



Department of
Culture and
the Arts



Australia
Business Arts
Foundation



WA PREMIER'S ARTS PARTNERSHIP FUND helping small business partner the arts

Eligibility Criteria

To be an eligible partnership for the WA Premier's Arts Partnership Fund (the Fund):

1. The partnership must:
 - a) Involve a business entering into a first time business / financial partnership with a particular arts organisation or practising artist. Pre-existing relationships or partnerships including in-kind, cash, contra, philanthropic or fee for service arrangements will not be eligible;
 - b) Involve cash benefits. Whilst in-kind benefits are encouraged, the Fund grants will only match the cash contribution of the business partner;
 - c) Comprise agreed cash payments from the business to the arts partner of between \$1,000 and \$10,000 for an arts organisation or between \$1,000 and \$5,000 for an individual artist. While a business partner may wish to provide a greater level of funding, the total sum of matching dollars drawn from the Fund may not exceed \$10,000 for an arts organisation or \$5,000 for an individual artist in any financial year; and
 - d) Commence after the partnership has been approved by the Fund Review Panel (see point 2 of the Fund Application Procedures) and within the same financial year.
 2. The arts partner must:
 - a) Be a bona-fide cultural organisation or practising artist; (for the purposes of the Fund, a cultural organisation is defined according to the Australian Tax Office's Register of Cultural Organisations available at <http://www.ato.gov.au/nonprofit/content.asp?doc=/content/30661.htm>)
 - b) Be operating to further Western Australia's cultural life;
 - c) Be based in the state of WA;
 - d) If a company, be an incorporated, not for profit body;
 - e) Not be a Statutory Authority or public corporation; and
 - f) Not receive WA Government funding in excess of \$500,000 per annum (total all agencies, exclusive of GST) in the most recent completed financial year.
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3. The business partner must:
 - a) Be recognised as an SME according to ABS guidelines (up to 199 employees); and
 - b) Have its registered office in the state of Western Australia.

Fund Guidelines

1. All grant approvals and payments will be subject to the availability of funding and applications will not be considered once available funds are fully committed.
2. The value of the grant is calculated at the value of the cash contribution from the business partner.
3. It is expected that the partnership agreement will show the arts partner providing an equal exchange of benefits in return for the cash contribution of the business partner.
4. The grant must be used exclusively for the purposes of supporting the partnership's goals.
5. Where the term of the partnership exceeds one year, the grant will equate to the value of the cash contribution of the business partner for up to three years, subject to the availability of funds.
6. Where the arts partner is an organisation, the total sum of matching dollars granted by the Fund may not exceed \$10,000 in any financial year. Where the arts partner is an individual practicing artist, the total sum of matching dollars granted by the Fund may not exceed \$5,000 in any financial year.
7. A business partner may apply to the Fund for more than one arts partnership in any given financial year, however, the total value of grants made to all arts partners of any given business partner will be limited to \$30,000 per financial year.
8. AbaF reserves the right to refine and amend the criteria over time.
9. Submission of a grant application should not be taken as an approval. If securing the partnership is conditional upon a successful application to the Fund, applicants should wait until formally advised in writing by the Fund Review Panel before proceeding with the partnership.