be used for:

- processing and assessing your application – we will provide the information to the peer assessors
- verifying other funding income for your project – we may provide information to other agencies nominated in your application
- processing, paying and administering your grant
- reviewing and evaluating our funding programs, strategies, plans and services – we may contact you for this purpose
- training
- systems testing and process improvement
- compiling statistics and reports.

The information included in your application is confidential, however, our staff and peer assessors will view details. CreateSA staff and peer assessors are bound by a Code of Conduct.

If your application is successful, the Funding Agreement and associated documents for your project may be audited, which will involve disclosure of such documents, including your personal information, to auditors for audit purposes only.

If your application is successful, your personal details and the details of your application (including support material, the amount of funding you receive, the information you provide in your reports, and text and images relating to the funded activity) may be used, with your consent, for marketing and promotion of funding outcomes and South Australian arts and culture.

This may include publication on our website and/or other Government websites, notifying your local Member of Parliament, the media, local government, the Australia Council for the Arts and State Government agencies.

Branding and promotional packs

Any artists or organisations receiving funding or support from CreateSA as part of Healing Arts South Australia are required to acknowledge this support by including relevant Healing Arts South Australia branding on all marketing, promotional and communication materials. This includes the use of branding assets and templates provided in the promotional packs.

If you have questions, please email us

Healingarts@sa.gov.au