

creative communities scheme  
funding local arts activities

Ngā kaupapa auaha a te iwi whānui  
Te tono pūtea mo ngā manahau a te iwi kāinga



Funding is available to support community-based arts activities in your area. All New Zealanders can apply.

The Creative Communities Scheme is a partnership between Creative New Zealand (the national arts development agency) and local councils in New Zealand. Each council takes responsibility for delivering the scheme in its area. Local decision-making is the key to the scheme: applications are considered by assessment committees with knowledge and experience of the arts in their area.

## can I get funding for my project?

The project must-

- » have an arts focus
- » meet one or more of the three funding criteria (see below)
- » be completed within 12 months after funding is approved
- » benefit local communities
- » take place within the city or district where the application is made, or benefit local communities within that city or district
- » not have started before funding is approved
- » not have already been funded by Creative New Zealand for the same purpose.

## funding criteria

Your project must meet one or more of the following funding criteria –

- » **Broad community involvement-**  
The project will create opportunities for local communities to engage with and participate in arts activities.
- » **Diversity –**The project will support the diverse arts and cultural traditions of local communities, enriching and promoting their uniqueness and cultural diversity.
- » **Young people-**The project will enable and encourage young people (under 18 years) to engage with and actively participate in the arts.

## how do I apply?

Contact your local council to find out who is responsible for the Creative Communities Scheme in your area, or visit the Creative New Zealand website, [www.creativenz.govt.nz/ccs](http://www.creativenz.govt.nz/ccs), for contact details.

The contact person for the scheme in your area will be able to explain what you need to do to apply and will give you –

- » the application form, and
- » the guide for applicants (available in a number of languages).

## types of projects or activities that could be funded include –

- » exhibitions, productions, concerts, festivals, workshops and presentations that offer opportunities for community involvement in the arts
- » activities that support the traditions and arts of ethnic communities
- » youth arts events
- » artist-led projects involving local communities
- » materials for arts activities or programmes
- » personnel costs for one-off, short-term projects
- » promotion and publicity of arts activities to communities.

## types of projects or activities that cannot be funded include –

- » activities that are not arts-focused
- » activities that are the direct responsibility of schools or other education institutions
- » ongoing administration costs not related to a specific project
- » projects that are the core business of an organisation or service provider
- » retrospective project costs (for projects already started or completed)
- » catering costs of an event
- » fundraising activities
- » developing facilities, such as gallery lights, stage curtains or building restoration
- » buying capital items, such as computers, cameras or musical instruments.

## closing dates for applications

Each city or district council sets the dates for its own funding rounds.

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