

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Please also refer to the **Community Partnerships Guidelines and Application Form**.

Frequently Asked Questions

Has my project already commenced?

Planning a project outline, inquiring about artist availability or seeking community interest and support will not count as having started. However, if you have contracted artists, entered into agreements or promoted the project or event, your project will be deemed to have commenced and will therefore be ineligible.

What is a community partner?

A community partner is a community group, organisation or individual who will work with you on the project. This may include working collaboratively with you in the planning, design, implementation and review of the project.

What is the difference between partners, funders and participants?

A partner actively collaborates with you on the project. A partner can also contribute financially.

A funder contributes financially to the project.

A participant is involved in the project and will help to drive it, but does not have a strategic overview of the project.

What support material is required?

As well as the mandatory supporting documents noted in the program guidelines and application form, it is also mandatory that applicants provide artistic support material illustrating the project's artistic quality and community engagement. Artistic support material should be recent, concise and relevant to the application.

What details are required for community partner support letters?

Community partner support letters should be on letterhead (where appropriate) and state clearly how the group, organisation or individual is contributing to the project e.g. through funding cash or in-kind, assisting in the development or coordination of the project or recruiting participants to the project.

Does Community Partnerships fund emerging artists?

Yes. In addition to fees for professional practicing artists, fees for emerging artists can also be funded.

Will auspiced applications be accepted?

Yes. There is a section in the application that must be completed by the auspice body. The auspice body must also sign the declaration. Further information about auspiced applications can be found on the Arts Victoria website at:

http://www.arts.vic.gov.au/Funding_Programs/Information_for_All_Applicants/Auspiced_Applications

Is there an application template?

Yes. You must use the current Community Partnerships application forms.

What is the duration of the funding?

Funding is for fixed term projects of up to twelve months duration.

Will late applications be accepted?

No. Applications postmarked up to, and including, the specified closing date will be accepted. You can also hand deliver your application to Arts Victoria up to the specified closing date. Late or unsigned applications will not be considered.

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What is the assessment process?

Applications are assessed by a panel of respected external arts sector representatives.

The panel assesses and prioritises each application against the program objectives and assessment criteria as described in the Community Partnerships guidelines. Recommendations are submitted to the Minister for the Arts for final approval.

When will I know the outcome of my application?

It takes a minimum of 15 weeks from the closing date until funding results are available. All applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of their application.

When will successful applicants be paid?

If you are successful, you will need to enter into a funding agreement with Arts Victoria and meet any special conditions.

What are the reporting requirements?

At the conclusion of the project, recipients will be required to submit an acquittal. Details on reporting and acquittal requirements are contained in the Arts Victoria funding agreement.

Who can I speak to about my application?

Please call 8683 3112 for requests of up to \$39,999 or 8683 3119 for requests of between \$40,000 and \$65,000 to speak to the Community Partnerships program team.