

MUSICNSW

ARTIST SUPPORT GRANT GUIDELINES

The MusicNSW artist support grant aims to support the creation of original contemporary music in NSW and the presentation of NSW artists in NSW and beyond.

The objectives of this grant are to:

- Support emerging musicians in NSW
- Support the creation of new contemporary music by NSW artists
- Support the presentation of contemporary music in NSW
- Support the presentation of NSW artists outside of NSW (including internationally)
- Increase sustainability in the NSW music industry

For the purpose of this grant contemporary music is defined as original music that is currently being written, recorded and performed by Australians in NSW. Its genres would include (but would not be limited to) blues, country, electronic/dance, experimental, folk, funk, hip-hop, jazz, urban, metal, pop, rock and roots.

WHAT CAN I APPLY FOR?

You can apply for funding of up to \$5,000 to access opportunities for projects such as (but not limited to):

- Festival performances
- Showcase opportunities (e.g. Bigsound or EMC)
- NSW, National & International tours
- Album or EP recording in NSW
- Album or EP release PR & marketing
- Composition development

If your project opportunity is not listed above but you believe it fits this grant please call MusicNSW on 02 9953 5279 to discuss or email laura@musicnsw.com

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants can apply for support costs for projects taking place between 1st Sept 2019 - 31st Aug 2020

Who can apply?

- NSW Artists
- NSW Artist Managers

To apply you must be:

- An Australian citizen or resident
- A resident of NSW (for at least 12 months)
- A musician or manager
- A MusicNSW member. Membership is free. [Sign up here](#)

Eligible costs:

- Artist fees
- Travel & accommodation
- Publicity & marketing*
- Production & distribution
- Studio hire, mixing & mastering

Funding cannot support:

- Purchase or hire of music instruments
- Projects part or previously completed
- Album or EP recording outside of NSW
- Non NSW residents

Other:

- For BIGSOUND showcase applicants or any other applications pending announcement. You can still put in an application if the announcement is due before 31st June 2019 however if you are not selected to showcase etc. your application will automatically become invalid.

*Music Videos will only be considered for funding if part of a cohesive release campaign. Applications will not be accepted for music videos alone.

FUNDING RANGE & TIMELINES

You can apply for artist support of up to \$5,000. (excluding GST).

Applications Open	Applications Close	Recipients Announced	Projects to occur
May 13th 2019	June 17th 2019 12pm noon (AEST/AEDT)	Mid August 2019	1st Sept 2019 - 31st Aug 2020

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Applications will be assessed by a peer panel against the following criteria:

- Evidence of a well-developed plan or strategy identifying clear objectives for capitalising on the opportunity
- Quality of opportunity/activity being undertaken
- Career aims, development and history
- Quality of music/recordings
- Sound planning and budget
- Quality of support material

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for funding, you need to complete and submit an application form by following the links provided on the MusicNSW website. Applicants do not need an ABN to apply, but you will be required to provide an ABN if your application is successful.

Applications are managed through Create NSW's secure online grants system – SmartyGrants. You must create a SmartyGrants account before you can proceed with your application.

You should save your application form on a regular basis and allow plenty of time to review your application before submission.

All MusicNSW application rounds close at 12pm noon (AEST/AEDT) on the specified closing date.

If you are unable to submit an application online for access reasons, please contact MusicNSW before 5pm on the closing date.

ASSESSMENT, ANNOUNCEMENT & DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS

A panel of music industry professionals assess the applications based on the assessment criteria. The panel's recommendations are delivered to Create NSW who seek final approvals from the Arts Minister. All decisions will be final. Once a decision has been announced no further discussion will be entered into.

Applicants will be notified of their application results once the Arts Minister has approved the recommendation by phone or email.

Payments of grants will occur following the return of a signed funding agreement and the receipt of a tax invoice for the grant amount (plus GST if registered for GST) from successful applicants.

ACQUITTAL OF GRANTS:

An acquittal is the process of evaluating and reporting on outcomes and expenditure of funds provided by MusicNSW.

Under the funding agreement, all funding recipients are required to provide MusicNSW with an acquittal for their project.

The acquittal is due 4 weeks from the completion date of the project. You are required to acquit against your original application.

Failure to submit an acquittal, or submission of an unsatisfactory report will render you ineligible to apply for further funding, and in instances where an acquittal shows that funding has not been used for the purpose specified in the original application, MusicNSW will seek the return of funds.

SUPPORT

Any questions? Please email Laura laura@musicnsw.com or call on 02 9953 5279

Need more support? Contact Laura to arrange 30 min one-on-one sessions in person or over the phone.