

ACT Government

Arts Activities Funding artsACT

June 2023

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Acknowledgement of Country

The ACT Government acknowledges the Ngunnawal People as the Traditional Custodians of the ACT and recognises any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region.

We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.

We would also like to acknowledge and welcome other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who may be attending today's event.

Overview



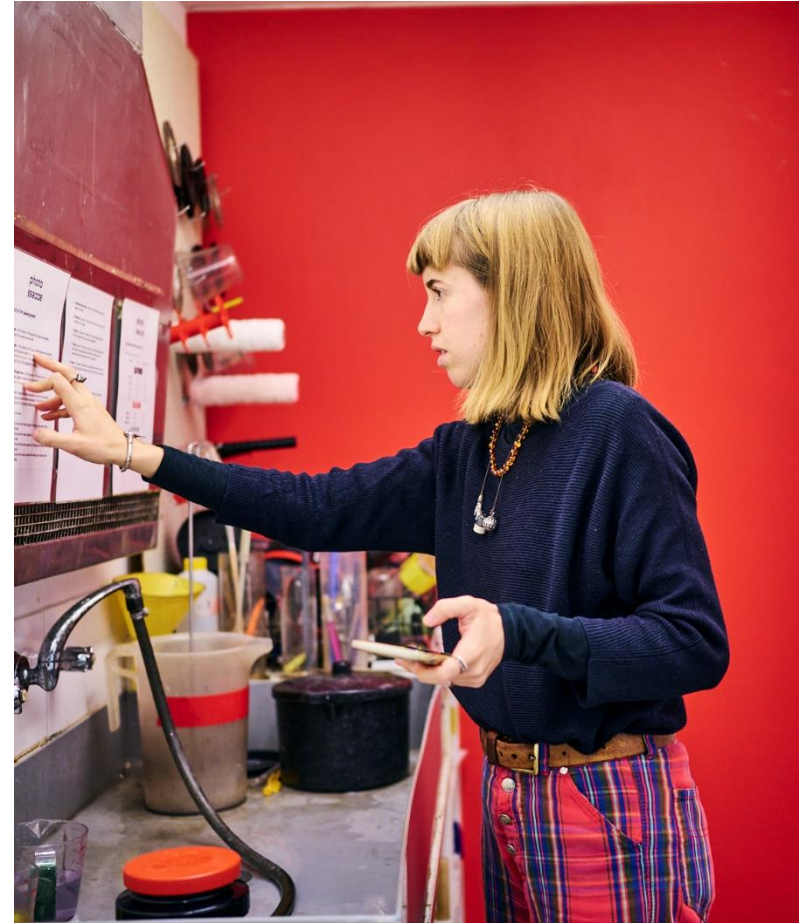
This session will cover:

- What is Arts Activity Funding?
- Funding Strategies
- Funding Categories
- Eligibility
- Application Process
- Assessment Process
- Tips for writing the application
- Current opportunities

What is Arts Activity Funding?

Arts Activity Funding supports:

- Canberra artists, groups and organisations to undertake arts activities across a range of artforms
- Activities that meet the three strategies in *Canberra: Australia's Arts Capital – a statement of ambition for the Arts 2021–2026* for Canberra to be recognised as Australia's arts capital



Canberra: Australia's Arts Capital



Funding Strategies

The Arts Activity Guidelines reflect the *Canberra: Australia Arts Capital*

- *Arts, Culture and Creative Policy 2022-2026*; and
- *Statement of Ambition 2021-2026*, including the three strategies:
 - **Create** amazing art and culture - everywhere, at any time and for everyone
 - **Develop** arts, cultural and creative industry, practice, and facilities - supporting creation and culture at all levels, via any path
 - **Promote** our arts and culture - to attract artists, arts workers, visitors, and investment.

Funding Categories

Up to \$5K

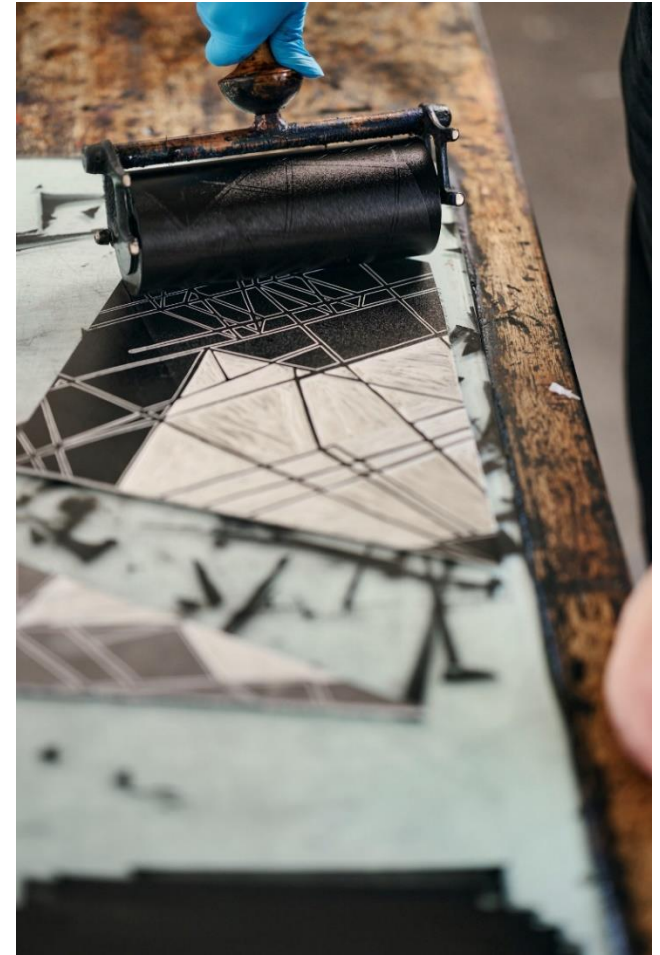
- Open all year
- Assessment by artsACT staff
- Maximum funding term is six months
- Outcome is notified within six weeks
- Applicants can receive funding in this category once each calendar year.

\$5-\$50k

- Two rounds per year
 - Applications open from 1 June - 31 July for projects starting after 1 Dec
 - Applications open from 1 Dec - 28 Feb for projects starting after 1 July
- Assessment by artform peers
- Maximum funding term is 12 months
- Outcome is notified within three months
- Applicants can receive funding in this category once each calendar year.

Eligibility - who can apply?

- **Applicants who reside in the ACT**
 - Individual Canberra residents
 - Groups based in Canberra
 - Organisations registered in Canberra.
- **Applicants who do not reside in the ACT**
 - Must provide an ACT-based arts practice statement addressing six points demonstrating a Canberra-based practice, with a clear focus on the last two years.
- **Aboriginal persons** who are traditional custodians of Ngunnawal Country, and any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region, are eligible to apply regardless of their residential address.



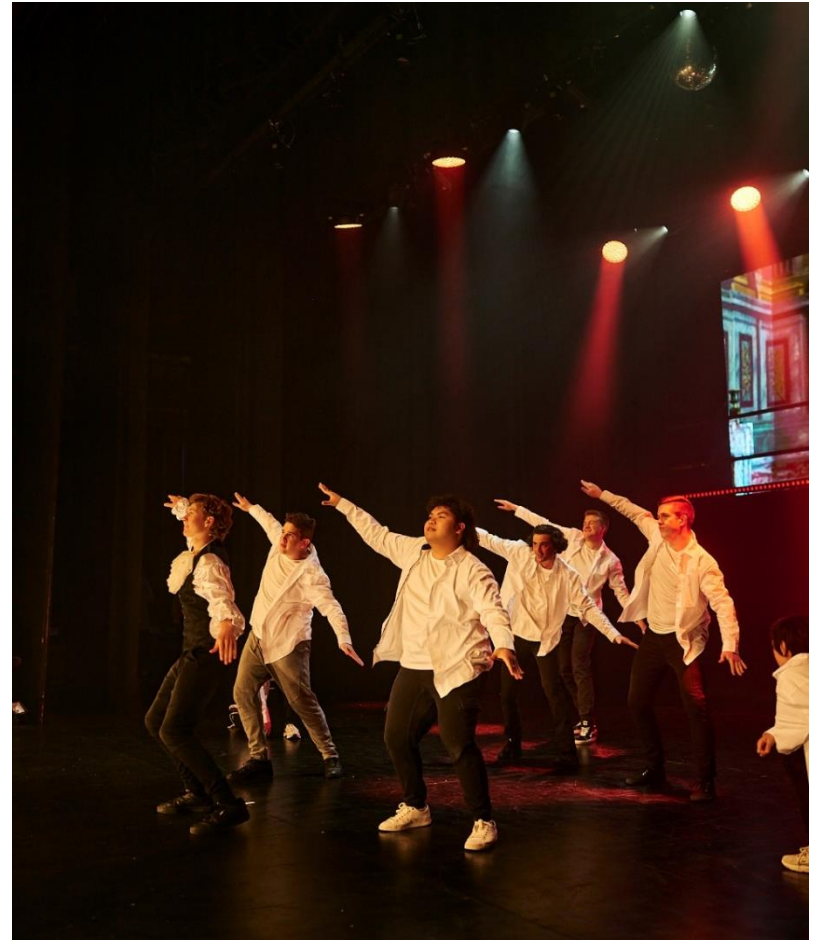
Eligible Artforms



- **Visual** arts and crafts
- **Performing** arts including circus, comedy, dance, music, theatre
- **Literature** including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, graphic novels, illustrated narrative
- **Screen**, film, video, television
- **Digital games**
- **Interdisciplinary** including multi-media, arts-based podcasts, digital arts, animation and projection art

Eligible Activities

- Creation of new artworks
- Production or public presentation of new artworks
- Artistic or professional skills development
- Residency or mentoring opportunities
- Community arts and cultural development
- Initiatives to enable increased accessibility and inclusivity in the arts
- Marketing and promotion of arts activities



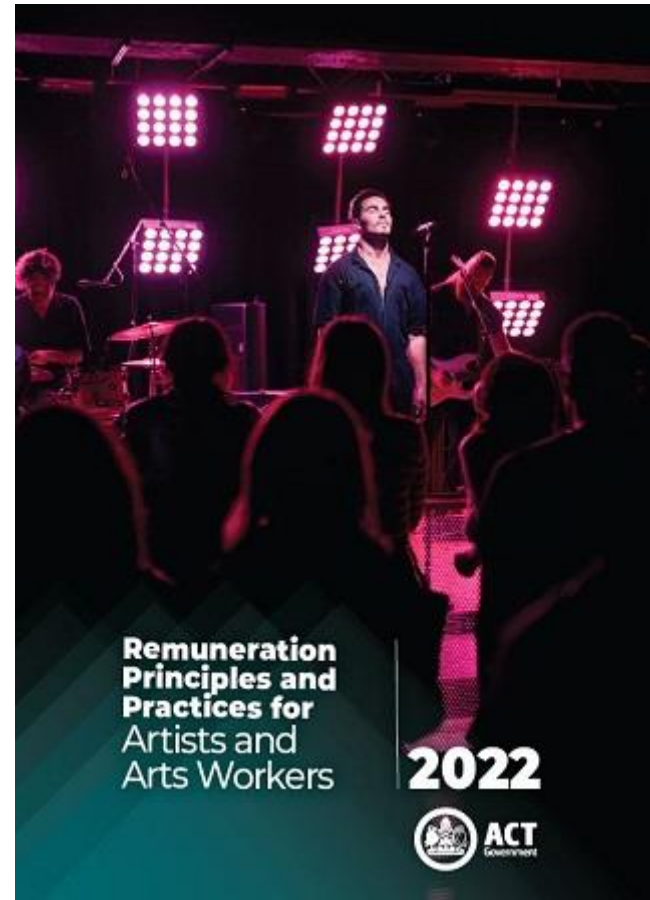
Application Process

- Apply via the online SmartyGrants portal **artsact.smartygrants.com.au**
- Accessibility issues - ask artsACT for assistance
- Check out the video on the artsACT website
- Read the Arts Activities Guidelines – **very important**
- Other recommended reading from the artsACT website:
 - Canberra: Australia's Arts Capital - a statement of ambition for the Arts 2021-2026
 - Canberra: Australia's Arts Capital – Arts, Culture and Creative Policy 2022–2026
 - Remuneration Principles and Practices for Artists and Arts Workers
 - Information under the Funding and Support section on the website

Artist fees

Remuneration Principles and Practices for Artists and Arts Workers

- Remuneration practices, where appropriate, should be equitable.
- Remuneration practices, where appropriate, should be transparent.



Writing the Application

Key Application questions

- How does your activity meet one of the Funding Strategies?
- What is the activity?
- How will the activity be delivered?

Budget

Outline your budget, clearly listing all expected income and expenditure, ensuring that it balances. Provide quotes and a budget statement.

Support Material

The higher the funding request and more complex the activity, the more evidence of planning will be required.

See also Appendix 2 of the Arts Activities Guidelines for tips on writing the application

Support material



- Provide letters from the relevant communities or artists
- Demonstrate evidence of support and agreement for the activities to take place
- You are strongly advised the follow the Australia Council for the Arts Protocols on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders

Assessment process

Up-to-\$5k applications

- Assessed by artsACT staff, on merit and within a limited annual budget. External industry expertise may be sought.

\$5–50k applications

- Assessed by a panel of peers (artform specialists) appointed by artsACT. Funding is highly competitive, limited budget. See artsACT website for more information about Peer Assessment.

Criteria

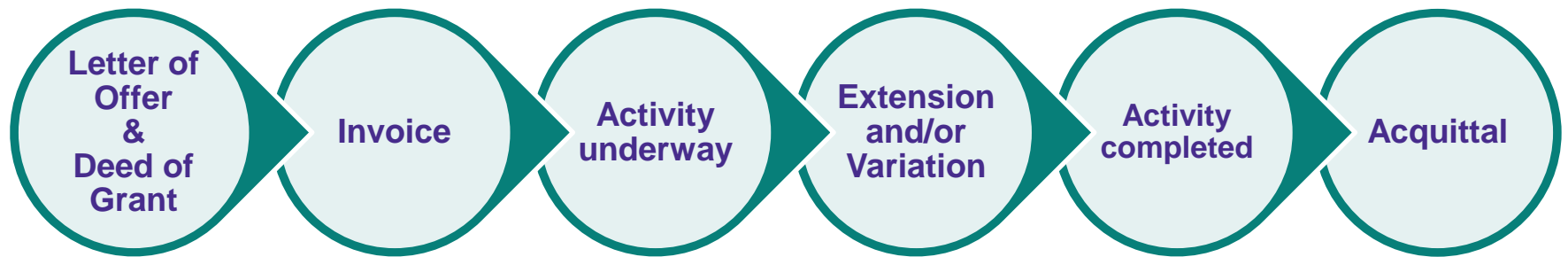
Applications are assessed against the following:

- Eligibility
- Funding Strategies
- Quality
- Planning



Next steps

For successful applicants:



Unsuccessful applicants are welcome to seek feedback and re-apply.

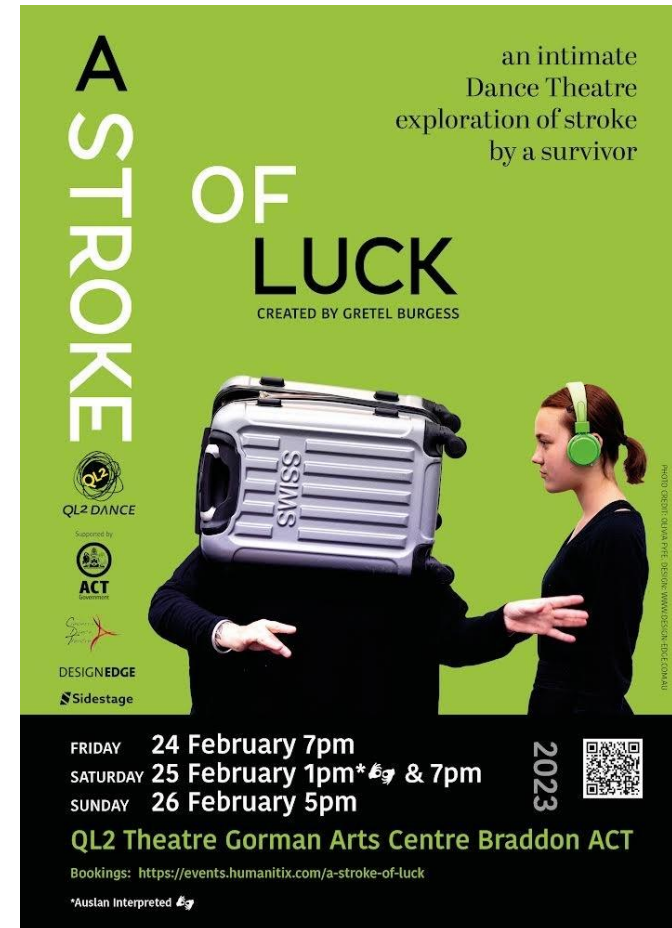
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Reminders

- Read the Arts Activities Guidelines
- Have a clear plan on what you want to achieve and how
- Allow plenty of time to prepare your application
- If you have questions - contact artsACT

Talk with artsACT

Individual 20 minute consultation sessions with artsACT are available on request

Please book with artsACT

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Current Opportunities

Up to \$5k - ongoing

\$5k to \$50k Arts Activities - Round 2 2023

- Applications close 5pm Monday 31 July 2023
- No extensions will be given
- Funding announcement by 31 October

Questions?

Thank you for attending



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