



Australian Government



How to apply for our Arts and Disability grant



Easy English





Who wrote this book?

The Australia Council for the Arts wrote this book.

In this book, the words **we** and **us** mean the Australia Council for the Arts.

Hard words

In this book, hard words are in **blue**.

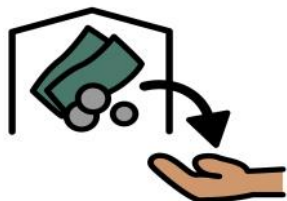


We explain what the hard words mean.

Who this book is for



This book is for people with disability who want to ask us for a **grant**.



A grant is money we give you to help you do an arts project.

About this book

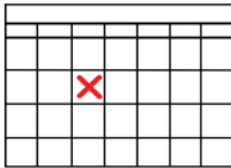


This book is about the grant called **Arts and Disability Initiative**.



This book tells you

- how we can help you apply
- what kinds of projects you can do with the grant money



- when to ask us for the grant
- who can ask us for the grant
- how to ask us for the grant



- how to find more information



- how to contact us.

How we can help you



You can contact us to

- ask questions about the grant



- tell us about your access needs

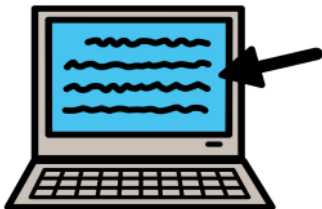


- arrange to talk to us with an Auslan interpreter or support person



- ask us for help with your **application**.

Application means the form you fill out on our website to



- ◇ ask us for the grant

- ◇ tell us how you will use the grant money.



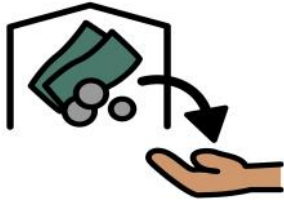
You can ask us about different ways to do your application if

- you speak a language that is **not** English, including Auslan



- you have a disability that makes it hard to read or write.

About the Arts and Disability grant



You can ask us for **\$30,000** to help you do an arts project.

Your project should be **bold and ambitious**.

This means big and exciting ideas.



Your project should

- build your arts career



- build your network

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

- be **well structured**
 - ◇ this means you have clear steps to take and enough support.



We can **not** give the grant to everyone who asks us.



In 2023 we will give out 6 grants of \$30,000 each.



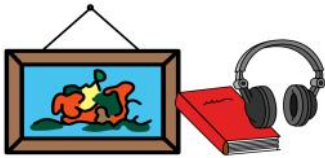
We will also give out grants in 2024.

What is an arts project?



An arts project might be when you

- improve your skills



- make a new artwork



- work together with others



- develop your ideas



- show your art to other people



- travel



- do a **residency**
 - ◇ a residency is when you spend time away from home to work on your art



- work with a **mentor**
 - ◇ a mentor is a supportive person you can learn from.



Does the grant include access costs?



Yes. Your plan for how you will spend the grant money should include access costs.



You should make your arts project accessible to different people.



You can talk to us about access costs.

When can you ask for the grant?



In 2023 you must apply by Tuesday 4 July at 3pm.



We can help you until 3pm on this date.

You can contact us to ask about when you can apply in 2024.

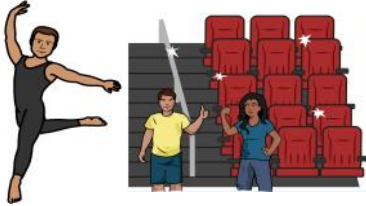
Who can ask for the grant?



You can ask for the grant if

- you have a disability

and

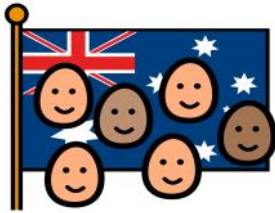


- you are an artist or arts worker.

You must be

- born in Australia

or



- allowed to live in Australia forever.



You can ask for the grant

- for one person

or



- for a group.



If you are part of a group, 1 person must apply for the group.



Who can not ask for the grant?

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

- you need to give us a report on another grant



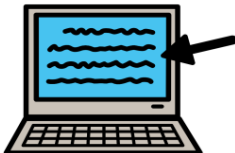
- you owe us money.

How to ask for the grant

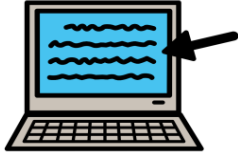


You need to do 3 things.

1. Fill out an application

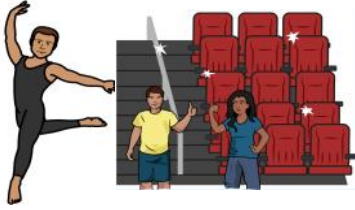


You need to fill out an application on our website.



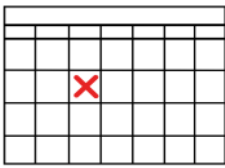
Things you must tell us in the application are

- the name of your project



- information about your arts experience

- what you will do for your project



- when you will do your project



- how your project will help your arts career



- how you will use the grant money.

1.	_____
2.	_____
3.	_____

You must have a clear plan with steps you will take to achieve your goals.

2. Answer assessment criteria



You must answer 3 **assessment criteria**.



Assessment criteria means the information we use to decide if your project should get a grant.

The 3 assessment criteria are

1. Quality

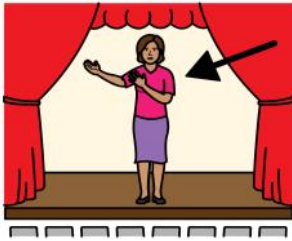


Quality means you tell us why your project is good.



You might tell us about

◇ how good your art is



◇ what you have done as an artist or arts worker



◇ what people say about your art



◇ the people or organisations involved in your project



◇ what is exciting or new about your project



◇ how your project will help you achieve exciting goals.

2. Viability



Viability means how well you plan your project.

1.	_____
2.	_____
3.	_____

You might tell us about

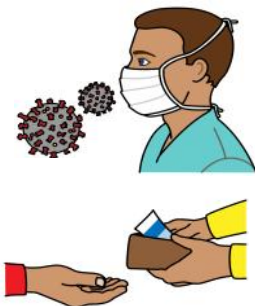
◇ steps you will take to achieve your goals



◇ the people or organisations that will support your project



◇ who you have talked to about your project



◇ how you will follow information about how to

- be safe during COVID-19

- pay artists or other workers



- work with First Nations artists.



We can help you find this information.

3. Impact



This means you tell us how your project will be good for your arts career.



You might tell us how your project will

- ◇ make you a better artist or arts worker



- ◇ take you to a new level in your career



- ◇ build your skills



- ◇ build your network



- ◇ help the careers of others involved.

3. Send us support material on our website



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



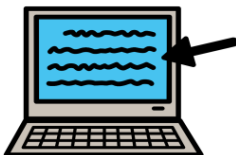
Support material means other things to help us decide if you get the grant.



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



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



You should give us support material on our website.



There are 3 types of support material you can give us.

1. Artist information



Artist information means you tell us about

◇ you



◇ other artists you work with.



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

2. Letters of support



A letter of support is a letter from someone who wants your project to happen.

A letter of support should say how the project will be good for

◇ your career



◇ other people involved.

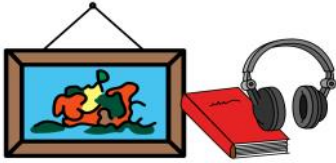


A letter of support can be from a person, group or organisation.



You can give us up to 5 letters of support.

3. Examples of your work



This means you show us your artwork.



You can send us 3 links to examples of your work that are on a website.



We call these links **URLs**.

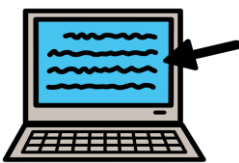


The 3 URLs could link to

- ◇ video or sound that goes for 10 minutes



- ◇ 10 pictures



- ◇ 10 pages of something you wrote.

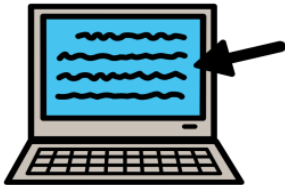


If you can **not** give us URLs you can ask us about other ways to show us your work.

Our website



You can find more information and apply for the **Arts and Disability grant** on our website.



<https://creative.gov.au/investment-and-development/arts-and-disability-initiative-2022-24/>

How to contact us



You can contact **Artists Services** at the Australia Council for the Arts.

Call 1800 226 912

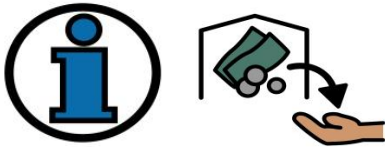


Email enquiries@australiacouncil.gov.au



If you need help to speak or listen use the **National Relay Service**.

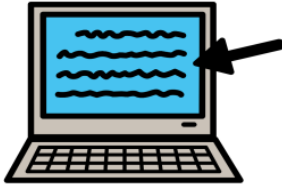
Website communications.gov.au/accesshub/nrs



Find out about other grants



You can find Easy English information on our website about a different grant called **Arts Projects for Individuals and Groups.**



<https://creative.gov.au/investment-and-development/arts-projects-for-individuals-and-groups/>

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