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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is the funding program?

The \$500,000 stART Grant Program, announced on 26 May 2020, was designed to support Queensland independent creative practitioners including artists, artist collaborators, producers, designers, technicians, freelance and other arts workers impacted by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

How do I apply to the new grant?

Funding will be distributed through the [Regional Arts Services Network](#) (RASN) and other Arts Queensland funded small to medium organisations to be known as Delivery Partners.

If you are a music applicant, your application must be submitted to QMusic.

Delivery Partners will advertise an expression of interest (EOI) via their networks. Applicants will need to complete and return an EOI form to their relevant Delivery Partner.

Arts Queensland will not accept applications for the stART Grant Program.

If you are unable to complete the EOI form yourself, please contact the relevant Delivery Partner in your region for assistance.

How do I find the DELIVERY PARTNER relevant for my region?

A list of Delivery Partners along with a map clearly showing the stART regions will be published on the [Arts Queensland](#) website.

Can I apply to multiple DELIVERY PARTNERS?

You can only submit one application to the stART Program, to the relevant region in which you reside, or to QMusic, if your application relates to music activity. A check of successful applications will be done across all Delivery Partners prior to announcement of successful applicants.

What is the process?

Once you submit your EOI by the due date to the relevant Delivery Partner for your region, it will be considered by the assessment panel. Each Delivery Partner is responsible for coordinating their assessment panel. The assessment panel will include only one representative from the Delivery Partner organisation, any other assessors must be external to the Delivery Partner and hold relevant expertise.

Arts Queensland is not involved in the assessment of applications.

If your EOI is approved by the assessment panel, the Delivery Partner will contact you to arrange payment of the approved funding.

By 18 September 2020 you are required to provide the Delivery Partner with a report on the outcome of the activity supported by the funding.

How much can I apply for?

A payment of \$3,000 (ex GST) is available for each successful application that meet the eligibility and the assessment criteria and which is approved by an assessment panel.

What can I use the grant for?

The payment of \$3,000 (ex GST) can be used to undertake activities including, but not limited to:

- First stage development work including ideation, research, scoping and development of pitch towards future opportunity.
- Creative development of new work, existing work, digital or technical work including but not limited to, script-writing, recording, dramaturgy, planning and design.
- Producer services including project management and grant application writing.
- Artist technician or creative collaborator fees to enable activity.
- Purchasing of equipment relevant to your activity.

What can't I use the grant for?

The payment can't be used for the following:

- Business start-up costs.
- Expenses relating to formal education or training programs.
- Reimbursement for project expenses already incurred.

What is the criteria for eligibility?

To be eligible, you must fit the following criteria:

- You have provided a completed application form and your bio to the relevant Delivery Partner.
- You were employed in Queensland as an independent creative artist, producer, designer, technician, freelance or arts worker prior to COVID-19.
- You remained as a Queensland resident during COVID-19 and plan to continue to reside in Queensland over the next two months.
- You reside in the same region as the Delivery Partner you have submitted your application to (except if a music application).
- You have only submitted one application to the stART Grant Program.
- You are able to provide sound explanation that you lost income as a result of COVID-19.
- You were not eligible for the Federal Government's JobKeeper package.
- You have a current ABN registered under your name or your company.
- Not be a current Arts Queensland employee or former employee who ceased employment less than six months before applying.
- Your activity will be undertaken in Queensland.
- You do not have permanent employment in an organisation.
- You can demonstrate, your employment or participation in the arts industry since 2018 (Provide your Bio with your application).
- If your application relates to music activity, your application must be submitted to QMusic.

What is the assessment criteria?

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Impact of COVID-19 on the applicant's creative practice or professional employment opportunities.
- Prior record of artistic or professional achievement in the arts and cultural sector.
- How proposed use of stART Grant Program funding will support the applicant towards future outcomes.

Assessment panels will consider equitable distribution of funding taking into consideration art form, diversity groups and location of applicants across the state.

When will the guidelines be available?

The funding guidelines are available now on the [Arts Queensland](#) webpage.

When can I apply and when do applications close?

Applications open 15 June 2020 and close on 22 June 2020.

Is this a once off or an ongoing payment process?

Successful applicants, as determined by assessment panels in each stART region, will be provided with a one off payment to support their activity.

Will I receive feedback?

As this is a single grant round, feedback will not be provided to applicants by Delivery Partners.

Why is ARTS QUEENSLAND using this model of Program management?

Arts Queensland appreciates the ongoing relationships with Delivery Partners and their ability to utilise their regional networks to provide assistance to the Queensland arts and cultural sector. The approved program model was developed in response to sector feedback, providing quick-response support across the state to independent creative practitioners affected by COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions and lockdowns.

How are Delivery Partners supported to manage the process?

Delivery Partners will be provided with a small allocation from within the \$500,000 fund towards their administration.

When will I receive my payment?

If your application is approved as successful by an assessment panel, the Delivery Partner to which you applied will contact you to arrange payment.

Is this funding to support all independent artists or just those engaged in the performing arts?

Individual independent creative practitioners including artists, artist collaborators, producers, designers, technicians, freelancers and other arts workers across art forms are able to apply. Organisations are unable to apply.

How is this fund different from the Individuals Fund?

The Individuals Fund is for artists, including emerging artists to develop skills and practice to reach their full potential and explore new directions, engage with audiences and markets within Queensland, nationally and internationally. Its objectives are to propel careers to the next level of professionalism.

The stART Grant Program is designed to support Queensland independent creative practitioners including artists, artist collaborators, producers, designers, technicians, freelancers and other arts workers impacted by COVID-19 if their employment has been reduced and/or ceased.

Where can I find help to complete my Expression of Interest?

If you require assistance to complete an application or need it provided in an alternative format, please contact the relevant Delivery Partner for your region.