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Additional funding round for Public Art

An additional Public Art Grants is being made available to the public by the Department of Natural Resources, Environment and The Arts.

Director of Heritage and The Arts, Michael Wells said there would be up to \$6,000 available for 'Public Art Development', and up to \$10,000 available for 'Small Works'.

"The Northern Territory Government is committed to developing arts and culture to support the strong sense of place, identity and community," Mr Wells said.

"Integrating art into public spaces is a way of celebrating, marking and revealing aspects of our community, its history and character."

The 'Small Works' grants are for permanent or temporary public art works that can be integrated into existing buildings or added to the environment.

Previous small public art works that have received funding in the past include an artist who transformed a wall in Darwin CBD with Graffiti to tell a story, and Gallery Sometimes, a changing Gallery that shows artworks in empty shop windows.

Mr Wells said offering 'Public Art Development' and 'Small Works' grants twice a year enables artists, community organisations and businesses to initiate public art works more frequently.

"The public art grants, which were first launched in 2006, have been extremely successful and will be offered again in 2008," Mr Wells said.

The closing date for this year's additional funding round is 30 November 2007.

For more information on Public Art Grants go to www.arts.nt.gov.au or call Arts NT on 8999 8981.

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