

Public Arts and Culture Grants 2026 /27

Guidelines and Eligibility Criteria

The Public Art & Culture Grants program supports projects that enhance community life through artistic, cultural, and creative expression. To ensure funding is allocated fairly and effectively, applicants should review the following information, guidelines and eligibility criteria to determine whether their proposed project aligns with the objectives and funding requirements.

Public Art & Culture Definitions

Public Arts: Creative expressions and endeavours encompassing visual arts, such as performing arts, sculptural works, paste ups, multimedia projections or mural artworks.

Cultural Projects: Exhibitions, performances, multimedia productions, cultural programs, and arts initiatives that celebrate diversity, and contribute to a vibrant cultural and / or inclusive artistic community.

How Much Can You Apply For?

Applicants may apply for up to \$3,000 per public art and cultural project. No matched funding is required but in-kind support or additional funding towards the project will be looked upon favourably.

When can I apply for a Public Art & Culture Grant?

Applications for the 2026 –27 Public Art & Culture Grants funding opens on **Wednesday 3 June 2026** and close **5PM, Sunday 23 August 2026**.

Applications submitted after the closing date will not be considered.

When will applications be assessed and applicants notified?

Following the closing date, all eligible applications will be assessment by the Arts Advisory Group to ensure they align with the objectives and criteria of the Public Art & Culture Grants program. Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application by Friday 28 August 2026.

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Eligibility Criteria

- Open to individuals, artists, organisations and incorporated associations
- Schools and early learning centres are eligible to apply if the initiative has an identified benefit to the wider community outside of the school environment

Assessment criteria

- Alignment to City of Holdfast Bay Our Holdfast 2050+ strategic plan
- Strengthening a sense of community belonging and pride
- Enhancing community participation
- Contribute to the vibrancy of the public realm
- Celebrate creative expression and strengthen community connections
- Fostering social and cultural diversity
- Matched or additional funding towards the project will be looked upon favourably

Eligible expenditure

Expenditure must be directly related to the proposed activity and may include:

- Advertising and printing costs
- Artist and contractor fees
- Equipment hire
- Consumables
- Event registration fees
- Council fees and charges
- Insurance

Council may at its discretion request quotes or other documentary evidence supporting the amount requested.

Ineligible projects and expenditure

- Activities that have already commenced
- Groups/organisations/individuals with outstanding acquittals from previous Council grants
- Activities that will take place outside of the City of Holdfast Bay Council boundary
- Fundraising or sponsorship
- Salaries or wages
- Travel costs
- Education or conference costs
- Political activity, proselytising, or lobby groups
- Ongoing expenses not directly related to the public art or cultural project
- A purpose where core funding rests with state or federal government
- Activities already receiving financial support from Council.

For more information, or to talk through your proposal please contact the Arts and Culture Coordinator on 0407 605 616 or send an email to mail@holdfast.sa.gov.au