

Carclew Project & Development Organisational Grants

Eligibility & Guidelines

Purpose

Carclew's Project & Development Grants invest in youth arts organisations to grow artistic leadership, centre young people in decision making and build resilient, sustainable practice across South Australia.

Who Can Apply

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
- Aboriginal-controlled organisations, youth-led organisations, or unincorporated groups with an eligible auspice
- are **based in South Australia**
- primarily work **for, with or by children and young people**
- demonstrate **meaningful youth participation** in leadership, design, delivery or decision-making
- can demonstrate appropriate **Child Safe Environment policies and procedures**
- can demonstrate a track record (or emerging practice) in delivering youth arts activity

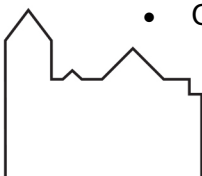
Priority will be given to organisations that:

- are based in **regional or remote South Australia**
- work with **underrepresented communities**, including First Nations, culturally and linguistically diverse communities, LGBTQIA+ young people, d/Deaf and disabled young people, and young people experiencing socioeconomic disadvantage
- are **new or emerging**, have limited access to recurrent funding, or are entering a period of organisational transition or development

Who Is Not Eligible

Organisations are not eligible if they:

- are proposing activity that has already occurred
- are seeking support for profit-making activity, competitions, fundraising events, or curriculum-based school programs
- Organisation with any outstanding Carclew Funding acquittals



What Can Be Funded

- development and/or presentation of performances for young audiences and their families;
- development and/or presentation of performances by and with children and young people;
- creative skills development workshop or masterclass programs for children and young people, particularly those with presentation outcomes which celebrate the achievements of participants;
- projects which promote the exploration of culture for, by and with children and young people;
- arts projects which employ early career artists aged 26 years and under;
- arts projects which incorporate structured skills development and mentoring for early career artists aged 26 years and under;
- arts projects which actively address barriers to participation brought about by social and geographic disadvantage.

What Is Assessed (Criteria)

Applications are assessed by an independent peer panel against four core criteria:

1. Artistic Direction and Sector Role

This criterion tests:

- the organisation's artistic vision and youth arts leadership
- its contribution to the broader youth arts ecosystem

2. Youth Leadership and Governance

This criterion tests:

- how youth voice is embedded structurally (governance, leadership, decision making)
- whether participation translates into agency and authorship

3. Organisational Impact and Pathways

This criterion tests:

- the longer-term impact of investment on organisational strength and youth outcomes
- how the organisation supports progression for artists, workers and participants

4. Leadership, Systems and Sustainability

What this criterion is assessing:

- governance, workforce capability and partnerships
- readiness to manage risk, growth and change responsibly

Funding Available

Grant amounts are determined by scope and scale. Organisations must submit:

- a clear organisational proposal
- a realistic budget with notes
- evidence of governance and child safety arrangements
- support material demonstrating organisational practice

Assessment Process

- Applications are submitted online.
- Eligibility is checked at the start of the process.
- Eligible applications are reviewed by a **multi-artform peer assessment panel**.
- Recommendations are endorsed by Carclew's delegated authority.
- Carclew reserves the right not to fund any application or round.

Reporting

Successful organisations complete a proportional acquittal focused on:

- youth arts practice and sector development
- equity, access and participation
- learning, skills and pathways
- sustainability and ways of working
- financial acquittal

Reporting emphasises **outcomes and learning**, rather than descriptive activity lists.

Important Notes

- Carclew is a **developmental funder**. Panels assess alignment, impact and potential, not grant-writing sophistication.
- Organisations must demonstrate young people are **active contributors**, not just participants.
- Applicants are encouraged to discuss eligibility with Carclew staff before applying.

Funding Available

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

Key Dates

Applications open Thursday, 16th April 2026

Applications close 11:59pm (ACST) Sunday, 17th May 2026

Notification of outcome June 2026.

Projects to commence after 1st July 2026.

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