

Arts Grants 2026/27 Application Form

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Before you start

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Thank you for your interest in Mount Barker District Council's Arts Grants.

The Arts Grants aim to enhance the liveability of our District by providing funding for arts projects which contribute to the economic, cultural, environmental and social fabric of our district.

The Arts Grants are available to artists, groups of artists and arts organisations active in the Mount Baker District. They are intended to support works of high artistic merit with professional artist involvement throughout the creative process and outcome of the project.

If your project is best aligned with Community and Cultural Development, where the majority of the benefit lies with community or participants, it is most probably better suited to Council's Community Grants Program. Contact Alyssa Hill, Community Grants Officer on 8393 6426 / ahill@mountbarker.sa.gov.au to discuss.

Grants of up to \$5,000 are available.

Before completing this form, please read the [Arts Grants guidelines](#).

Incomplete applications and/or applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

Please direct any queries to Alyssa Hill, Community Grants Officer on 8393 6426 / ahill@mountbarker.sa.gov.au

Eligibility

The Arts Grants are being offered to support professional arts projects either occurring in the district, created by resident/s of, or arts organisations active in the district.

The provision to support arts outcomes occurring outside the District is for the following two scenarios:

1. Where the arts outcome raises the profile of the District and/or the District's arts ecology at a state or national level, and/or
2. Where the arts outcome cannot occur in the District due to a lack of availability of venues or infrastructure e.g. theatres, galleries, etc .

This section of the application form is designed to help you, and us, understand if you are eligible for this grant. It's crucial that you complete these questions before any others to ensure you do not waste your time applying for an unsuitable grant.

If you have any questions in regards to these eligibility criteria, please contact Alyssa Hill, Community Grants Officer on 8393 6426 / ahill@mountbarker.sa.gov.au

Before you continue with your application, please ensure that you meet all the eligibility criteria for this program below including criteria in the program guidelines:

- The applicant/s are professional artists and/or arts organisations.

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We draw on Creative Australia's definition used in its Making Art Work study, which uses the tenets of 'professional, practicing, and serious' to define professional practice. This study proposes professional practice be defined by artists who satisfy one of the below criteria:

- - In the last three to five years, have had a significant artistic achievement in their artform (such as a work published or professionally shown or performed);
 - Have been engaged in the last five years in creating a serious and substantial body of work;
 - Have undertaken full-time study in their art form; and/or
 - Have received a grant to work in their art form from a public or private grant-giving agency.
- The applicant/s live in the [Mount Barker District Council area](#) or are based in the district, and/or the project is occurring in the district.
- If the applicant is an organisation, arts and creative projects is the organisation's primary purpose.
- The applicant has an active ABN.
- The project you are seeking funding for is for a new, or a new, extended stage in a longer project. It is not for a repeat of a show or project, core business, only commercial components of a project, or projects/ stages of projects which have already started.
- The applicant/s can complete the stage of the project they are seeking funding for, by 30 January 2028.
- The project you are seeking funding for is able to be engaged with by members of the public.
- The applicant is only submitting one application per Arts Grants round.
- The applicant does not have any outstanding acquittals or debts with Council.

Please select below: *

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please note that only applications that meet all eligibility criteria listed above and in the guidelines will be eligible for funding.

Ineligible application

Unfortunately, your application does not meet the Arts Grants eligibility criteria.

If you would like more information, please contact: Alyssa Hill, Community Grants Officer, on 8393 6426 / ahill@mountbarker.sa.gov.au

About you, your group or organisation.

* indicates a required field

Privacy Notice

We pledge to respect and uphold your rights to privacy protection under the [Australian Privacy Principles](#) (APPs) as established under the *Privacy Act 1988* and amended by the *Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Act 2012*. All information collected during the funding process will be treated in accordance with Council's Privacy Statement. The name of the applicant, information about proposed activities, and the project name

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and description will be published in Council agendas and minutes, as part of the funding approval process. Additionally, Council may choose to publish information on its website about funding program recipients. In all cases personal information related to individuals will be redacted.

Applicant Details

Applicant Name *

☐ Individual ☐ Organisation

Organisation Name

First Name

Last Name

If you are a group of artists, please select 'organisation' and enter the name of your group in the 'Applicant Name' field. Your name can be a working title.

Applicant Primary Address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

Applicant Primary Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Applicant Primary Email *

Must be an email address.

ABN

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity Name	
ABN Status	
Entity Type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	

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Main Business Location

Must be an ABN.

Applicants must have an active ABN.

Please provide details of your group or arts organisation members who will be involved in the project.

Title	First Name	Last Name	Role within this project	
				If you would like your group members to also receive contact from us, enter their email addresses here.

Arts Practice

Please categorise the artistic practice of your project. *

- ☐ Writing
- ☐ Moving image
- ☐ Music/ Sound
- ☐ Visual art
- ☐ Dance
- ☐ Theatre
- ☐ Public art
- ☐ Interdisciplinary arts
- ☐ Experimental arts
- ☐ Other:

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Please provide more information.

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Are you/ your group/ your organisation emerging, mid-career or established artist/s? *

- ☐ Emerging - In the initial stage of your professional career, beyond hobby activities. You may be undertaking or have recently completed specialist training.
- ☐ Mid-Career - You have developed an independent body of work and practice over a number of years, and are gaining recognition at a state and national level.
- ☐ Established - You have reached a high level of achievement in your career, having created a substantial body of work and gained national and international acclaim for your contribution to the discipline and sector.

Please upload a relevant CV/s or link to your website/ digital portfolio.

Attach a file:

For Groups - a CV or URL is required for each key creative.

Please provide a brief bio of yourself or the applying organisation. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Attach a file:

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Must be a URL.

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About your project

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Project Proposal

You can enter your proposal in the text field or upload it using the File Upload function below.

Please include:

- **A description of your artistic project, and details of the specific stage of the project you will work on if you receive funding.**
- **How the project contributes to the artform in which it is working.**
- **How the project is linked to the district e.g. through the subject matter, the artist's connection to the district, or the location of the project delivery.**
- **Where the project will be created and delivered.**
- **How you will promote the project.**
- **How the public can engage with your project.**
- **Potential benefits for local businesses, venues or the local economy.**
- **How the project responds to Council's goals and objectives in either arts, reconciliation, environmental sustainability, and/or disability access and inclusion. To be successful projects must align with at least two of Council's objectives.**

[Mount Barker Arts Plan](#)[Disability Access and Inclusion Plan](#)[Environment and Sustainability Strategy](#)

Project Title *

Describe your project.

Word count:

Must be no more than 800 words.

You can type in your response above, or upload a proposal below. You can include images but please no more than 800 words. Please be succinct - there is no need to use the complete word count if you can say what you need to say in fewer words.

File upload

Attach a file:

Have you considered if your project may require a Development Application? Similarly, if the venue/ location of your project has Development Approval relevant to your project's public outcome?

This question will not be relevant to all projects, but may be applicable for:

- ticketed events

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- exhibitions
- public artwork
- an event at a residential property where members of the public will attend.
- heritage affecting projects

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Please contact Council's Duty Planner on 8391 7220 if you require further information.

Project benefits and outcomes

If you are applying as an artist or group of artists - How will this project benefit your professional and artistic development? If you are applying as an arts organisation - to what extent will this project benefit the sustainability and/or reputation of your organisation? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

How will you know your project has been successful? *

Will you measure and record data in some way?

Project Timing

We acknowledge that as your project develops, timeframes may change.

Anticipated Start Date *

Must be a date.

Anticipated End Date *

Must be a date.

Briefly tell us about the timeframes for your project including key milestones. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Project Budget

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A note about GST

Council's Arts Grants do not attract or include GST, regardless of whether an applicant is registered for GST, or not.

Please consider the impact of this when preparing your budget and include GST in the income and expenses line, as relevant.

Total Amount Requested *

What is the total financial support you are requesting in this application?

Total Project Cost *

What is the total budgeted cost of your project?

Project Budget (Income)

Please outline your project income in the budget table below, including details of other income or funding you have applied for, expected income, etc.

Where possible, please include in kind income - for example donated materials, volunteer time, free venue hire, free promotion, etc.

The budget is your chance to show how you envisage your project coming to life - how you plan to fund each component. By indicating which budget elements are confirmed and which are unconfirmed, we know how likely your project is to happen with or without our funding.

Income Description	Is this funding confirmed?	\$	Notes
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Amount requested from Council	Yes No		

Project Budget (Expenses)

Funding can be used for artist fees, materials, marketing, venue hire/ rehearsal space and any other project- specific costs.

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Please note that it is a condition of the Arts Grants Guidelines that all artists engaged in your project be paid in accordance with industry standards and award rates, unless in instances where the project is operating under a profit-share model.

- [Australian Writers' Guild](#)
- [Australian Society of Authors](#)
- [Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance](#)
- [National Association for the Visual Arts.](#)

Expense Description \$		Notes	Quote
		If applicable, which industry rate are you referencing?	If available/ applicable

Budget Totals

Total Income Amount

This number/amount is calculated.

Total Expenditure Amount

This number/amount is calculated.

Income - Expenditure

This number/amount is calculated.
This should read zero

Partial Funding

Could this project proceed with only partial Council funding? Please provide detail. *

Supporting Documentation

About this page

This page is where you can upload any supporting documentation. Supporting documentation may not be relevant to every application.

Supporting documentation may include:

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- letters of confirmation from venues, project partners, etc.
- support letters from anyone with exposure to your work, this project or similar.
- Sketches, drafts, photos, images, or similar.
- Written references.
- Reports, acquittals or similar from previous stages of the project.

There is no need to upload extensive supporting documentation. Focus instead on what you think will help grant assessors to understand your project.

If your project occurs in a venue, or is public art, we do require evidence of a tentative booking, landowner consent or similar.

If we feel we need additional information from you to assist in understanding your application, we will be in contact as part of the application screening week commencing 2 March 2026.

Letters of confirmation

Attach a file:

Use this section to upload evidence of project partners, including participating artists, venue managers, landowners, etc.

Attach a file:

Support Letters, testimonials, etc.

Attach a file:

Attach a file:

Sketches, photos, drafts, images, etc.

Attach a file:

Declaration

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By submitting this application, I declare:

- the information provided is true and accurate,
- the support material provided is my original work and intellectual property,
- I agree to abide by the legal, ethical and moral considerations set out in the [Protocols for using First Nations Cultural and Intellectual Property in the Arts](#) for the use of any Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural material in this project.

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- that I understand I will be required to accept a Grant Agreement which will contain terms and conditions to abide by.
- I understand I require current public liability insurance as a condition of receiving funding.

I declare: *

☐ Yes ☐ No

Full Name *

Position

Date *

Must be a date.

Feedback

You are nearing the end of the application process. Before you review your application and click the submit button, please take a few moments to provide some feedback.

Please indicate how you found the online application process:

☐ Very easy ☐ Easy ☐ Neutral ☐ Difficult ☐ Very difficult

How many minutes in total did it take you to complete this application?

Please provide us with your suggestions about any improvements to the application process that we need to consider.

Do you have any feedback on Council's grants programs in general?