

Capacity Building Grant for Youth Arts Organisations

Guidelines for applicants

Purpose

Capacity Building Grants for Youth Arts Organisations support organisations to grow their business or change their business model to encourage organisational sustainability. It is expected the grant will assist in increasing the capacity of organisational staff by skills development, acquiring new information through expert advice, changed operations, or revised organisational purpose or models, for example.

Capacity Building Grants for Youth Arts Organisations will support organisations working in any art form developed and presented for, by and with children and young people aged 26 years and under age (30 years of age for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders).

Offered once per year, Capacity Building Grants for Youth Arts Organisations will provide grants of up to \$10,000 for activity in the following calendar year.

Eligibility

This program is open to youth arts organisations that:

- Are not for profit incorporated bodies or emerging organisations establishing their governance and organisational structures.
- Are based in South Australia.
- Have acquitted any previous grants from Carclew and/or Arts South Australia.
- Can demonstrate a strong track record of delivering high quality arts programs for children and/or young people.
- Demonstrate that appropriate child safe policies and procedures are in place.
- Have met with a Carclew representative prior to submitting their application.

FUNDING AVAILABLE

Up to \$10,000 depending on the scope of the proposal.

KEY DATES

Applications close 11:59pm (ACST) Sunday, 21st September 2025

Notification of outcome November 2025.

Projects to commence after 1 January 2026.

Acquittal reports must be submitted 6 weeks after the project is completed.



General Information

- Applications will open 29th July and close 21st September 2025.
- This program is offered once per year for activity in the following calendar year.
- Organisations seeking support for capacity building may apply for up to \$10 000.
- Organisations working in any art form or mix of art forms are eligible.
- Applicants can only receive one grant for any individual capacity building initiative.
- No consultations can take place in the week prior to the application closing date.
- Applications must be submitted using Carclew's application form which can be downloaded from the website (see <https://carclew.com.au/>).
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Applications are assessed by a committee which includes industry peers and Board members. The committee reserves the right to recommend that no proposal in a particular round is funded.

Funding recommendations are endorsed by the Carclew Board

What Capacity Building Grants for Youth Arts Organisations support:

- An organisation's investment in sustainability and capacity to meet the resourcing challenges faced by the sector.
- Organisations that identify a capacity building initiative which best meets their particular needs.
- Proposals may include, but are not limited to: business coaching, staff professional development, business model development, fundraising strategy, professional grant writing expertise, development strategy consultancy services, advice on commercial development of products, organisational review and/or restructure, other tailored business services.

What Capacity Building Grants for Youth Arts Organisations do not support:

- Projects which have already taken place.
- Direct investment in arts program delivery.
- Project funding unless for specialist skills development.

Assessment Criteria

- Does the application clearly and realistically articulate the issues impacting on the sustainability of the organisation.
- Does the proposed activity have the potential to address the identified need.
- Is there a compelling argument that a Carclew capacity building grant will improve the viability of the organisation and materially impact long term outcomes through improved sustainability.
- Is the proposal clearly planned.
- Is there a realistic three year forecast reflecting the impact of the investment.
- Is there evidence of commitment to the proposal from the Board.
- Is the budget fair and reasonable for the proposal, including cost of external expertise.

- Are the professional credentials and the involvement of any coaches, mentors, advisors, consultants or any other external expertise confirmed.
- Has the organisation demonstrated capacity to deliver youth arts activity.

Completing Your Application

Before commencing your application, review and consider the assessment criteria.

Include in your application:

- A compelling rationale including evidence of need.
- A description of the proposed activity and proposed outcomes and benefits.
- Evidence of planning and delivery mechanisms including timelines and proposed personnel.
- A realistic budget accompanied by notes.
- A three year forecast reflecting the proposed and expected impact of the capacity building grant.
- Letters of confirmation from any external providers named in the proposal.
- Confirmation of commitment to the proposal from Board of Governance.
- If the project involves Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people, evidence of consultation and support for the project.
- Confirmation of consultation with a Carclew representative.

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