

Multicultural Arts and Festivals Grants 2016

Questions and Answers

These questions and answers are only about this funding round. You can also find answers to general [Frequently Asked Questions](#) about applying for DSS grants.

New questions are added to the end of this document as they arise.

1. My organisation applied for a Multicultural Arts and Festivals grant funding last year but was not successful, can I apply again?

Yes. Your organisation may submit a new application in this funding round. If you applied and were successful in last year's funding round, you can also apply again in this funding round.

2. We have already commenced the work on our event. Are we eligible for funding?

The Department will not provide funding for events that have already taken place or events that will be held before 1 July 2016. You may apply for funding for an event you are already planning, but the event must not be held until a Grant Agreement has been signed by both parties.

3. Can I run my project idea by you to get your opinion?

Departmental staff cannot comment on the eligibility of an organisation, an applicant, the suitability of a project or pre-assess an application. Please refer to the 'eligibility' section of the Programme Guidelines Overview for more information.

4. Can we charge people an entry fee to attend our event?

No, funding is only provided to support free events. Organisations applying for Multicultural Arts and Festivals grants are not to charge any fee for entry to or participation in events.

5. How do I apply for funding for my Harmony Day event?

Multicultural Arts and Festivals grants are not available to fund Harmony Day events, as outlined on page 4 of the Funding Round Summary.

Should a planned event fall on or around the date of Harmony Day (that is 21 March), the application will need to explain and demonstrate that it is not a Harmony Day event. The event may, however, promote benefits of living in a culturally diverse society, including through participation in Harmony Day or other similar activities.

For more information about Harmony Day visit the [Harmony Website](#).

6. Are local governments/councils eligible to apply for a Multicultural Arts and Festivals grant?

Yes. Local governments/councils are eligible to apply in this funding round. Please refer to the Funding Round Summary for information on eligibility.

7. My organisation is not incorporated. How can I apply for funding?

You may be able to work with another organisation that is incorporated to develop a project proposal and submit an application. The incorporated organisation would be responsible for submitting the application, managing the funds, reporting on progress and making sure the project is completed.

8. My organisation has applied for incorporation but it has not been finalised yet. Can I still apply?

No. If the organisation seeking funding is not incorporated at the time of applying for funding, the organisation is not eligible for Multicultural Arts and Festivals grant funding. You will need to work with an established incorporated organisation (see Question 7 above).

9. My organisation does not have any public liability insurance. How can I apply for funding?

You may be able to work with another organisation which has public liability insurance, to develop a project proposal. The organisation with the public liability insurance cover would be responsible for submitting the application, receiving the funding, managing the funding, reporting on progress and making sure the project is completed.

10. I am looking to apply with a partner organisation for an event that will be held in mid July 2016. As we need to go to print on our marketing at the end of May 2016 is there a chance we could find out if we are successful before then?

DSS is unable to provide information on the status of individual applications during the application or assessment periods.

11. If my organisation is a part of a group of organisations, can we submit a joint application?

A joint application can be submitted. The joint application must include details of each of the organisations under 'Activity Delivery' in the Application Form. DSS may ask for further information about the members of the consortium before any agreement is finalised. If a joint application is successful, DSS will enter into a Grant Agreement with the nominated lead organisation.

12. What is a lead organisation?

A lead organisation must be an incorporated body which is able to enter into the Grant Agreement.

If you submit a joint application, you must nominate a lead organisation for the application. The lead organisation for the project will, if your application is successful, sign the Grant Agreement, receive the funding and take legal responsibility for performing the activities and meeting the outcomes of the Grant Agreement.

13. When will I know the outcome of my application?

You will be notified of the outcome of your application at the end of the selection process. To treat all applicants fairly and equally, DSS cannot give you information about the progress of your application.

14. If I am not able to submit my application by the due date, can DSS grant an extension?

Applications must be submitted by **2pm AEST, Thursday, 28 April 2016**. DSS may refuse to accept any late application.

If an application is late or the Department is asked to accept a late application, the Department may agree if it determines that there were exceptional circumstances beyond the applicant's control that meant the deadline could not be met. Examples of exceptional circumstances could include, but may not be limited to:

- departmental infrastructure failures;
- natural disasters;
- power outages affecting the ability of the applicant to submit their application on time; and
- death or disability of key personnel.

Information on the DSS late application policy is available at: [applying for grants](#)

15. Is DSS looking for any specific projects to fund?

DSS is not looking for any specific projects to fund, but is interested in funding projects and organisations that have certain features. Preference may be given to projects that deal with social cohesion issues, organisations with a smaller annual operating budget, and organisations relying on MAF funding for most of the cost of the project.

16. I am considering applying for funding for several projects. Can I apply for each project on the one application form?

You will only need to submit one application if your projects relate to one event (and event date/s), whether they are to be held in the one location, or different locations within your community.

If you are applying for projects related to different events (and dates), then you will need to submit a separate application for each event.

17. Where should I go for further information?

Please email your questions to grants@dss.gov.au