



## Program guidelines

Country Arts SA's Elevate Grant Program supports regional South Australian artists and arts groups to connect with the industry, deepen their practice, build their local creative capacity and develop and present new work to regional audiences

The Elevate Grant Program offers opportunities in all artforms, including a spotlight on digital practice, and will focus on supporting new work by First Nations artists and groups, artists and groups of colour, artists and groups with a disability and LGBTQIA+ artists and groups.

The Elevate Grant Program offers contestable funding in four categories:

1. **Local & Live:** Grants of up to \$2,000 to support regional performing artists to present their work at a regional South Australian venue or Country Arts SA Arts Centre (10 Local & Live grants available)

**The following categories are for artists and arts groups working in any artform:**

2. **Explore:** Grants of up to \$10,000 for regional artists to develop or explore new skills/ideas in residence in regional South Australia for up to 4 weeks (4 Explore grants available).  
This could include First Nations artists spending time on country, business development for artists, attendance at professional development opportunities, artists in residence at a regional arts centre/gallery/other place for residency
3. **Create:** Grants of up to \$30,000 for regional artists/arts groups to create new work in regional South Australia (4 Create grants available).  
This could include creating work with a community or making work at a regional arts centre, gallery or other space utilised for arts outcomes
4. **Present:** A grant of up to \$50,000 to present work made by regional artists in regional South Australia (only 1 Present grant available).  
This could include touring existing work, supporting work presented at a SAPA Showcase, presenting live art or digital art at a local venue(s), or work developed through InSpace Program.

If you are unsure about whether your project or opportunity is eligible, please email [grants@countryarts.org.au](mailto:grants@countryarts.org.au).



## Key dates:

	Round opens	Round closes	Assessments completed	Applicants notified
<b>Local &amp; Live</b>	19 Sept 2022	24 Oct 2022	31 Oct 2022	7 Nov 2022
<b>Explore</b>	19 Sept 2022	24 Oct 2022	19 Nov 2022	28 Nov 2022
<b>Create</b>	19 Sept 2022	24 Oct 2022	19 Nov 2022	28 Nov 2022
<b>Present</b>	19 Sept 2022	24 Oct 2022	19 Nov 2022	28 Nov 2022

*Local & Live projects may start from 15 November 2022. Explore, Create and Present projects may start from 1 December 2022. All projects must be completed within 12 months of the project start date.*

## Applicant Eligibility

To apply for an Elevate Grant you or your organisation/group must be:

- a permanent resident of regional or remote South Australia, residing in locations classified as MM2-MM7 according to the Australian Government's Modified Monash Model. Use the following web tool to determine your address classification: <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator/health-workforce-locator#hwc-location> (Once the map has opened, select Modified Monash Model 2019 and then type in your address.)
- an individual artist over the age of 16 with a sole trader ABN registered to a regional South Australia address
- a not-for-profit arts organisation with an ABN registered to a regional South Australia address
- an unincorporated arts organisation/group from regional South Australia auspiced by an organisation with an ABN registered to a regional South Australia address

## Not Eligible to Apply

You are not eligible to apply for an Elevate grant if you are:

- an individual under 16 years of age
- an unincorporated organisation or group with no eligible auspice organisation
- a for profit company
- a partnership or trust
- an organisation or individual based outside of regional or remote South Australia
- an Australian Government or state government entity
- an individual or organisation with an overdue Country Arts SA or Regional Arts Fund grant acquittal.

## Eligible Expenditure

Elevate grant funds may be used toward the cost of producing the project including but not limited to:

- artist fees (artists should be appropriately paid – see the Recommended Rates document on the Country Arts SA website)
- travel costs
- materials
- venue hire
- equipment hire or purchase (up to \$5,000)
- insurance
- project administrative costs
- disability access costs

You can only spend grant funds on eligible grant activities as defined in the budget section of your application and the grant agreement.

## What the grant money cannot be used for

The Elevate Grant Program will not fund the following activities:

- a project principally benefitting a major city or metropolitan location
- funded activity that will commence before funding is approved
- touring projects from major cities, such as tours of performances and exhibitions
- curriculum-based activities, including for primary, secondary or tertiary courses
- competitions, prizes or awards
- ongoing core administration costs of the applicant organisation
- infrastructure costs including building or fitting out permanent structures



## Budget

The applicant is expected to provide and find in-kind and/or additional cash income from other sources to ensure the project offers value for money.

## Applying for an Elevate Grant

1. Discuss your skills development opportunity with a Country Arts SA team member prior to commencing the application. Staff are located within various communities around South Australia and can quickly advise if you and your idea/opportunity is eligible for a Country Arts SA Elevate grant.
2. View the application form in Smarty Grants via the link on the Country Arts SA website to see what is required (including what support materials you'll need).
3. Organise support materials (see below for more details).
4. Commence application and contact a Country Arts SA team member for guidance and advice as you need it throughout the application process.
5. Submit the application before 11.59pm on Monday 24 October 2022.

## Support Material

For **Local & Live** grant applications, you will need to include the following:

- Artist CV or Biography for all artists on the project (no more than 2 pages)
- Evidence of arts practice e.g. images, weblinks (webpages, social media, articles etc), media articles, audio or video files etc. Images must be a minimum 300 dpi or at least 1MB in size.
- Letter/email of support and confirmation of performance from the venue you will perform at

For **Explore, Create and Present** applications, you will need to include the following:

- Artist CV or Biography for all artists on the project (no more than 2 pages)
- Statement of Participation and Quote from all artists on the project (template available on Country Arts SA website)
- A minimum of two letters of support

- Confirmation from the venue the residency, creative development or presentation will take place
- Evidence of arts practice e.g. images, weblinks (webpages, social media, articles etc), letters of support, media articles, audio or video files. Images must be a minimum 300 dpi or at least 1MB in size.

## Assessment and Notification

Applications for Local & Live grants will be assessed by Country Arts SA staff. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application within 10 working days of the close of the round.

Applications for Explore, Create and Present grants will be assessed by Country Arts SA's Grants Assessment Panel. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application approximately 5 weeks from the close of the round.

If successful, a grant agreement will need to be signed and an invoice provided.

## Variations

If your project changes at all, a variation on the grant can be arranged by Country Arts SA's Grants team. Changes may include (but are not limited to) project start or end dates, budget, artists, venue or location.

As soon as you are aware of the change, contact the Country Arts SA Grants team via email to [grants@countryarts.org.au](mailto:grants@countryarts.org.au) with details regarding the project changes. The Grants team will then complete a variation in Smarty Grants and notify you once it is approved.

## Acquitting the Grant

Country Arts SA requires information regarding the outcomes and financials of the project, known as an Acquittal.

Applicants must acquit the grant within 6 weeks of the project ending.

We recommend that applicants document the project throughout e.g. photographs, videos, interviews, audio files, journaling etc. to include in the acquittal.