**Play Local Snapshot**

**October 2020**

**Introduction**

Play Local is a program within the Queensland Government's $22.5 million Arts and Cultural Recovery Package. Its purpose is to support Queensland’s live music and performing performance venues to program Queensland artists and arts organisations while social distancing restrictions are in place and during the subsequent recovery phase.

Applicants could apply for up to $20,000 funding to support reactivation of Queensland’s live music and performance venues by providing local artists and arts workers with employment opportunities, and support renewed engagement with audiences towards recovery.

Applications opened on 3 July 2020, and closed on 27 July 2020.

**Outcomes**

55 successful applications (87% success rate) secured total funding of $812,385.

Public announcement of [successful grant recipients](https://www.arts.qld.gov.au/aq-funding/play-local) were made on 13 August 2020.

**General Feedback**

Successful applications were able to clearly demonstrate how their proposed activity responded to the Play Local fund’s objectives and the [published assessment criteria](https://www.arts.qld.gov.au/aq-funding/play-local).

All applications were assessed and moderated by a panel of industry-based peer assessors. The panel provided the following general feedback for applicants. Successful applicants:

* Demonstrated how their venue supported the live music or performing arts ecology in their location and how this activity was a core part of their business.
* Evidenced how Arts Queensland’s investment in the funded activities would generate employment opportunities for Queensland artists and arts workers.