

Artists Fund

2020 Guidelines

The Country Arts SA Artists Fund provides once-off financial assistance to regional South Australian arts practitioners suffering financial loss as a result of fire, flood, storm, serious illness, major accident, and COVID-19.

This includes arts practitioners severely impacted in their practice by losing a critical work opportunity as the result of an event or activity cancelled because of COVID-19.

The aim of the Artists Fund is to support artists to maintain their artistic practice during and/or after the crisis.

Funding available

Eligible artists can receive a once-off payment of up to \$500.

Closing date

Applications are invited up until 5pm Monday 22nd June 2020 Australian Central Standard Time.

Outcome date

Outcomes will be advised by email on Friday 26th June 2020 with funds distributed by 30th June 2020.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- An Australian resident, and
- Residing in regional South Australia (ie; outside of metropolitan Adelaide)
- A practitioner in any artform or discipline supported by Country Arts SA, including technical support roles

Eligible expenses

Funds can be spent on any expense that is preventing artists from pursuing their artistic practice or that will further artists in their artistic practice. Examples may include:

- attending an online course
- paying rent (home or studio)
- buying art supplies
- paying bills that would otherwise have been paid from income that has been lost due to cancelled or postponed artistic events.

The Artists Fund is not intended to be used to pay outstanding debts incurred prior to the crisis.

Application process

Applications consist of 3 components (all three must be included to be eligible):

- a brief CV of no more than 2 pages
- a statement of why the payment is needed (eg; lost income due to a specific cancelled performance or exhibition) and the amount requested
- proof that the applicant resides in regional South Australia (eg; copy of council rates notice, extract from rental agreement, address that matches the Australian electoral role)

- a tax invoice from the applicant to Country Arts SA for the amount requested (including GST where applicable), quoting an ABN and bank account details for payment by bank transfer if successful *

Application selection

Total funds available are limited. Applications will be selected taking into account individual's statements of why the payment is needed, along with an attempt to achieve a geographic spread across regional South Australia.

Conditions

Only one application per person can be received per submission round. Country Arts SA current ongoing or contracted employees and board members are not eligible to apply.

**Arts practitioners living in remote areas*

Country Arts SA recognises the unique geographical circumstances of First Nations arts practitioners living in remote areas. An art or craft centre can make an application on behalf of a First Nations practitioner it represents, and if successful can use the centre's ABN and GST registration for taxation purposes. Payment for successful First Nations applicants who live in a remote area can be made directly into the practitioner's or centre's nominated bank account.