

## 2026 Blacktown City Creative Arts Fund Application Guidelines

Blacktown Arts is offering funding for new creative projects and professional development opportunities for local artists, groups and organisations.

You can apply for funding for projects in areas such as:

- performance
- visual arts
- music
- digital art
- podcasting
- multimedia
- dance
- photography
- professional development opportunities.

Successful applicants can receive **up to \$5,000** to deliver their project.

### Key dates

**Applications open:** Wednesday 3 June 2026

**Online information session:** Wednesday 10 June 2026, 5.30pm to 6.30 pm

**Applications close:** Monday 29 June 2026, by 11.59 pm

**Successful applicants announced:** September 2026

## Who can apply

You can apply if you are:

- an **individual artist** aged 18 or over who lives in the Blacktown Local Government Area

OR

- an **incorporated organisation or group** that has public liability insurance of \$20 million and a certificate of incorporation, and:
  - is not political
  - is not religious
  - runs projects in Blacktown City
  - and/or provides services to people who live in Blacktown City and Local Government Area.
- OR
- a **non-profit organisation or group** that
  - has an ABN
  - is not run by Government
  - runs projects in Blacktown
  - and/or provides services to people who live in Blacktown

We welcome applications from creatives who are D/deaf, neurodivergent, with lived experience of disability and/or access requirements.

You cannot apply if you are:

- an employee of Blacktown City Council
- an immediate family member of a Blacktown City Council employee
- a Blacktown City Councillor
- a group or organisation delivering projects outside Blacktown City
- someone who previously received this funding but has not finished their project or submitted their final report.

Only **one application** can be submitted per artist, group or organisation

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## How to apply

You must complete the **application form**.

You will need to provide:

- information about yourself, your organisation or your group
- information about your project - what it is, who is involved, when it will happen and why it matters
- what you want your project to achieve
- a draft budget showing how you would spend the funding
- support material that helps explain your work and project, for example images, videos, audio files and links to previous work

## How applications are assessed

A panel of 3 people consisting of Blacktown Arts staff and Blacktown City Council Arts Advisory Committee members will review all applications.

They will look at:

- originality and creativity
- whether your project goals and outcomes are clearly explained
- how the project benefits or engages the Blacktown City community
- whether you can deliver the project
- if your budget is clear and realistic.

## Important information

- The assessment panel may choose projects across different art forms.
- meeting all eligibility and assessment criteria does not guarantee success
- This is because there is limited funding available.
- If you are successful, you may receive less money than you asked for.
- Applications without a budget will not be considered.
- You may be asked to provide more support material.

## If your application is successful

Successful applicants will be notified in **September 2026**.

You will need to sign a Funding Agreement. After this you will receive your funding.

Before **30 June 2027**, successful applicants must:

- complete your project
- submit a final report
- provide project documentation

## If your application is unsuccessful

You will be notified in **September 2026**.

## Need help?

Blacktown Arts will hold an online information session on:

**Wednesday 10 June 2026, 5.30 to 6.30 pm**

Please **register your attendance** The session will be recorded and shared on the Blacktown Arts website.

If you need help, or this application format is not accessible for you, contact us and we can discuss another way for you to apply, please email:

**blacktownarts@blacktown.nsw.gov.au with the subject line '2026 Blacktown City Creative Arts Fund'**