**Strategic Infrastructure**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**What is Strategic Infrastructure?**

*Strategic Infrastructure* is a limited-life funding program, delivered as part of the $22.5 million Arts and Cultural Recovery Package.

Strategic Infrastructure is a limited-life matched funding program that will support not for profit arts and cultural organisations to upgrade facilities or undertake an infrastructure project that has broad benefit across a range of partners or the arts and cultural sector.

**Who can apply?**

To be eligible, all applicants must:

* be a not for profit arts and cultural organisation based in Queensland.
* have an active Queensland-registered Australian Business Number (ABN) that is in the name of the applicant.
* have satisfied the reporting requirements of any previous Arts Queensland (AQ) funding.
* conduct the activity in Queensland.

Arts Queensland shareholder companies (not wholly owned) and recognised Major Performing Arts Organisations supported by the Queensland and Federal government are not eligible to apply.

Applicants must demonstrate a matched cash contribution at least equal to the funding request through this fund.

**How can I apply?**

Apply online, visit the following web link to access the application form, and submit your application by 4pm on 31 August 2020: <https://artsqueensland.smartygrants.com.au/>

Emailed or hand-delivered applications are unable to be accepted.

**What costs can be covered or would be excluded?**

Grant funds may cover any costs associated with delivering the infrastructure project have an infrastructure project that are either;

* shovel ready - in the latter stages of project planning, design and approvals
* currently being delivered with scope for enhanced community or arts and cultural sector access
* seeking funding to finalise an infrastructure project to enhance sector and community access to performances or exhibitions.

Funding cannot be directed towards costs such as businesses cases, feasibility studies, in-kind works, routine maintenance, operational costs, art supplies, consumables, office supplies or office equipment and loose furniture.

**What happens if funding is approved?**

When your application has been processed you will receive formal advice notifying you of the assessment outcome and, if successful, the advice will include the next steps to process your payment.

**How long will it take to receive funds?**

The standard turnaround time to process applications submitted by the due date is approximately four weeks. Therefore notifications of ineligible, successful and unsuccessful applications would be due to be released within the following two weeks.

**What are my obligations if my application is approved?**

If your application is approved you will be required to deliver your project as outlined in your application and:

* Comply with COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time of delivery.
* Comply with the terms and conditions of funding as outlined in the funding guidelines and application form.
* Collate clear and accurate reporting records of your activities.

**Would I be able to change my project after it’s been approved?**

Any proposed changes to an approved project will need to be submitted in writing to AQ for approval.

**What if I’ve already received funding through another AQ program?**

Please check that you have complied with the guidelines of AQ funding programs. For example if you have any outstanding reporting due to AQ for another funding program your application will not be deemed eligible.