



2025 South West Arts Inc Country Arts Support Program (CASP) Funding Guidelines

Key Dates

Applications Open: 7 July 2025

Applications Close: 8 August 2025

Projects will go before the Assessment panel on the 15th – 18th August. Decisions will be made and applicants notified of the outcomes approx. 6 weeks post-application.

Project is to be delivered from 29 August 2025 and completed by 28 August 2026.

Overview

The Country Arts Support Program (CASP) is an annual small grant program funded by Create NSW and managed by Regional Arts Organisations (RADOs). It is guided by Create NSW's Arts and Cultural Funding Program's three major objectives:

- Grow creative leadership and programming excellence in NSW
- Strengthen NSW arts and cultural activity that drives community and social benefits
- Showcase NSW as a leader in strategic arts and cultural governance and strong financial management

Objectives

Support community arts and cultural development in regional NSW through small grants that:

- Assist locally determined community arts and cultural activities
- Increase opportunities for regional-based groups to access a diverse range of arts programs
- Enable communities to explore and express their cultural identities
- Bring social and economic benefits to the community through training, employment, and promotional opportunities
- lead to greater awareness and appreciation of cultural diversity
- Increase the sustainability and resilience of regional based community arts organisations

Eligibility – Who can apply?

- A not-for-profit incorporated body
- A local government authority
- Applicants are required to have a current certificate of currency for 'Public Liability' Insurance. In case of individual or group applicants, each individual/ sole trader involved/ paid as part of the funding, will need to hold and show proof of their own 'Public Liability' Insurance
- Residents of the following LGAs: Edward River Council, Murray Shire Council, Balranald Shire, Berrigan Shire, Hay Shire.

Who Is Not Eligible to Apply?

- Individuals and Groups based in Sydney and the Blue Mountains, or for projects based in those areas
- Interstate organisations (as border regions, consideration will be made by all outcomes do need to be NSW based/ focused)
- Professional touring groups
- Commercial enterprises
- Groups/ ensembles and unincorporated associations with no administering body
- Regional Conservatoriums
- Organisations that have overdue reports or acquittals for any funding programs administered by RANSW and/or Create NSW
- Applicants who have not discussed their project with a South West Arts staff member

Funding Range

Grant A: Individual Artists up to \$500

Grant B: Community groups, arts organisations, museums, and galleries (including privately run facilities) \$2,000

Grant C: Community Activities – Local Government areas and businesses are eligible for this category in addition to arts and cultural organisations, museums, galleries, and individual artists. Up to \$2,000

Eligible Activities

Projects including but not limited to:

- Workshops
- Arts activities
- Artist-in-residence programs
- Public art and design projects
- Performances
- Arts and cultural directories
- Community seminars and forums
- Exhibitions
- Other local arts initiatives

Contact Details - To discuss your application idea/s

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