

# Guidelines for the Arts Grant

Australia Council for the Arts



Easy English



## Hard words

This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in **blue**
  
- we write what the hard word means.

## You can get help with this book



You can get someone to help you

- read this book
  
- know what this book is about

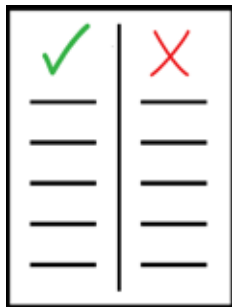


- find more information.

## About this book



The Australia Council for the Arts wrote this book.



This book is about the **guidelines** for the **grant** called Arts Projects for Individuals and Groups.

Guidelines means rules.

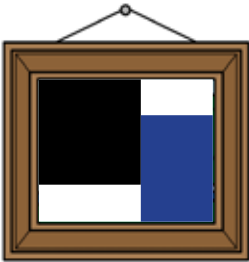


Grant means the money that we give you for your arts project.

## About the grant



You can ask us for money to help you with an arts project.



An arts project might be when you

- make a new art work
- work with an artist
- show your art work to other people
- write a book.



You can ask us for any amount of money from \$10,000 - \$50,000.

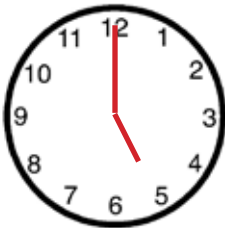
You can take up to 3 years to finish your project.

You can ask for the grant 3 times a year.



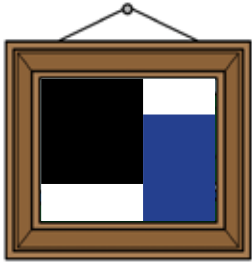
You can see the dates for when you can apply on our website.

[www.australiacouncil.gov.au](http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au)



We can help you until 5 o'clock on these dates.

## Who can ask for the grant?



You can ask for the grant if you are

- an artist
- an arts worker.



You must be an **Australian citizen**.

Australian citizen means you

- were born in Australia

or



- have a special letter that says you can live in Australia forever.

You can **not** ask for the grant if you



- need to give us a report for another grant

- owe us money

- have asked for the grant 3 times this year.

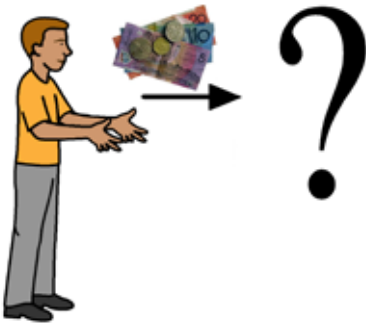
# How to ask for the grant

You need to do 3 things.



## 1. Send us an application

You must send us an **application** for the grant.



Application means what you tell us about how you will use the grant money.

## 2. Choose who will read your application



You must choose your **assessment panel**.

Assessment panel means a group of artists and arts workers who will say if you get the grant money.

The assessment panel will read your application.



The assessment panels you can choose are

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts
- Community Arts and Cultural Development



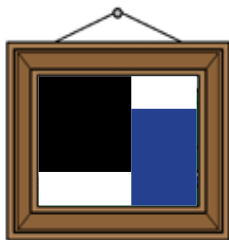
- Dance
- Emerging and Experimental Arts



- Literature
- Multi art form



- Music
- Theatre



- Visual Arts.



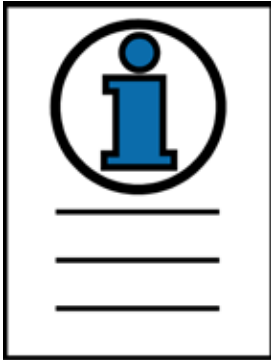
The assessment panel will say if you get the grant money.

We can help you choose the assessment panel.



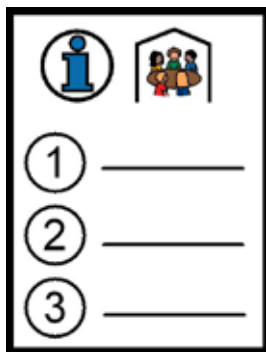
### 3. Choose how we make a decision about your application

You must choose your **assessment criteria**.



Assessment criteria means the information we use to make a decision about your application.

There are 3 assessment criteria.



You must use the first 2 assessment criteria.

Then you choose 1 more.

The assessment criteria you must use are

- **Artistic merit.**



Artistic merit means you tell us about your work and the ideas you have.

You might tell us about

- what you have done as an artist
- what your project is about
- how good your art is.

PLAN	
1	_____
2	_____
3	_____
4	_____

- **Viability.**

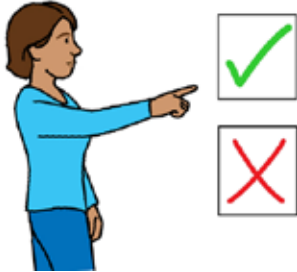
Viability means how you plan for your project.

You might tell us about

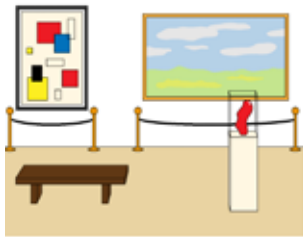
- what skills you have to do your project
- how much money you have for your project.



You will choose the last assessment criteria.



You should choose the assessment criteria that shows the assessment panel what you really want to do.



You can choose

- **Creation.**

Creation means you will make a new art work.

You might tell us about

- what is new about your project
- why your project is important
- how your project will help you be a better artist.



- **Audiences.**



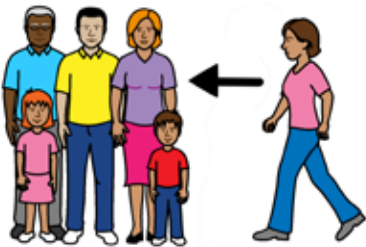
Audiences means you will show people your art work.

You might tell us about

- how you will find people to see your art work

- who will see your art work.

- **Access and participation.**



Access and participation means your project will help people join in the arts.

You might tell us about how your project

- helps different groups of people join in

- is good for different groups of people.

- **International.**



International means your project will happen in another country.

You might tell us about how your project

- will show your art work to people in another country



- will use artists from another country

- will help sell your work in another country.



We can help you choose assessment criteria.

## About your application



You can apply for the grant on our website

[www.australiacouncil.gov.au](http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au)

Things you will need to tell us on the application form are

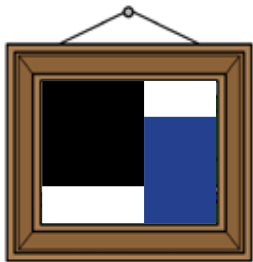


- the name of your project
- what your project is about
- information about you
- what you want to do with your project
- when you will do your project
- how much your project will cost.



You can give us **support material** for your application.

Support material means other things to help us decide if you get the grant.



You might give us

- some of your art work
- information about other artists you work with.



We can help you choose the support material you give us.



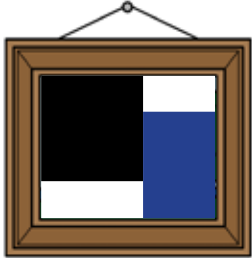
Do **not** send your support material in the post.



You should give us support material on our website.

There are 3 types of support material you can send to us.

1. **Artistic.**



Artistic means you give us some of your art work.

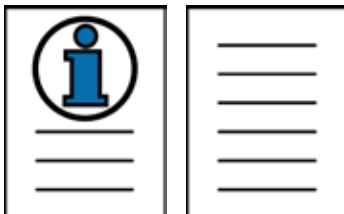
This can help the assessment panel know what your project is about.

2. **Artist information.**



Artist information means you tell us about

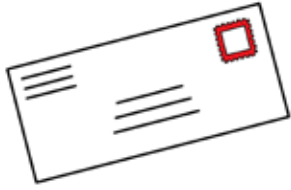
- you
  
- other artists you work with.



This information should **not** be more than 2 pages long.



### 3. Letters of support.



Letters of support means a letter from someone who wants your project to happen.

A letter of support could be from

- another artist
- an arts worker
- a group who knows your work.



You can give us up to 5 letters of support.

You can give us your support material in different ways.



You can send us a link to your work on a website. We call this a **URL**.



The URL could be for

- video
- sound
- pictures
- something you wrote.



The support material you send us should be a total of



- 10 minutes of video or sound

or



- 10 pictures

or



- 10 pages of something you wrote.

If you can **not** give us a URL you can ask us about other ways to give us support material.



## More information

For more information contact the  
Australia Council for the Arts.



Call 1800 226 912



Website [www.australiacouncil.gov.au](http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au)



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