

WYNDHAM ARTS GRANTS GUIDELINES 2026

The purpose of the Wyndham Arts Grants is to support the development and presentation of creative work in Wyndham and support the skills development of local creatives.

This funding supports the research, scoping and testing of new creative work, presentation outcomes, and skills development for creatives across all creative genres and industries. It is open to individuals and groups. Applicants must be live, work or have a connection to Wyndham. Presentation outcomes must take place in Wyndham.

Applicants will be expected to set project goals, be dedicated to developing and delivering their chosen activity and report on outcomes upon completion.

Grant Objectives

- To support the creation of new creative work by local creatives
- To support the research, scoping, and testing of new creative work across the creative sector
- To support the presentation of new creative work in Wyndham
- To support the skills development of local creatives

There is a total grant pool of \$30,000 with individual grants being offered of up to \$3,000 for Creative Development and Skills Development and up to \$5,000 for Presentation.

Examples of support Council may consider funding include, but are not limited to:

- Research and planning for a new creative work
- Facilitating collaboration between creative partners towards a new work or initiative.
- Development of a community creative participatory work
- Undertake a program of skills development in a creative field
- Engagement of specialist skills to mentor or consult on a new creative work
- Presentation of a new work across any artform in Wyndham City Council area.

Applications will be assessed against the following key assessment criteria:

- Meeting Grant eligibility requirements
- Alignment with Grant objectives
- Articulation of proposed activity and perceived creative merits
- Demonstration of capacity for delivery of the proposed work
 - Clearly articulated and achievable budget and timeline of activity

Responsibilities of successful applicants

- Develop, deliver, and acquit a creative-led program, project, or practice.
- Sign an agreement, stating desired goals and commitment to work towards agreed outcomes.
- Attend a briefing session with a member of the Arts & Culture Team and regularly report in on activity progress.
- Activities may or may not include some form of public engagement. Applicants may not charge for participation in their activity.
- Provide promotional material to Wyndham Arts and Culture for promotion of any outcomes.
- Acknowledge Wyndham Arts and Culture support on all marketing material.
- Submit a full project debrief and assessment process to be prescribed by Council.

+ How to apply

Applications open on **9:00am on Wednesday 19 November 2025** and close at **3pm on Wednesday 14 January 2026**.

[Click here](#) to apply for a Wyndham Arts Grant.

More Information

For enquiries about the application process, please contact the Arts & Culture Team at arts@wyndham.vic.gov.au

+ WYNDHAM ARTS GRANTS TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By submitting an application for a Wyndham Arts Grants ('grant'), you agree to be bound by these terms and conditions. If your application does not comply with these terms and conditions, it will not be valid and will not be considered.

These terms and conditions should be read in conjunction with any relevant grant information, such as your application form and the information published on Council's website.

1. ELIGIBILITY

1.1 To be eligible for a grant, applicants must:

- (a) Live in Wyndham or group majority live in Wyndham or be able to demonstrate a connection to Wyndham; and
- (b) Be 18 years of age and over,
- (c) be compliant with all relevant local, state, and federal legislation.
- (d) speak to an Arts Officer about your application prior to submission.

1.2 Applications will not be accepted from:

- (a) Council staff, Councillors, and their immediate family members.
- (b) applicants that have failed to provide satisfactory acquittal reporting for any previous Council funding; or
- (c) applicants that are currently declared bankrupt or who are undergoing any form of insolvency event.

2 APPLICATIONS

- 2.1 To apply for a grant, you must submit a properly completed application form via Smarty Grants between **9:00am on Wednesday November 17 and 3:00pm Wednesday January 14, 2026**. Applications received outside of this period will not be accepted.
- 2.2 Council will not seek to correct errors in applications. Applications will be assessed as they have been submitted.
- 2.3 Council reserves the right to request further information when considering applications, and the right to reject any application that is ineligible or does not meet the assessment criteria.

3 ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Applications will be assessed by a panel of Council staff who will make recommendations to the relevant Manager.
- 3.2 The Manager will determine the outcome of all applications that have been recommended by the assessment panel.
- 3.3 Council reserves the right to approve a lesser or greater amount of funds applied for. All applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of their application.

4 NO LOBBYING

No consideration will be given to applications submitted by applicants who have canvassed or lobbied Councillors or Council staff in relation to their application.

5 SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

Successful applicants:

- 5.1 must enter into a funding agreement with Council and comply with the terms and conditions of the funding agreement.

5.2 will be required to acquit the grant within 30 days after the conclusion of the project. The applicants must provide a 2-page maximum report on activities and outcomes, provide information on how the funds were expended, numbers of participation and video or photo documentation. They will also be required to complete a Culture Counts survey provided by Council. The particulars of the evaluation process will be outlined in the funding agreement.

6 CONFIDENTIALITY

6.1 Applications are confidential and will only be disclosed in accordance with these terms and conditions, or as required by law.

6.2 Applicants acknowledge and agree that their names, their grant details, and the amount of funding requested and/or awarded may be made publicly available by Council and may be utilised in reports to Council and for use in grant-related marketing material.

7 GENERAL

7.1 Council accepts no responsibility for late, lost, incomplete, invalid, or corrupt applications.

7.2 Council reserves the right to modify these terms and conditions at any time, without prior notice.

7.3 Council's decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered into.