

2025 Blacktown City Creative Arts Fund Guidelines

The Blacktown City Creative Arts Fund offers funding opportunities for new projects, creative growth and professional artistic and cultural development for local artists, groups and organisations.

Aiming to build social and cultural connections and enhance local creativity, Blacktown City Council supports artists and community organisations in their professional and creative development.

Applicants are invited to submit creative ideas, initiatives and projects across a range of mediums including performance, visual arts, music, film, digital art, podcast, multimedia, dance, photography, professional development and more.

Successful applicants can receive up to \$5000 to help fund artistic, creative and cultural projects.

Key Dates

Applications open: Tuesday 4 March 2025

Information session: Thursday 20 March at The Leo Kelly Blacktown Arts Centre, 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm

Applications close: Tuesday 1 April 2024, 11.59 pm

Announcement of successful applicants: August 2025

Who can apply?

Applicants can be:

- Individuals aged 18 and above and living in the Blacktown Local Government Area
- An incorporated non-political, non-religious organisation or group that is operating their project in Blacktown Local Government Area and/or providing

services to residents. Organisations will need Public Liability Insurance to the value of \$10,000,000 and a Certificate of Incorporation.

- An ABN-registered non-profit, non-government community, cultural or arts organisation or group operating their project in Blacktown Local Government Area and/or providing services to residents.

Funding is not available to:

- Employees of Blacktown City Council or their immediate family members Ward Councillors or members of the Blacktown City Council Arts and Culture Advisory Committee
- Groups and organisations with their project based outside of the Blacktown Local Government Area
- Previous recipients of the Blacktown City Creative Arts Fund who have not completed their project and/or submitted a final project and expenditure report.

Please note only 1 application can be submitted per artist, group and/or organisation. All Blacktown Local Government suburbs can be found [here](#).

How do I apply?

You can apply by completing an application form on Blacktown Arts website here:

<https://blacktownarts.com.au/2025-blacktown-city-creative-arts-fund-application-form/>

You will need to:

- Provide information about your practice, or the organisation or group you are representing
- Describe the project in-depth
- Identify the desired outcomes
- Complete a budget outlining how you will use the funding
- Provide support material that will help communicate your project

How **will** applications **be assessed**?

Applications will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Originality of ideas and creativity
- Clearly defined project descriptions, aims and outcomes
- How the project benefits and/or engages the Blacktown community
- The applicants capacity to deliver the project
- A complete and realistic budget

Please note the assessment panel reserves the right to select a suite of different artforms.

Meeting all criteria does not guarantee an application will be successful. The Blacktown City Creative Arts Fund can only provide a limited number of applications with funding.

Successful applicants may receive a portion of the funding request.

Applicants without a budget will not be considered.

You may be required upon request, to provide further support material during the selection process.

What happens if my application is successful?

Successful applicants will be notified in August 2025.

After signing the Funding Agreement, recipients will receive their approved funding. Recipients will then be required to complete their projects and provide a final report and project documentation by 30 June 2026.

Unsuccessful applicants will be notified in August 2025.

Need some assistance?

To help assist you with the application process, Blacktown Arts will hold an information session on Thursday 20 March at The Leo Kelly Blacktown Arts Centre, 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm.

Register your attendance [here](#)

If you have further questions or require assistance with your application, contact Blacktown Arts via email blacktownarts@blacktown.nsw.gov.au or call (02) 9839 6558 Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm to request a call back from a staff member from the Blacktown City Creative Arts Fund team.