**Backing Indigenous Arts (BIA)**

**Indigenous Art Centre Launch Fund**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**What support material should I include in my application?**

Information about required support material, including your strategic plan, is provided in the application form.

Additional material that may support your application includes:

* Evidence of how Indigenous Art Centre Launch Fund funding will deliver on local priorities, for example, extracts from relevant local plans and policies, summary of community consultation, program or project evaluations, letters of support for the proposed program.
* Evidence of initiatives proposed, for example, project plans, financial statements, supplier quotations, sponsorship arrangements, outcomes from previous year’s achievements, CVs or profiles of key personnel such as artists, arts workers and organisations.
* Evidence of financial partnerships – for example, copies of MOUs, contracts, Letters of Offer, etc.

**How are applications assessed?**

Applications will be assessed by First Nations Arts and Culture Panel, who will make funding recommendations to the Minister for the Arts or delegate, against the criteria set out in the guidelines.

The panel will provide advice regarding applicants’ proposed plans and activities, which will inform the development of funding agreements.

Panellists adhere to strict conflict of interest and confidentiality guidelines and consider applications against fund criteria.

**What does the acquittal and reporting process involve?**

Successful organisations will be required to enter into a funding agreement with Arts Queensland, which includes Key Performance Outcomes (KPOs) relating to the objectives of the fund.

Funding is conditional on the submission and approval of an annual plan of activity, with each year’s payment activated by applicants’ completion of progress and outcome reports.

**Can the Indigenous Art Centre Launch Fund be used to fund infrastructure activities?**

The Indigenous Art Centre Launch Fundis not for capital infrastructure activities, such as the building or refurbishment of an art centre or staff housing.

**Can I apply to the Indigenous Art Centre Launch Fund if my organisation already receives core operational IVAIS funding or other operational support?**

Yes, please include evidence of existing partnerships with other government and non-government entities in your application.

**Can I include wages for Indigenous arts workers in my application budget?**

You can include funding for arts workers and other operational needs such as equipment in your budget proposal for Indigenous Art Centre Launch Fund.

**Does receipt of this funding mean that my art centre is expected to participate in exhibitions?**

Indigenous Art Centre Launch Fundis designed to support opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists to generate income from their professional visual art practice.

Art centres funded through the Indigenous Art Centre Launch Fundare expected to participate in exhibitions. This should include participation in the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair each year, with a focus on art sales.