**Arts & Cultural Grants – Frequently Asked Questions**

**How much can I apply for?**

We have several different Categories of grants that have varied amounts of funding you can apply for. Keep in mind we only fund accurate, eligible expenses calculated specifically for your project.

* Artistic Development - up to $20K over a three-year period, with up to $8K made available in any one year.
* Public Art and Community Programs & Events - up to $8K.
* Live Music Enterprise -up to $5K.
* Quick Response Grants - up to $2K.
* Cultural Promotions - up to $2K.
* We require applicants to match the funding request for all Categories except Quick Response, this can be via other funding sources, your own or other’s in-kind contributions.
* If the City of Adelaide is already supporting your project you will be unable to apply for additional funding under this grants program.

**Who is eligible to apply?**

Anyone can apply for funding if the project is cultural in nature and meets our eligibility criteria as outlined in our Guidelines. Cultural activities are defined in our Cultural Strategy 2017-2023 as “Creative arts and creative industries from music, festivals, collections, film, visual and performing arts to digital media and the games industry”. Applicants eligible to apply include:

* Not-for-profit organisations and groups.
* Individuals and sole traders.
* Commercial organisations and social enterprises may also be considered where they deliver opportunities outside their usual business that focus on the arts, community benefit and strongly aligns with the program’s priorities.

**I’m not sure if my project is eligible is there someone I can talk to?**

Yes, we have two Case Management Officers available to talk to you specifically about your project. They are very approachable and knowledgeable about our grants program. We encourage you talk to them as early as possible prior to the closure date, this will give you more time to integrate any advice they give you into your application making it stronger. Their contact details are:

Public Art

Sarita Burnett

Phone: 8203 7417

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For all other creative and cultural practices

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**When will I find out if I was successful?**

For our Major Grant Categories, we have a 12-week notification period from the closure date. However, if we can advise applicants before that time we try our best to do so. For Quick Response and Cultural Promotions Grants applicants will be advised of an outcome up to 15 business days after the application is submitted. Please note that your project will need to be submitted at least 15 business days prior to your event to be eligible.

**Do you support projects outside of the City?**

No, we don’t. Only projects within the City including the CBD and North Adelaide including the parklands are eligible to receive funding.

**I am an artist/performer can I include payment for my services as part of the application?**

Yes, we are very supportive of artists and performers being paid award rates for their time. We suggest you use the National Association of Visual Artists (NAVA) Guidelines, Media, Entertainment & Arts Alliance (MEAA) Rates or similar schedule to calculate an appropriate hourly rate depending on what stage of your career you are at. Remember you can also factor in time for concept design and rehearsals, this is a good way to calculate your own in-kind contribution if you are expecting to contribute a number of hours to the project.

**I want to paint a mural; can you find me a wall?**

Sorry but we require applicants to have secured their own wall space prior to applying for funding for mural projects. We will also need to see confirmation from the building owner/lease holder that they have given permission for you to paint on their wall. You can promote your art and connect with potential property owners through our Adelaide Art Walls site: <https://www.cityofadelaide.com.au/your-community/culture-history/public-art/adelaide-art-walls> When painting a mural you also need to include a graffiti management plan and factor any additional costs into your budget to address ongoing maintenance for a five year period if necessary. For more information contact our Public Art Case Management Officer Sarita Burnett on 8203 7417 or [S.Burnett@cityofadelaide.com.au](mailto:S.Burnett@cityofadelaide.com.au) .

**Does my event need to be free to be funded?**

Free and low-cost events are favoured within this funding program. As a City Council we look to support activities and events that are accessible to as many members of the community as possible and this is reflected in our assessment framework.

**Do you waive Council fees for successful grant applicants?**

We are unable to waive any fees or permit costs associated with your project. We need to see in your budget that you have allocated enough funding to cover any fees and permit costs you could expect from your project. Our Case Management Officers will be able to advise you of any fees or permits you may be liable for or additional information can be found here: Development Approvals – [www.cityofadelaide.com.au/planning-development/building-renovating/development-approvals/what-is-development-approval](http://www.cityofadelaide.com.au/planning-development/building-renovating/development-approvals/what-is-development-approval) Permits – [www.cityofadelaide.com.au/online-services/permits-and-licenses/approvals-permits-licenses](http://www.cityofadelaide.com.au/online-services/permits-and-licenses/approvals-permits-licenses)

**I am a dancer/actor/director and I want to apply for funding to produce a free outdoor performance, what Category should I apply in?**

Dance, theatre, film and performance art etc. are all forms that are eligible to be supported in the Public Art funding Category as long as the works are temporary (e.g. live performance or projection) and in the public realm.

**Can we use Splash furniture for our project?**

We don’t have any access to Splash furniture within the Arts & Cultural Grants program. Splash furniture is only available to successful applicants within the Splash program. Any site dressings or furniture will have to be sourced yourself and included in your budget.

**What is an acquittal?**

All successful applicants will be required to complete an acquittal report on the project within 6 weeks of the project completion date, or annually for multi-year funding applicants. We provide you with an acquittal reporting template once you sign your funding agreement and this is what you need to complete and return to us to let us know how your project went and what the funding was spent on. Applicants who do not complete and return an acquittal report will be ineligible for any future applications and funding.

**Do you fund projects that are ongoing?**

We only fund projects that have a clear start and end date, we don’t fund ongoing projects. For most Categories the start and end date would be during the financial year we are funding e.g. 19/20 financial year. The exception to this is the Artistic Development Category that funds creative development projects for artists and creatives that are delivered over three consecutive financial years.

**Can I apply for funding for a successful project we have been running for a number of years?**

We do not fund business as usual (BAU) activities or anything that would be seen as core business, even if the activities are project based. We do fund pilot projects to trial activities or projects that are new and different to an organisation’s core business. However, if this project was successful and became part of core business or an ongoing program it would no longer be eligible to receive funding.