

City of Darwin Arts & Cultural Development

Funding Guidelines - Arts Grants



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

City of Darwin acknowledges the Larrakia people as the traditional owners of all the land and waters of the Greater Darwin region.

To the Larrakia, Darwin is known as Garramilla. The original language of the Larrakia is Gulumirigin (pronounced Goo-loo-midgin).

Often referred to as 'Saltwater People', the Larrakia lived, loved, birthed, hunted and survived a life on pristine coastal and inland areas. Established 'song lines' connecting Larrakia people to Country penetrating throughout their land and sea, allowing stories and histories to be told and retold for future generations.

The Larrakia culture and identity is rich and vibrant. In the footsteps of the Larrakia people, City of Darwin will continue to foster this culture and identity by creating a vibrant community together.

INTRODUCTION

Darwin is a City for People. City of Colour.

As we move toward 2030, Darwin will be a city that is increasingly smart, prosperous and green. We are a vibrant and creative city that embraces, celebrates and values the richness and diversity of our community.

Our vision for Darwin 2030 – *City for People. City of Colour.* will be delivered through 5 Strategic Directions:

- A capital city with best practice and sustainable infrastructure
- A safe, liveable and healthy city
- A cool, clean and green city
- A smart and prosperous city
- A vibrant and creative city.

These Funding Guidelines deliver on Council's strategic role to fund and partner with organisations to meet these objectives.

City of Darwin invests in activity within the municipality of Darwin via open, competitive opportunities, transparent processes and formal agreements with community groups, local businesses and organisations.

The funding programs optimise the use of public funds through efficient and effective management and ensure strong alignment to City of Darwin's 2030 Strategic Plan and values.

MINIMUM AMOUNT	CATEGORY	PURPOSE	FREQUENCY
\$1,000	Arts Grants	To develop, support and nurture Darwin artists and organisations	1 x calendar year (2021/22 only at this stage)
MAXIMUM AMOUNT			
\$5,000			

ELIGIBILITY

Individuals can apply to this one-off funding opportunity as long as they hold a current ABN, if not they need to be auspiced by an organisation. Organisations need to supply their ABN in the application process.

Groups applying must fit the following status:

- Incorporated legal entity including not for profit
- Auspiced project or informal group (Grants only) Applicants will need to provide details of the legal status of their organisation including an Australian Business Number (ABN).

Applicants are ineligible who:

- Have not satisfactorily acquitted previous funding within the specified timelines or owe money to City of Darwin
- Apply to multiple programs within the same financial year (one per financial year)
- Propose projects of a political nature
- Do not reflect the values of City of Darwin or that breach our access and inclusion policy or other relevant policies
- Canvas or lobby staff or Council Members outside the official application or Council processes.



REQUIREMENTS

In return for financial or in kind investment by City of Darwin, we seek capacity building, engagement or support of Arts practices across the municipality.

Across all programs City of Darwin seeks recognition through acknowledgement, appropriate use of our logo for supported activity and, where suitable, invitations to events, launches or other activities. In some cases, it may be negotiated for Lord Mayor or Council Members to speak at events or for officers to negotiate naming rights for activities

All applications for support and acquittals will take place via Smarty Grants across all programs. All activity supported by City of Darwin's Funding program must:

- Align with the City of Darwin Arts Plan 2015-2020, Public Art and Cultural Development Policy and the Reconciliation Action Plan
- Take place within the municipality of Darwin
- Be inclusive
- Be undertaken by Darwin businesses for the benefit of the Darwin community
- Acknowledge clearly the support of City of Darwin in advertising, promotions and marketing activity
- Strongly preference suppliers located in Darwin wherever possible
- Ensure no single use plastics in the delivery of activity:
<https://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/transforming-darwin/climate-change/reducing-impact/single-use-plastic>
- Minimise and actively reduce any negative environmental impact resulting from the activity
- Adhere to the published guidelines and intent of the program
- Maintain appropriate public liability cover at a minimum of \$20Million
- Meet the requirements of reporting and acquittal
- Be cost effective and competitive
- Be consistent with relevant City of Darwin policies.

Unless explicitly outlined in the formal agreement all Funding arrangements are:

- For the period covered by the formal agreement only
- Contingent on the applicant delivering on all agreed requirements
- Able to be varied slightly within reason once approved if circumstances change.

In the first instance prospective applicants should contact the Arts and Cultural Development Officers prior to applying on 08 8930 0674 or arts@darwin.nt.gov.au.

ASSESSMENT

Applications will be reviewed and assessed in competitive rounds or within appropriate timelines by City of Darwin's Funding Panel against the criteria and focus of each category. Full, partial, or no funding will be recommended. Decisions are carefully considered to maintain the integrity of the process.

Council will consider the recommendations made at the most appropriate Council meeting in line with appropriate budgets and strategic objectives.

PRIORITIES

- Individual artists and organisations in the Darwin municipality from all Arts disciplines and practices
- Applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, LGBTIQ+ and diverse communities
- Applications that clearly demonstrate their project will be delivered in Darwin, engage with Darwin residents and directly benefit the Darwin community.

CRITERIA

Applications for grants should address one or more of the following areas:

- Development of new, original work by Darwin artists
- Building the capacity of Darwin artists through professional development or training
- Activation of public spaces across the wards of the municipality
- Diverse artistic practices, including traditional cultural practices
- Supporting artistic practice through the purchase of equipment and/or supplies including hiring venues such as performance spaces and studios.

OTHER INFO

Activities and projects must commence from 1 January 2022 and be completed by 31 December 2022.

Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss applications prior to submission with the responsible officer

Email: arts@darwin.nt.gov.au

Phone: 08 8930 0674

All applications must be submitted via Smarty Grants

