**Youth and Arts Pathways Snapshot
October 2020**

**Introduction**

Youth And Arts Pathways (YAAP) is a program within the Queensland Government's $22.5 million Arts and Cultural Recovery Package. Its purpose aims to attract and retain young people within the arts and cultural sector with a focus on activities which support ongoing employment and career development.

Applicants could apply for up to $80,000 for activities that support ongoing employment, training and career development within professional arts practices.

Applications opened on 31 July 2020 and closed on 28 August 2020.

**Outcomes**

8 successful applications (20% success rate) secured total funding of $376,924.
Public announcement of [successful grant recipients](https://www.arts.qld.gov.au/aq-funding/youth-and-arts-pathways) were made on 1 October 2020.

**General Feedback**

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

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:

* Submitted a clear and detailed budget that provided a comprehensive breakdown of expenditure items, assisting effective assessment of value for money.
* Provided evidence showing the applicant would maximise their own resources to deliver high quality products and services. Requests that the grant cover wages for core staff and existing programming (which should already be an existing operational cost) was a detriment to many applications.
* Demonstrated new or existing community and business partnerships that are relevant for supporting young people.
* Engaged industry professionals for the program to ensure positive outcomes for young people such as extended employment opportunities.