



Indigenous Visual Arts Industry Support (IVAIS) program

Open Competitive Grant Opportunity - Frequently Asked Questions

Please make sure have read the *Indigenous Visual Arts Industry Support Program Guidelines* and the *Indigenous Art Centre Plan* before submitting an application.

Can I discuss my proposed activity with an IVAIS representative prior to submitting my application?

Yes, you can email ivais@arts.gov.au to discuss your proposed activity prior to submitting an application. We aim to respond to emails within three working days.

Can I apply for IVAIS funding as an individual, or if my organisation is based overseas?

No, an entity is not eligible to receive a grant if it is an individual; an unincorporated association; an overseas resident or organisation; or an organisation based outside Australia. See further under [Eligibility Criteria](#) in the *Indigenous Visual Arts Industry Support Program Guidelines*.

Do I need to be an existing IVAIS funded organisation to apply for a grant?

No. Any organisation that meets the Eligibility Criteria can apply.

If I apply for operational funding is my art centre or art hub expected to participate in exhibitions?

IVAIS funding is designed to support viable opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists to produce, extend, market and generate income from their professional visual art practice.

IVAIS funded art centres and hubs are expected to participate in exhibitions regionally and nationally, as well as internationally where other resourcing can be found. This should include participation in at least one Indigenous art fair each year, with a focus on art sales.

Does IVAIS fund community arts development, language and cultural maintenance activities?

IVAIS provides funding for professional visual arts activities that have strong connections to the art market. It cannot fund activities focussed on community arts development, Indigenous languages or cultural maintenance. This means that funding is not available to support cultural centres and keeping places, post-prison art activities, art therapy programs and cultural development programs unless strong connections to the art market can be demonstrated.

For project based arts activities with an Indigenous languages focus, you may wish to look at the Department's Indigenous Languages and Arts (ILA) program at: arts.gov.au - [ILA](#)

How can I be considered for direct offer funding?

If you are successful in receiving operational support through an open competitive round, you may be considered for future grants through a closed non-competitive process, pending your organisation meeting the program outcomes to a consistently high level.

Does IVAIS fund infrastructure activities?

Small infrastructure, minor repairs and maintenance, or acquisition of art equipment may be considered. Due to budget limitations, the IVAIS program is not able to fund large capital infrastructure activities, such as the building of an art centre or staff housing, but can consider making a contribution in partnership with other government entities, philanthropists etc.

You may wish to talk with your local government or state or territory government to see if opportunities exist. You may also wish to visit the Australian Government's [Grant Finder](#) at business.gov.au to search for infrastructure grants such as the *Building Better Regions Fund*.

What should I choose in the application form for, 'what do you plan to deliver with this funding'?

Choose the most relevant outcomes to your activity. If your activity does not fit into the four options listed, choose the most relevant and type in a more accurate description in the 'Other' field.

If my organisation already receives core operational IVAIS funding, can I apply for a one-off activity?

Yes.

Can I apply for multi-year funding if my organisation is new to the program?

For new organisations that have not accessed IVAIS funding before, and that are successful with their application, grant periods are generally one to two years' duration and with grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$80,000 per annum, depending on the scale and scope of the proposed activity.

Can I include core operational budget items, including Indigenous arts worker funding, in my budget if I am applying for one-off funding?

Yes, you are able to include core operational budget items, including for arts workers, in your budget proposal for one-off / new activity funding.

Can I submit multiple activities in one application, or should I submit multiple applications for individual activities?

The preference is to have one activity per application. This allows the assessors to clearly identify and assess the individual activities and associated budget.

When will I know if my application has been successful?

Funding outcomes for the open competitive round closing on 16 March 2020 are expected to be known in May –June 2020 for activities commencing after 1 July 2020.

If successful when am I able to commence my activity?

Activities must not commence prior to execution of a Grant Agreement. IVAIS funding cannot fund activities that have already occurred.