

## Organisation Capacity Building Grants

### Eligibility & Assessment Criteria

#### Purpose

Organisation Capacity Building Grants support youth arts organisations to strengthen long term capability, leadership, systems and sustainability.

Rather than funding one-off projects, these grants invest in what will be stronger, more capable or more resilient because of the support including governance, youth leadership, workforce development, organisational systems, partnerships and pathways for young people.

These grants prioritise small, emerging and under-resourced organisations where targeted capacity-building support can create lasting sector impact.

#### Eligibility

Applicants must meet all the following:

##### Organisational Status

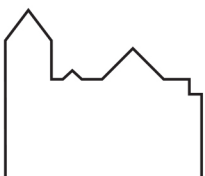
The applicant must be one of the following:

- small-to-medium not-for-profit organisation
  - **small organisations** are those with annual revenue under \$500,000
  - **medium organisations** are those with annual revenue of \$500,000 or more, but under \$3 million
- incorporated association
- are **based in South Australia**
- Aboriginal-controlled organisation with a youth focus
- unincorporated group with an eligible auspice
- can demonstrate appropriate **Child Safe Environment policies and procedures**

#### Youth Focus

The organisation must primarily work for, with or by children and young people, and demonstrate meaningful youth participation in at least one of the following:

- leadership or governance
- creative direction or decision-making
- program design or delivery



## **Geographic and Equity Priority**

Priority is given to organisations that are:

- based in regional or remote South Australia and/or
- working with underrepresented communities, including:
  - First Nations young people
  - culturally and linguistically diverse communities
  - LGBTQIA+ young people
  - d/Deaf and disabled young people
  - young people experiencing socioeconomic disadvantage

## **Capacity and Scale Thresholds**

Applicants must demonstrate that they are:

- newly established (generally under five years), or
- have limited access to recurrent funding, or
- entering a defined period of organisational development or transition requiring capacity investment

This ensures funding supports emerging opportunities/scaling organisations rather than consolidating already well-resourced organisations.

## **Additional Requirements**

Applicants must also:

- have acquitted any previous Carclew grants
- demonstrate appropriate Child Safe policies and procedures
- confirm Board or leadership commitment to the proposal
- demonstrate that funding will complement not duplicate existing support

## **Who Is Not Eligible**

The following are not eligible:

- proposals focused solely on one-off projects or events without long-term organisational benefit
- activity that has already taken place
- applications that replace existing secured funding rather than building additional capacity
- Organisation with any outstanding Carclew Funding acquittals

## **Assessment Criteria**

Applications are assessed by an independent peer panel against four criteria. Panels assess intent, readiness, and trajectory.

## **Criterion 1 — Youth Arts Practice & Sector Development**

**This criterion tests whether the proposal will:**

- build enduring capability within youth arts practice
- contribute to sector knowledge, leadership or improved ways of working
- strengthen the applicant's role within the wider youth arts ecology

## **Criterion 2 — Equity, Access & Participation**

**This criterion tests whether the proposal:**

- reduces structural barriers to participation, leadership or sustainability
- directs capacity-building investment to communities with the least access to resources
- embeds equity as a core design principle, not an add-on

## **Criterion 3 — Learning, Skills & Pathways**

**This criterion tests whether the proposal:**

- strengthens leadership, professional skills and decision-making capability
- creates clearer pathways for youth artists, arts workers or youth-led organisations
- supports progression beyond the funded activity

## **Criterion 4 — Sustainability & Ways of Working**

**This criterion tests whether the proposal:**

- strengthens organisational resilience and adaptability
- improves governance, systems, partnerships or financial sustainability
- demonstrates responsible, realistic and future-focused delivery

### **Funding Available**

Up to \$20,000 depending on the scope of the proposal.

### **Key Dates**

**Applications open** Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Applications close** 11:59pm (ACST) Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Notification of outcome** June 2026.

**Projects to commence** after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026.

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