



WEST DARLING ARTS

Country Arts Support Program 2025 Guidelines

Applications for Country Arts Support Program (CASP) Grants are now open.

Accessibility, Inclusion and Support

If you require assistance with the guidelines or completing the application form, please contact us between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday:

- Telephone: (08) 8087 9035 or 0487 903 507
- Email: rado@westdarlingarts.com.au

Apply now

To apply for funding, you will need to complete and submit the relevant application form through our secure online grants system, [SmartyGrants](#).

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Who can apply for funding?

You can apply in the following categories:

- Individuals
- A collective with a Nominated Funds Administrator
- Incorporated Groups
- A local government authority
- A not-for-profit incorporated body

Individuals can apply for **up to \$1,000**

Groups/Collectives/Organisations* can apply for **up to \$5,000**

*Unincorporated groups or collectives will be required to have a Nominated Funds Supervisor/Auspice.

Who cannot apply for funding?

You cannot apply if you are a:

- Individuals who cannot demonstrate an established practice
- Commercial enterprise
- Anyone with overdue reports or acquittals for any funding programs administered by West Darling Arts
- State and federal government departments, including schools (except P&Cs who are incorporated)

Key Dates

Applications open: **9AM, Monday, 21 October 2024**

Applications close: **5PM, Friday 29 November 2024**

Projects are to be completed between 1 February and 31 December 2025

CASP PROGRAM OVERVIEW & OBJECTIVES

Country Arts Support Program Overview

The Country Arts Support Program (CASP) is an annual small grants program funded by Create NSW and managed by Regional Arts Development Organisations (RADOs) and is guided by Create NSW's Arts and Cultural Funding Program's three major objectives:

- Grow creative leadership and programming excellence in NSW
- Strengthen NSW arts and cultural activity that drives community and social benefits
- Showcase NSW as a leader for strategic arts and cultural governance and strong financial management.

CASP Objectives

CASP supports community arts and cultural development in regional NSW through small grants that:

- Assist locally determined community arts and cultural activities
- Increase opportunities for regionally based groups to access a diverse range of arts programs
- Enable communities to explore and express their cultural identities
- Bring social and economic benefits to the community through training, employment and promotional opportunities
- Lead to greater awareness and appreciation of cultural diversity
- Increase the sustainability and resilience of regionally based community arts organisations

What will be funded?

CASP grants may be used to support a range of arts and cultural activities across any arts genre, including visual arts, crafts, theatre, music and film.

Examples of projects that may be funded include, but are not limited to:

- Development of new works
- Workshops (funds should primarily support artist/tutor fees and/or materials)

- Performances
- Exhibitions
- Artists-in-Residence projects
- Community arts projects
- Core equipment purchases, eg:
 - A professional musician/artist looking to upgrade an instrument or technical equipment;
 - An organisation/group looking to upgrade or purchase equipment such as a kiln or printing press.

CASP will not fund

Activities or projects that are not directly related to the Arts, or that do not demonstrate benefit to the Far West community. This includes:

- Fees toward education or courses
- Project staffing costs (for organisations)
- Recovering the costs of items and/or materials already purchased
- Fundraising, awards or prize money

Eligibility

CASP grants support creative activities in Far West NSW. To be eligible for a West Darling Arts CASP grant, you need to meet the following criteria:

1. **Be a resident or organisation located in Far West NSW**, within one of the following municipalities:
 - a. Broken Hill City Council
 - b. Central Darling Shire
 - c. Wentworth Shire
 - d. Far West Unincorporated Region

2. **Have an ABN** *OR* Have a demonstrated relationship with a Nominated Funds Supervisor that can auspice grant funds.

3. **Project Focus**
Your project/activity must be a clearly defined arts and cultural project/activity.

4. **Public Liability Insurance**
Successful applicants who are running a project are required to have a current certificate of currency for Broadform Liability or Public Liability Insurance.

Who will assess my application?

Applications will be assessed by a panel of local arts professionals, and representatives from West Darling Arts.

How will my application be assessed?

Applications will be assessed on their merit and positive impact on the creative development of the Far West community.

Your application should show us how it meets the following criteria:

1. Merit

The artistic reason for your project, including:

- a. What is your project/activity about?
- b. Who is involved and why?
- c. How have you prepared for it?
- d. The reason for doing the project/activity.
- e. The professionalism and/or experience of the people involved.

2. Impact (Benefit)

Explain how the project/activity will benefit you and/or the community/ies involved in the project/activity.

3. Viability

Include your project plan, timeline and budget to show how you will effectively manage and use resources to do the project/activity.

Supporting Material

Your application may require letters of support or referees that demonstrate partnerships or an identified need for the project/activity within the chosen community/ies.

When will I know the outcome of my application?

Assessment of applications will take place in December 2024. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their applications approximately 6 weeks after they submit their application.

What is a Nominated Funds Supervisor?

A Nominated Funds Supervisor is an administrative body/third party that can receive and administer funds on your behalf if you or your group/collective do not have an ABN.

You may be asked for a fee for this service and it is recommended that you include that fee in your project budget.

Further Information

For further information on how to apply, or to discuss the eligibility of your project/activity, please contact Cathy Farry between 9am and 4pm, Monday to Friday:

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