

Arts & Creativity Grants 2026/27 - Application Form

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Welcome

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Please see the Arts and Creativity Guidelines and our website for resources and information on how to complete your application.

If you have any questions, contact creative@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au or 1300 434 434.

We recommend preparing your application in full as a Word document before completing your Smarty Grants application to ensure you have a back up of your project information.

Eligibility Criteria *

- is an artist/creative, a small to medium arts/creative organisation, or business
- is aged over 18 years and an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident
- has no outstanding acquittals or debts owed to Council
- will undertake and complete the proposed project after signing the Funding Agreement and before 31 December 2027

At least 4 choices must be selected.

Check every box to confirm you meet the primary criteria. You will not be able to proceed without confirming.

Contact information

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Applicant Name *

Organisation Name

The Individual, business or group name who is receiving the Grant.

Contact person *

First Name

Last Name

Please enter information for the contact person. This is the person who will manage interactions with Council.

Preferred pronouns

she/her

he/him

they/them

Other:

Primary Email *

Must be an email address.

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Primary Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Alternate Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.

Primary Address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

Postal Address

Address

If different to your primary address.

ABN

If you or your organisation does not have an ABN you will be asked to submit a completed *ATO Statement by a Supplier Form* if your application is successful.

Please provide your ABN via the ABN lookup below.

Applicant ABN

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity name	
ABN status	
Entity type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main business location	

Must be an ABN.

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Project outline

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Which funding category are you applying for?

- Independent Projects - Up to \$5,000
- Creative Sector Projects - Up to \$10,000

If you are unsure, please read the Arts and Creativity Grants Guidelines.

What type of project are you proposing?

- Production and presentation of new work across all art forms incl. music, literature, film, audio, visual art and performance
- Face-to-face and /or digital creative programs and initiatives
- Exhibitions, performances, arts and cultural events, artistic programs and collaborations
- Cultural and creative professional development opportunities for the local community

Project title *

Provide a high level summary of your project *

Must be no more than 60 words.

Rationale and community impact

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1.a Select which objective(s) your project addresses. Select all that apply.

- Foster innovation and contribute to the growth of the local arts and creative sector through collaboration and partnerships.
- Connect with and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage and cultures.
- Develop the skills of local creative professionals and arts workers across all arts disciplines.
- Increase access and community participation in arts, culture and creativity.
- Animate public spaces with creative initiatives, including in unexpected and unique urban environments.
- Tell local stories that celebrate the Northern Beaches.
- Explore opportunities to increase representation of community diversity in the public domain, including people with disabilities, and culturally and linguistically diverse and LGBTQIA+ communities.

Only select the Objectives that specifically apply to your project.

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1.b Outline the value of your project to the Northern Beaches community and creative sector. *

Word count:
Must be no more than 100 words.

Practice development

* indicates a required field

2.a Outline the value of your project to your professional / practice growth and development. *

Word count:
Must be no more than 100 words.

Experience and capacity

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3.a Demonstrate your and any confirmed collaborators' capacity to deliver this project, including relevant skills and experience. *

Word count:
Must be no more than 150 words.

Upload a CV / resume for yourself and any confirmed collaborators involved in this project. Where there are multiple people, please combine CVs into one PDF document, or click the add more button.

CV file upload

CV file description

CV file upload	CV file description
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Support material

Support material may include:

- **Weblinks** to content / social media
- **Images / videos / audio** of relevant previous work

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- **Documents** such as letters of support
- **Portfolio** of past work

Click add more button if you have multiple links or files.

Support material - links	Link descriptions
Must be a URL.	

Support material - file uploads / documents	File descriptions

Experience and capacity

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3.b Evidence of community / cultural consultation where required.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural permissions and protocols.

You have indicated that your project will "Connect with and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage and cultures".

For information on *Aboriginal Arts and Culture Protocols* please refer to our [Resources for creatives](#) page on Council's website.

If your project connects with, and celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage and cultures, it is highly encouraged that the project is led, or co-led by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person.

If your project does not connect with this strategic objective, return to section 1.a. and untick the relevant selection.

Please describe how you will adhere to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and culture protocols. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Will your project be delivered by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander-led business, team or individual? *

Yes No Unsure

Please upload evidence of appropriate consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and or communities on your project . *

Attach a file:

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Community consultation

You have indicated that your project will "Explore opportunities to increase representation of community diversity in the public domain, including people with disabilities, and culturally and linguistically diverse and LGBTQIA+ communities."

If your project connects with this strategic objective, it is highly encouraged that the project is led, or co-led by people with lived experience or who identify with these communities.

If your project does not connect with this strategic objective, return to section 1.a. and untick the relevant selection.

Please describe how your project will involve working with, or include topic matter, relating to people with disabilities, culturally and linguistically diverse and LGBTQIA+ communities? *

Please upload evidence of consultation. *

Attach a file:

Viability

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4.a Demonstrate your projects value for money with a viable project budget.

Please see the Arts and Creativity Grants Guidelines and our website for resources and information on how to complete this section.

You will be asked for:

- the total amount you are requesting in this grant
- project income
- project expenditure
- project in-kind support
- partial funding project viability
- quotes for expenses valued \$2000 or over.

Do not use commas or dollar signs in numbers in the tables below - e.g., type 1000 **NOT** 1,000 or \$1000 - this will ensure your figures total correctly.

What is the total amount you are requesting in this grant application? *

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Must be a dollar amount.

Income

Income description	Type of income	Confirmed funding?	Income Amount (\$)
			Must be a dollar amount.

Expenditure

Expenditure description	What 'type of income' will pay for this item?	Type of expenditure	Expenditure amount (\$)
	Relate to 'Type of Income' above.		Must be a dollar amount.

Budget totals

Your budget **MUST** balance. This means your project income and expenditure must match with a balance of **\$0**.

The balance is automatically calculated based on numbers entered in the Income and Expenditure tables above.

Total Income Amount

This number/amount is calculated.

Total Expenditure Amount

This number/amount is calculated.

Balance *

This number/amount is calculated.

In-kind support and value

Description of support	Rate of pay	Total financial value of contribution
e.g., Volunteer assistance on event day (3 people)	e.g., 3 people x \$25 per hour x 4 hours	Must be a dollar amount.

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Partial funding

Is your project viable with partial funding? *

- Yes No

What is the minimum amount of partial funding for your project to be viable? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Upload quotes

Please attach quotes for expenses valued \$2,000 or above.

Attach quotes:

Brief description of quote provided

Add more rows if needed.	

Viability

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4.b Demonstrate the viability of your project plan.

Please see the Arts and Creativity Grants Guidelines or our website for resources and information on how to complete this section.

Fill in the table below with your project's timeline.

Project task / item

Dates

Where will your project take place? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

If you don't have a venue confirmed, please upload a file outlining support from the relevant approval authority.

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Venue booking confirmation / letter of support

Attach a file:

How will you measure the success of your project? *

Successful grant recipients will be required to submit an Acquittal Report at the end of their project that includes an evaluation of their project. You may use quantitative or qualitative data such as visitation, produce or ticket sales, audience engagement / participant satisfaction.

Insurance and child protection

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Public Liability Insurance

All projects are required to have Public Liability insurance to the value of \$20 million dollars.

A copy of your Certificate of Currency is required prior to the project being funded.

Please upload your Public Liability Certificate of Currency or quote for Public Liability Insurance.

Attach a file:

Child protection

If your project involves children, you will need to provide a Child Protection Policy (organisations), or Working with Children Check (WWCC) (individuals).

Does your project involve children? *

- Yes
- No

Upload your Child Protection Policy (organisation) or Working with Children Check (individual) *

Attach a file:

Certification and privacy

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Certification

This section must be completed by an appropriately authorised person.

I/We certify that the information given in this application is true and correct.

I/We accept that electronic submission of application will be taken as consent to the terms of declaration by the office bearer submitting this application.

I agree *

Yes

Name of authorised person *

First Name

Last Name

Must be a senior staff member, board member or appropriately authorised person (e.g. the person responsible for delivering the project)

Position in organisation *

Position held in applicant organisation (e.g. CEO, Treasurer)

Contact Phone *

Must be an Australian phone number.

We may contact you to verify that this application is authorised by the applicant organisation.

Contact Email *

Must be an email address.

Submission of application does not guarantee funding. The costs for producing an application are borne by the applicant. Council reserves the right to change the level of funding available. Any changes will be publicised on our website www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

Acknowledgement

Receipt of your application (including a copy of submitted details) will be acknowledged by automated email. If you have not received this after submitting, please email creative@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au.

TIP Check your Junk email folder as these emails may be directed there.

Privacy

Personal information collected by Council is held and used as permitted by the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (PPIPA)*. When you lodge a grant application, Council will collect personal information from you within the meaning of PPIPA. The Privacy Protection Notice (below) provides details regarding the collection, use and your rights regarding access and correction of your personal information.

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Privacy Protection Notice

- Purpose of collection: For Council purposes including Council's grant program
- Intended recipients: Northern Beaches Council staff and data service providers engaged by Council
- Supply: The supply of this information is voluntary although it may result in Council not being able to process your application if not supplied
- Access / Correction: Contact Customer Service on 1300 434 434
- Collected and held by: Collected and held by Northern Beaches Council.

I give my consent for the collection, storage and use of my personal information by Northern Beaches Council for the purpose of providing the services for which this data is being collected. *

- Yes No

Comments and feedback

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Demographics

To help us understand our community and who we're reaching, please tell us about yourself (or the contact person for this application if applying on someone else's behalf).

This does not impact the assessment of your application.

Age

- 18 - 29 30 - 39 40 - 49 50 - 59 60 - 69 70 +

Gender

- Female Male Non-binary Prefer not to say Other:

What is the primary discipline your project connects with? Select 1. *

- Visual arts Dance, theatre and performance Film / screen Podcast / audio content
- Craft (ceramics, woodworking, jewellery, fibre arts etc) Creative writing / literature Cross-disciplinary Video games / app development
- Music

No more than 1 choice may be selected.

Select the communities and groups your project benefits. Select all that apply.

- I am the key beneficiary of this project Women Young families Carers
- No specific community/group Men Older people (60+) Low income or unemployed
- First Nations (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders) LGBTQ+ community People with disability Other:

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- Multicultural communities Young People (12-24)

Applicant feedback

Before you review your application and click the SUBMIT button, please take a few moments to provide some feedback. This helps us improve the Grants program.

How did you find out about this program? *

- word of mouth postcard social media email newsletter (Creative News) email newsletter (Northern Beaches Council)

Other

What was your experience of the online application process? *

- very easy easy neutral difficult very difficult

Would you like to subscribe to Creative News, our monthly arts and culture e newsletter for the Northern Beaches? *

- Yes No I already subscribe

Would you like to subscribe to MAG&M What's On, Manly Art Gallery & Museum's monthly e newsletter? *

- Yes No I already subscribe

Culture Map Live

We invite you to list your business on Culture Map Live, our online map and directory of the creative industries, services and community on the Northern Beaches.

[Get on the map.](#)

Thank you.