

# 2024 City of Melbourne Aboriginal Arts Project Grants Fact Sheet

## Acknowledgement

The City of Melbourne respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land we govern, the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and Bunurong Boon Wurrung peoples of the Eastern Kulin and pays respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

We acknowledge and honour the unbroken spiritual, cultural and political connection the Wurundjeri, Bunurong, Dja Dja Wurrung, Taungurung and Wadawurrung peoples of the Eastern Kulin have to this unique place for more than 2000 generations.

We are committed to our reconciliation journey, because at its heart, reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples, for the benefit of all Victorians.

## Application dates

Applications open: 21 August 2023

Applications close: 11.59pm, 1 October 2023

Notification to applicants: November 2023

## Grant categories

The following grants are available for activities taking place in 2024.

- up to \$20,000 for the creation and presentation of projects that are presented to the public, or
- up to \$5,000 for a creative development (a public presentation is optional).

## Who can apply?

Applications are open to Aboriginal artists and arts organisations who plan to develop or present work in 2024.

The City of Melbourne welcomes grant applications from Deaf and Disabled artists.

Only one application can be submitted.

## Are you eligible?

Not all types of projects are eligible for funding. Contact the [City of Melbourne Arts Grants](#) team to find out if your project is eligible for funding.

Make sure your public presentation takes place within the City of Melbourne [Council boundaries](#)<sup>1</sup>

**Note:** There are extra eligibility requirements for creative developments and online projects.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/about-melbourne/melbourne-profile/Pages/city-maps.aspx>

You cannot apply if you have an unfinished acquittal or unpaid debts to the City of Melbourne.

## Find out more about the grants

[City of Melbourne Website: Aboriginal Arts Project grants<sup>2</sup>](#) – you will find the guidelines, links to the application forms, videos and FAQs on this webpage.

## SmartyGrants online application form

[2024 Arts projects SmartyGrants application<sup>3</sup>](#)

## How to apply

1. Read the guidelines thoroughly.
2. Watch the grants briefing and the applicant top tips video on the website.
3. Apply via the SmartyGrants online application form (log in or create an account).
4. Contact the Arts Grants team with any queries.
5. Allow plenty of time to plan, gather support material and to draft your application.
6. Complete and submit your online application by 11.59pm on 1 October.

## Accessibility

We aim to make the arts grants accessible to all people.

Applicants should do their best to make their project accessible.

Access support is available for Deaf and Disabled people when applying.

Deaf and Disabled, neurodiverse and chronically ill artists can apply for an extra \$2,000 to cover access costs.

For more information, please [contact us](#).

## Help is available

For more information check out the FAQs or contact the Arts Grants team.

## Contact the City of Melbourne Arts Grants team

Email: [artsgrants@melbourne.vic.gov.au](mailto:artsgrants@melbourne.vic.gov.au)

Phone: 03 9658 9658 (voice only)

The National Relay Service: 133 677

## Get help with your application

If you need assistance or the application form is not accessible to you please contact Will Box in the Arts Grants team on 0481 099 439 (text or voice).

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/arts-and-culture/strategies-support/funding/Pages/aboriginal-arts-projects.aspx>

<sup>3</sup> <https://melbourne.smartygrants.com.au/AboriginalArts2024>

You can also contact Arts Access Victoria (AAV) for auspicng services.

Contact AAV

Email: [info@artsaccess.com.au](mailto:info@artsaccess.com.au)

Phone (03) 9699 8299 (voice only) / 0477 860 955 (text or voice)

### **Get help with the SmartyGrants online application**

Check out the [SmartyGrants Help Guide](#)<sup>4</sup>

You can contact the SmartyGrants support desk 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday

Email: [service@smartygrants.com.au](mailto:service@smartygrants.com.au)

Phone: 03 9320 6888 (voice only)

### **Useful resources**

City of Melbourne's [Council Plan 2021-25](#)<sup>5</sup> is based on values of integrity, courage, accountability, respect and excellence.

Read our [Creative Strategy 2018-28](#)<sup>6</sup>

Read our [Creative Funding Framework 2019-24](#)<sup>7</sup>

### **Other funding opportunities**

The City of Melbourne offers a wide range of opportunities to support artists to deliver a range of quality programs and activities including opportunities through:

- [Arts House](#)<sup>8</sup>
- [Signal](#)<sup>9</sup>
- [ArtPlay](#)<sup>10</sup>

Stay up to date on the latest city of Melbourne opportunities by:

- Visiting our [website](#)<sup>11</sup>
- Following us on [social media](#)<sup>12</sup>
- Subscribing to our [e-newsletters](#)<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> <https://applicanhelp.smartygrants.com.au/help-guide-for-applicants/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/about-council/vision-goals/Pages/council-plan.aspx>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/arts-and-culture/strategies-support/Pages/creative-strategy-2018-28.aspx>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/arts-and-culture/strategies-support/Pages/creative-funding-framework.aspx>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/arts-and-culture/arts-house/Pages/arts-house.aspx>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/arts-and-culture/signal/Pages/signal.aspx>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/arts-and-culture/artplay/Pages/ArtPlay.aspx>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/about-council/governance-transparency/Pages/grants-and-sponsorships.aspx>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/pages/social-media.aspx>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/news-and-media/pages/news-and-media.aspx>