

Regional Arts Fund Eligibility Notes for Applicants

This information is provided as a guide only and does not constitute legal advice. All applicants should read the Regional Arts Fund Guidelines prior to commencing an application. Any questions regarding the information provided below should be referred to the Regional Program Administrator in your State or Territory, or Regional Arts Australia.

Location Eligibility

Organisations or individuals **based in metropolitan locations are not eligible to apply** for the Regional Arts Fund.

Metropolitan organisations or individuals can partner with a regional organisation or individual to deliver a project. In these circumstances, the regional organisation or individual should submit the application, and must meet the location and applicant eligibility requirements.

The Regional Arts Fund uses the Modified Monash Model to determine the remoteness classification and eligibility of applicants. To check if you are based in an eligible location, visit the [Health Workforce Locator](#) and follow the directions below:

1. Enter your Primary Address into the 'Address' box at the left-hand side of the page. Your primary address must be a physical address, not a PO Box or postal address. This address should match the address listed on your ABN record.
2. Select the 'Modified Monash Model' Classification Filter by selecting the most recent year.
3. Press 'Search location'.

All locations classified from MM 2 to MM 7 are eligible to apply for the Regional Arts Fund. Schools are only eligible if they are located in very remote areas (MM7).

Applicant Type Eligibility

To be eligible for the RAF you must:

- be an individual, Australian incorporated organisation, company limited by guarantee, or local government organisation.
- have an active Australian Business Number (ABN) that is registered to your name and location.

Unincorporated groups are eligible for funding if auspiced by an organisation that meets the above criteria.

Individuals under 18 years of age are eligible to apply if they are auspiced by an individual over 18, with an active ABN.

For more information about auspicing, see section 7.1 of the [Regional Arts Fund Guidelines](#).

Schools are only eligible to apply if they are located in a very remote area (MM 7) as defined using the Modified Monash Model.

Incorporated organisations include:

- Incorporated Associations – registered under state or territory legislation.
- Companies Limited by Guarantee – registered with ASIC.
- Cooperatives – registered under state or territory legislation.
- Indigenous Corporations – registered with the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations.

The following entity types are not eligible for RAF grants:

- Individuals without an ABN.
- Unincorporated groups without an auspice.
- Trusts and Partnerships.
- Companies or businesses that operate for profit.
- Australian Government or state government entities (except for schools in very remote areas).
- Any applicant whose ABN details do not match their name and location.

Activity Eligibility

Quick Response Grants will fund professional development opportunities for artists and arts workers or small activity opportunities. The program supports immediate need that arises where the activity is unable to be planned for or supported in other funding rounds, for example taking up professional development, skills development, or small activity opportunities at short notice. The activity must take place within 2-12 weeks from the closing date of the grant round. Activities with a critical start date within 2-6 weeks from the closing date of the grant round will be prioritised.

Being unable to be supported in other funding rounds means that in the time since the opportunity has become available, there have been no funding rounds open for which you have been eligible to apply. Quick Response Grants are not intended to top up larger projects that have been unsuccessful in other funding rounds, or support activities that have missed out on other funding opportunities due to lack of planning.

Project Grants will fund high-quality arts projects benefitting regional or remote artists, arts workers, audiences and communities. Project Grant activities must commence after the date specified in each round.

For more information about eligible activities, see section 5.3 and 5.4 of the [Regional Arts Fund Guidelines](#).

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