**Youth And Arts Pathways**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**What is Youth And Arts Pathways (*YAAP*)?**

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

*YAAP* is focussed on supporting activities which will target job retention and/or career development for young people aged 15 to 25 working within the Arts and Cultural sector.

**Who can apply?**

To be eligible, all applicants must:

* be an 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.

**How can I apply?**

Apply online, visit the following web link to access the application form, and submit your application by 4pm on 28 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 your activities within your approved application with the exception of:

* infrastructure purchases and/or renovations;
* building maintenance and/or recurring fixed costs;
* business start-up costs;
* private tuition or study costs;
* travel costs pertaining to restricted destinations at the time of submission
* alcohol;
* awards and prizes, competitions, eisteddfods;
* loan or debt repayments;
* touring costs or equipment purchases exceeding $3000; and
* contingency costs.

Also a maximum of 10% of the granted amount can cover your internal administration costs to deliver the activities.

**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. This includes provision of a tax invoice to AQ for the full instalment of grant funds and confirmation of Electronic Fund Transfer details.

**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. Once you have been informed your signed application form, terms and conditions and the *YAAP* program guidelines will comprise your new agreement with AQ and the grant payment will be processed.

**Can I apply for more than one activity?**

Applicants can apply for a program of activities that support job retention and/or career development, or the application can focus on one key activity.

Applicants can also submit two applications for separate projects which might each carry a different focus, for example workshops in one application supporting young people develop specific skills in lighting and artwork display and placements in another application for ‘hands-on’ experience in staging and event management).

**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.

Should your proposed change be minor such as a short time delay or change of venue AQ staff will review and respond. If the changes are considered significant or you are unable to deliver your project you will be required to return the grant funds and any outstanding grant funds will be withheld by AQ.

**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.

If you have applied to another AQ funding program it must be clear that the funding you have requested and/or received in your applications are not funding the same expenditure item across grant programs. If this is unclear your second application to AQ would not be deemed eligible.

**What resources are available to support careers for young people?**

You may like to consider government initiatives and programs such as:

* Youth Jobs PaTH through the Department of Education, skills and Employment – <https://www.employment.gov.au/youth-jobs-path>
* Youth Employment Program through Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander partnerships - <https://www.datsip.qld.gov.au/programs-initiatives/youth-employment-program>
* Career Development Grants for Individuals and Groups through the Australia Council for the Arts - <https://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/funding/funding-index/career-development-grants-for-individuals-and-groups/>
* Arts Projects for Individuals and Groups through the Australia council for the Arts - <https://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/funding/funding-index/arts-projects-for-individuals-and-groups/>