



MEDIA RELEASE

Four New Arts Funding Categories For The Territory

Arts NT is piloting four new funding categories in addition to what is on offer from the Arts Grants Program.

Arts NT Director Jackie Halsey said the new categories have been designed specifically to cater to the unique needs of the Northern Territory's cultural life.

If you live in a remote or regional community and wish to put on an arts, community or cultural festival, then grants of up to \$15,000 are available to you, through the Remote Festivals Fund.

If your event can contribute to forming a strong sense of community identity, enhance community engagement with the arts and facilitate cultural expression, then Arts NT would like to hear about your proposal.

Only local government bodies, festival management bodies and arts organisations within the Territory may apply to the Remote Festivals Fund.

Indigenous Performing Arts Touring Grants supports Indigenous performers to tour within the Territory, interstate and even overseas. Performing arts includes traditional and contemporary dance, theatre, storytelling and music.

Funds of up to \$7,000 are available for Indigenous individuals and groups.

The two following new funding categories are now available under the Regional Arts Fund (RAF).

The RAF is aimed to support creative and innovative regional, rural and remote communities, in which participation in, and access to, cultural activities contributes to the sustainable cultural, social and economic capacity and well-being of individuals and communities.

Artist to Artist Support is to support structured relationships between senior or established artists and emerging artists and artworkers. Applications may include mentorships, residencies or extended programs of professional or skills development.

Funds may cover artist fees, travel, accommodation or communications costs and direct project expenses such as materials. The funding limit for Artist to Artist support is up to \$10,000.

New Arts Communities is aimed to encourage communities who have not previously been funded through the Regional Arts Fund to get an arts project off the ground. Funds may be used to cover artist fees, travel and or direct project expenses. Funding Limit is up to \$5,000.

Deadline for applications is 15 October 2005.

Media note – For more information contact Jackie Halsey on 8999 5558

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