

SNOWY VALLEYS COUNCIL

ART & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT GUIDELINES

Purpose

Snowy Valleys Council has implemented an Art and Cultural Development grants program to create opportunities for enriched arts and cultural experience within the community. These grants are for projects in the Snowy Valleys Council area.

The grant program is designed to:

- encourage creative collaboration between artists and the broader community to create artworks in public spaces;
- increase community participation in artistic processes, activities, workshops and performances;
- create high quality public spaces for the greater enjoyment of the general public and to increase the aesthetic appeal of our communities.

Objectives

Through the implementation of the Art and Cultural Development grant program, Snowy Valleys Council seeks to:

- Increase arts and cultural activities and integrate them into the fabric of community life;
- Create an environment that supports artists to engage with our communities;
- Foster a 'sense of place' and community identity through the creation of art that highlights local sites or issues of interest unique to the community/region.

Eligibility

- Non-profit organisations or groups that operate within the Snowy Valleys Council.
- Individual artists if they are sponsored by an incorporated association.

Ineligibility

- Applicants who have outstanding final reports for previously funded projects;
- For profit organisations or businesses.

Assessment Criteria

Successful art and cultural development projects require a commitment of time, energy and enthusiasm from all participants. To this end, your proposal must demonstrate evidence of the following characteristics:

- Is inclusive and of benefit to the community;
- Has evidence of community support;
- Enhances local residents or artists skills through the provision of education;

- Compliments and enhances the site and surrounding spaces if relevant;
- Addresses future maintenance issues if relevant;
- Shows evidence of ability to manage the grant;
- Shows the contribution of the organisation applying for the project or activity through cash or in-kind (in-kind is a contribution of goods, commodities, or services instead of money); and
- Meets all legislative codes and regulations.

What May Be Funded

Examples of what may be funded include:

- Activities that allow the community to be involved in high quality arts experiences;
- Development of Cultural Performances and activities that reflect cultural diversity;
- Skill development workshops e.g. visiting artists or free public workshops;
- Development of new artworks with public outcomes.

What Won't Be Funded

The Program does not fund:

- Projects that are delivered outside the Snowy Valleys Council area;
- Projects without a clear arts or cultural component;
- More than one application for the same project from any one organisation. Organisations can submit applications for multiple projects;
- Specific projects or programs that have received funding three (3) times;
- Expenses that occur prior to or after the project dates;
- Fund raisers or prizes;
- Lobbying activities;
- Projects or activities presented in the context of a religious service or event;
- General operating expenses of the artist of the applicant organisation;
- Projects that are clearly the responsibility of other levels of government;
- Projects that do not meet the identified priority needs;
- Projects that directly contravene existing Council Policy;
- Projects that are seen as a duplication of existing services in the municipality;
- The purchase of land;
- Projects that are based at facilities where little or no public access is available;
- Projects that will commit Council to ongoing support

Privacy

- All information provided on application forms or attachments to application forms becomes the property of the Committee.
- The information collected will be used by the Committee to assess the validity and merit of each application.
- Based on the information provided the Committee will allocate grant funding to successful applicants. The Committee's decision is final.

- The Committee will retain applications and information pertaining to the decision making process for an indefinite period.
- Successful applications can be publicly acknowledged through means of presentation, or use of various forms of media. Information outlined within the application may be accessible to the public through the communication of successful applications.

Funding Agreement

Grants made to community organisations will be made on the following conditions:

- Funds must be expended on the project as described on the successful application. Any significant changes to the project must be approved by Council;
- The project shall be completed and acquitted by 30th June 2019. Funds not expended by this date will be forfeited.
- Council is not responsible for any shortfall should the project run over budget;
- Organisations and groups who receive funding must submit a financial statement (including receipts of expenditure), a completed evaluation report and photographs of the project to Council upon completion of the project;
- Final balance of funds will only be paid upon completion of the project and following evidence of completion.
- Wherever possible, acknowledgement should be given to the support provided by Snowy Valleys Council on promotional material for the project.

Application Process

1. Review the program guidelines.
2. Obtain a copy of the application form from Snowy Valleys Council Tumut Office, Tumbarumba Office or website www.snowyvalleys.nsw.gov.au
3. Identify the proposed site for the project (e.g. town, location).
4. Identify the non-profit entity that can receive the funds on behalf of the project.
5. Identify and get the commitment and support of key community partners.
6. Obtain quotes for the project.
7. Complete the application form and submit by 5pm, Friday 10th August 2018.

Applications are to be sent to:

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