

Support for Artist-Run-Initiatives 2005

Visual Arts/ Craft Board, Australia Council

Young and Emerging Artists Initiative

Closing Date: 1 Nov 2004

As part of the Australian Government's Young and Emerging Artists Initiative, funding for artist-run-initiatives translates as direct and indirect support for hundreds of young and emerging artists across Australia. This was the seventh year the Visual Arts/Craft Board was able to offer a special initiative to support the program costs of artist-run-initiatives.

The purpose of this initiative is to provide young and emerging artists with greater opportunities for public exposure and career development. While support is directed at assisting emerging artists, it is also desirable that the program of activities has the potential to contribute to the development of contemporary visual arts and crafts in general.

Notice of the initiative was sent in August 2004 to artist-run-initiatives across Australia calling for expressions of interest. A total of 27 applications were received by the 1 November 2004 closing date. Applications were assessed at the meeting of the Visual Arts/Craft Board on 19 November 2004.

The Visual Arts and Craft Strategy is a joint initiative of the Australian, State and Territory Governments. As part of their commitment to the Strategy, the Australian and Victorian Governments agreed an amount of \$47,000 should be allocated to Victorian ARIs at the meeting. Visual Arts and Craft Strategy funding was granted to Conical Inc (\$15,000), Kings Artist Run Initiative (\$12,000) and Westspace (\$20,000).

Number of applications received: 27

Number of applications approved: 12

Amount requested: \$330,455

Amount approved: \$131,000

Successful applications

Approved applications	Amount	State
Allan's Walk Artist Run Space	\$8,000	VIC
Breadbox	\$10,000	WA
Bus Gallery	\$10,000	VIC
Conical Inc.	\$15,000	VIC
Darwin Visual Arts Association Inc.	\$8,000	NT
Firstdraft	\$10,000	NSW
Gallery WREN	\$8,000	NSW
Inflight	\$10,000	TAS
Kings Artist Run Initiative	\$12,000	VIC
Phatspace	\$10,000	NSW
Platform Artists Group/Sticky	\$10,000	VIC
West Space Inc.	\$20,000	VIC