

Cultural Grants Guidelines

Eligibility Criteria - QPRC Cultural Grants

1. OVERVIEW

The aim of Council's Cultural Grants Program is to assist local arts, artists, musicians, performers, writers and arts/cultural organisations to start and develop their own projects, and to improve the Queanbeyan-Palerang community's opportunities for involvement in arts and cultural activities.

Council's grants and donations are administered in compliance with the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) *Donations Policy*, available [here](#).

2. SELECTION CRITERIA

Grants will be considered if the project meets **one or more** of the following criteria:

- Employs a professional artist
- Demonstrates an economic benefit to the QPRC LGA creative economy
- Attracts matched funding from another source (including in-kind), other than QPRC grant funds
- Works in partnership with other community groups/government bodies
- A festival, event or project that will engage the broader Queanbeyan-Palerang community
- Advances the cultural and / or creative experiences of the QPRC LGA community
- Demonstrates educational components that seek to advance the creative skills and knowledge of the QPRC community.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Eligible Individuals

Applicants must be residents of the Queanbeyan-Palerang local government area and be:

- Emerging, mid-career or established artists, performers or writers for creative projects or performances that take place in the QPRC LGA.
- Able to demonstrate a matching dollar amount either financial, or in-kind through voluntary contributions [number of unpaid work hours dedicated to the project/event].

3.2 Eligible organisations and groups

Applicant organisations and groups must be:

- Community based not-for-profit organisations, incorporated or unincorporated
- Working in or with the community of the Queanbeyan-Palerang region
- Non-government organisations (for example P & Cs, Visual or Performing Arts Organisations, Festival Management Committees, Literary groups, music enterprises etc.
- Able to demonstrate a matching dollar amount either financial, or in-kind through voluntary contributions [number of unpaid work hours dedicated to the project/event].

3.3 Eligible Projects

Projects can be of a capital nature or activity based. Projects must be able to:

- demonstrate that it is of benefit to the Queanbeyan-Palerang community through its cultural or artistic outcomes.

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- complete the project (or stage) within 12 months from receipt of funds.

NOTE: Staged projects that have self-contained components, one of which you may be applying for will be considered. Applications for 'seed funding' of projects or new organisations will be considered.

3.4 Ineligible Projects

- Projects for retrospective funding or running costs of organisations
- Projects for solely commercial ventures and do not engage the QPRC community
- Applications will not be considered from previous recipients who have not completed or acquitted their projects or events.

4. FUNDING

- **Up to \$500** - individual artists, performers, writers, for creative projects or performances that take place in the QPRC LGA
- **Up to \$1000** - groups of artists, performers, writers, for creative projects or performances that take place in the QPRC LGA.

Project examples for the above two categories include, but are not limited to: space hire fees; printing costs of catalogues/publication; promotional material such as flyers/invitations; material costs for project development, equipment hire etc.

- **Up to \$1500** - not-for-profit unincorporated community groups for creative projects or cultural events that enhance arts opportunities in the QPRC LGA.
- **Up to \$3000** - not-for-profit incorporated community groups for creative projects or cultural events that enhance arts and cultural opportunities in the QPRC LGA, and employ a local artist or number of artists as part of the project.

Project examples for the above two categories include, but are not limited to: a performance, festival or event; artists' fees; group exhibitions; publications; special web-based activations, cultural engagements etc.

5. APPLICATION AND ASSESSMENT

Applications may be submitted at any time of the year, or until funds are exhausted. Applicants should allow at least two months from submission of their application until notification of the results of their application.

Applications will be assessed by Council staff to ensure that they meet all the required criteria for Cultural Grants.

Cultural Grants recommendations are presented to the next available Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council meeting, and Council makes the final decision concerning the funding of projects.

Lodging the Completed Application

Complete the online form at <https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Community/Grants-Donations#section-4> or <https://qprc.smartygrants.com.au/Cult2425>.

For further information or assistance with this application, please contact **Council's Grants Officer on 02 6285 6044 or 0428 354 660**, or **Council's Team Leader - Culture Arts and Museums on 02 6285 6170 or 0409 438 953**.

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General Guidelines for Approval of Council Donations

Please refer to the QPRC Donations Policy [here](#) when completing your application.

Applicants applying for assistance under the scheme need to ensure that any previous funds received have been acquitted. It is a condition of the Scheme that projects be formally acquitted using an Acquittal Form supplied by Council after completion. This needs to include copies of receipts and all media and Council acknowledgement.

It is a condition of the Scheme that formal acknowledgement of Council's support must appear on all publicity, promotion, media and correspondence relating to the assistance provided.

IMPORTANT: Please read the information below to assist you in completing your application online.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Welcome to the Queanbeyan-Palerang online grant application service, powered by Smartygrants.

You can begin anywhere in this application form. Make sure you save as you go. For queries about Council's Donations Policy, application deadlines or questions in this form, please contact us on 6285 6044 during business hours or email liz.mirowski@qprc.nsw.gov.au and quote your application number.

If you need help using this form, download the Help Guide for Applicants, and the Frequently Asked Questions (available under the green Help Button at the top of the screen).

NAVIGATING (MOVING THROUGH) THE APPLICATION FORM

On the left hand side of every screen, there is a box which links directly to every page of the application. Use the link to jump directly to the page you want. You can also click 'next page' or 'previous page' on the top or bottom of each page to move forward or backward through the application.

SAVING YOUR DRAFT APPLICATION

If you wish to leave a partially completed application, press 'save' and log out. When you log back in and click on the 'My Applications' link at the top of the screen, you will find a list of any applications you have started or submitted. You can reopen your draft application and start where you left off.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

You will find a 'Review' button at the bottom of the Navigation Panel. You will need to review your application before you can submit it. Once you have reviewed your application you can submit it by clicking on 'Submit' at the top of the screen or on the Navigation Panel. You will not be able to submit your application until all the compulsory questions are completed.

Once you have submitted your application, no further editing or uploading of support materials is possible.

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When you submit your application, you will receive an automated confirmation email with a copy of your submitted application attached. This will be sent to the email you used to register.

If you do not receive a confirmation of submission email then your submission has NOT been received.

ATTACHMENTS AND SUPPORT DOCUMENTS

You may need to upload/submit attachments to support your application. This is very simple, but requires you to have the documents saved on your computer, or on a zip drive, or similar. You need to allow enough time for each file to upload before trying to attach another file. Files can be up to 25MB each; however, we do recommend trying to keep files to a maximum of 5MB - the larger the file, the longer the upload time. If you are not able to upload a document, please contact us for support.

A number of people can work on the application using the same login details as long as only one person is working at a time. Ensure you save as you go.

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Please refer to Council's *Donations Policy* when completing your application. The policy can be viewed [here](#) or downloaded from Council's website at <http://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Resources-Documents/Adopted-QPRC-Policies>

Details of Organisation

Name of Organisation/Group (or individual) *

Organisation Name

Please use your organisation's full name. Check your spelling and make sure you provide the same name that is listed in official documentation such as with the ABR, ACNC or ATO.

Postal Address *

Address

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Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

Primary purpose and activities of the organisation

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Number of members

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Must be a number.

Office bearers - Name of President/Chair

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Name of Secretary

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Name of Treasurer

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Contact for this application *

Title First Name Last Name

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This is the person we will correspond with about this grant

Mobile *

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Must be an Australian phone number.

Primary contact person's email address *

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This is the address we will use to correspond with you about this grant.

Is your organisation not-for-profit?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please provide NFP certificate

Is your organisation incorporated?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

FINANCE

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Please tell us why you need financial assistance from Council i.e. what financial resources are available to your organisation and why they are not sufficient for your project/event

PROJECT DETAILS

Please provide a full description of your project or activity, indicating community groups or artists involved. If space is insufficient, please upload files

Attach a file:

Describe how the project/activity will address the aim of the Cultural Grants Scheme

Example - to improve the Queanbeyan-Palerang community's opportunities for involvement in Cultural and Arts activities.

How will the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council's community participate or be encouraged to participate during the course of the project?

Where will the project/activity be conducted?

Outline the benefits of this project on the development of your organisation/group

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If your organisation is successful, when will your project begin and be completed?

Budget Information Required

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Project Budget (GST exclusive)

Please provide a clear description of the budget items of expenditure. This could include fees, advertising/promotion costs, administration, venue costs, equipment, costs of materials etc.

Please also include a realistic in-kind value for any volunteer labour (Example \$25/hr), and donated materials in 'Amount to be contributed by your organisation. Please do not add commas to \$ figures - Example type \$1000 not \$1,000

Item of Expenditure	Amount requested from Council	Amount being contributed by your organisation, or yourself	Amount sought from other sources (e.g. sponsors, income etc)
	\$	\$	\$
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	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	Must be a dollar amount.	Must be a dollar amount.	Must be a dollar amount.

Funding request

Total Amount sought from Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council *

\$

Must be a dollar amount.

What is the total financial support you are requesting from Council in this application?

Applicants seeking in excess of \$1000 funding must attach:

1. Copy of the organisation's most up-to-date audited statements of income and expenditure
2. Copy of the organisation's current budget

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If you do not produce an Annual Report, please provide us with your most recent financial statements (may include a Profit and Loss Statement / Statement of Financial Performance and a Balance Sheet / Statement of Financial Position).

Upload files

Attach a file:

or

Provide web link:

Must be a URL

Certification

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Certification

This Declaration must be completed by an accountable Executive Officer of the applying organisation. This person may be different to the contact person listed earlier in this application form.

Applicants who are individual persons or groups of individuals must also complete this Certification and Feedback Section. The application should be signed and certified by an applying individual.

I certify that the information given in this document is true and accurate, and that if the organisation receives a donation from Council, the conditions as set out in the Councils *Donations Policy* will be complied with. Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council will be acknowledged as a sponsor of the project/activity.

I agree *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Name of authorised person *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Must be a senior staff member, board member or appropriately authorised volunteer

Position

Position held in applicant organisation (e.g. CEO, Treasurer) or 'An Individual applicant'.

Date *

Must be a date

