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ACT Community Arts and Cultural Development Funding Guidelines

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VISION: *Great community driven and engaging arts practice*

Community Arts and Cultural Development (CACD) funding aims to foster and cultivate a vibrant community that values, explores and engages with the arts, and expresses its artistic interests and needs with confidence and purpose. CACD funding will both enrich and engage communities across the ACT.

CACD funding supports long-term community arts and cultural development involving individuals, communities, artists, arts workers, and organisations working collaboratively to create great artwork and engaging arts experiences that result in positive change. CACD funding recognises that the process of engagement is fundamental to achieving sound CACD outcomes.

CACD embraces a wide range of arts and cultural activities where artists and cultural practitioners work in partnership with individuals and communities making art for the purposes of artistic growth, positive change, and improved health and well-being. Best practice CACD is collaborative and responsive to community needs and interests, and based on sound research and analysis. CACD builds trust and allows arts organisations to reflect the diversity of individuals and communities in the ACT.

ACT Arts Policy

CACD funding is one of a number ways the ACT Government aims to deliver against the 2015 ACT Arts Policy. The vision contained in the 2015 ACT Arts Policy *is to be a diverse and dynamic arts ecology valued locally, nationally and globally.*

The Policy provides direction for how the Government funds and supports the development of the arts and identifies priorities to achieve outcomes based on resources and opportunities. CACD funding responds to the Policy including through recognising the importance of community engagement in arts and cultural activity (principle one). artsACT's 2015-2016 Strategic Plan includes a priority to continue support of a community arts and cultural development program, and these guidelines respond to that priority.

Funding Aims and Outcomes

➔ **Aim** - create collaborative opportunities for an artistically active and connected community

Outcomes for the community:

- Access to high quality, inclusive arts programs created for, by and with the community that result in broader cultural, social outcomes and benefits; and
- Connection across the community with individuals, communities and organisations through the arts.

➔ **Aim:** build a network of professional artists who work effectively with the community to express a shared vision and develop artistic and creative skills and interests.

Outcomes for artists:

- Development of artistic practice through working with communities including those with diverse social and cultural backgrounds;
- Professional development, and exchange of knowledge, skills and experiences between artists, communities and organisations; and
- Employment in the arts, cultural and community sectors.

Outcomes for arts organisations:

- Recognition as active, vibrant arts centres for generating high quality, accessible community driven arts and cultural development programs;
- Sustainable partnerships and strategic alliances with funding and support leveraged through the centres; and
- ACT arts centres are recognised as leaders in community arts and cultural development.

Funding Arrangements

CACD funding is administered and delivered through the Belconnen Arts Centre (BAC) and the Tuggeranong Arts Centre (TAC).

CACD funding may be used to:

- employ artists and arts workers
- facilitate sector development
- deliver programs and projects
- consult and engage
- research and evaluate
- administer programs and activities excluding auspice, hosting arrangements or management fees.

CACD Funding Expectations

To enable BAC and TAC to provide sustainable high quality and accessible programs and activities that strongly engages with the community, to plan and operate strategically and flexibly, build long term relationships, and attract and retain suitable staff.

It is expected CACD funding will support community based artistic planning and programming that address the CACD aims and objectives in addition to (*or as part of*) both centre's core arts activity. It is not expected that funding is used to support one-off activities including an exhibition, event, or workshop, or other centre based activity unless it is part of the long-term engagement and delivery strategy under CACD.

Outreach activity (outside of the centres and in alternate spaces) is strongly encouraged as is the extension of the artistic programs, where possible and appropriate, through partner groups and organisations across the ACT.

CACD activities will be identifiable by demonstrating:

- responsiveness to community needs and interests
- engagement of professional artists and arts workers
- positive artistic, cultural and social benefits

- engagement with individuals and communities including those experiencing social and or cultural disadvantage
- development of new and sustainable partnerships
- research, evaluation and improvement