

# Guide to Government COVID-19 Assistance for the Arts 2021

## How to use this guide

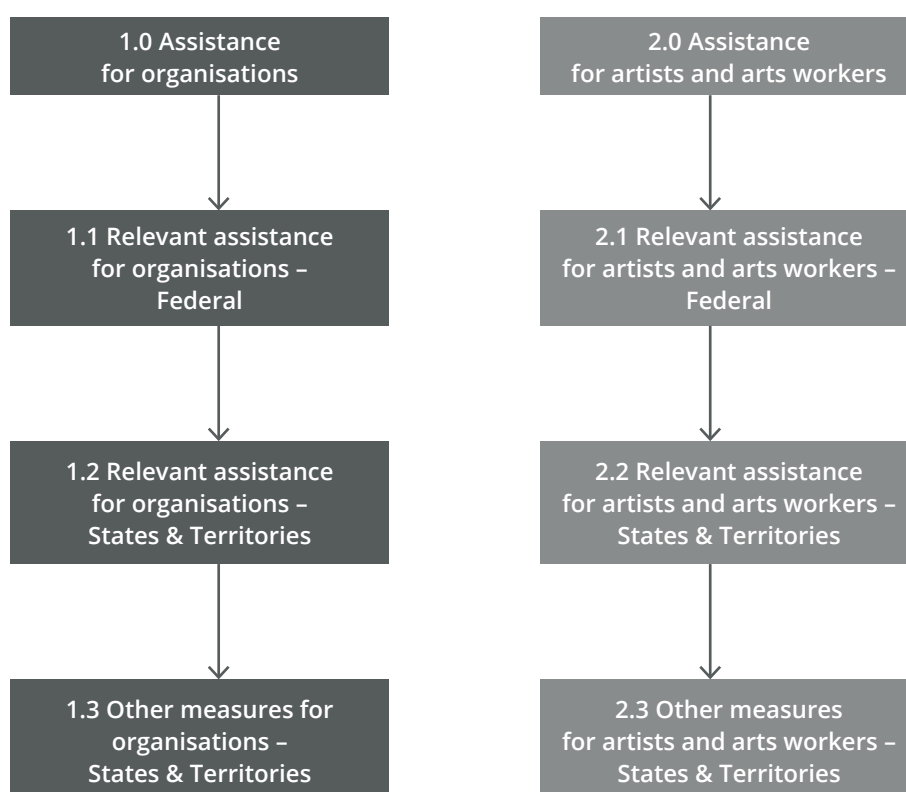
This guide sets out various assistance initiatives that are being provided by Federal and State/Territory governments in response to the continuing COVID-19 impacts in 2021.

In order to assist artists and arts workers, the guide is ordered as follows:

- measures applicable to arts organisations and individual artists;
- measures are then ordered by relevance to arts organisations and individual artists.

The intention is for this to be a “live” document, updated as circumstances change. Suggested additions and corrections are encouraged. Please email them to [info@sharpeadvisory.com.au](mailto:info@sharpeadvisory.com.au).

The flow of information is as follows:



The information in  
this guide is correct  
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# 1.0 Assistance for organisations

## Key points:

- The Federal Government is administering COVID-19 Disaster Payments **directly to eligible employees** in states and territories that have been impacted by extended lockdowns.
- Each state and territory is administering business support grants as befits the location and length of lockdowns.

## 1.1 Relevant assistance for organisations – Federal

Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand (RISE) Fund		
What is it?		
The RISE Fund provides funding to arts and entertainment sector organisations to assist in the presentation of cultural and creative projects, activities and events to rebuild confidence amongst investors, producers and consumers. Projects that target audiences in outer metropolitan, regional and remote areas will also be taken into account, as well as projects that in that involve tours and use local regional pre-production and production, services and support acts. A \$125 million top up to the RISE program was announced in March.		
How does it help?		
Assists organisations with activities that contribute to the organisation's financial viability, job creation, and support for Australian artists or performers and their work.		
How do people access it?		
Apply through the <a href="#">Office for the Arts</a> . Applications are open until 31 December 2021 or until all funds are allocated.		
Relevance for arts organisations	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
High	High	Medium to long term
Further information: <a href="#">Office for the Arts website</a>		

Arts Sustainability Fund		
What is it?		
The Arts Sustainability Fund will provides funds for significant Commonwealth-funded performing arts and culture organisations to remain solvent, provide employment, and deliver high-quality cultural and creative activities and experiences for audiences. The COVID-19 Arts Sustainability Fund is investing \$50 million over two years in 2020–22.		
How does it help?		
Direct funding to assist with operational costs		
How do people access it?		
Organisations that are currently party to, or due to enter into, a multi-year funding agreement with the Australian Government, either through the Australia Council or the Office for the Arts. Apply through <a href="#">Office of the Arts website</a> . Submissions close on 31 May 2022 or until all funds are allocated.		
Relevance for arts organisations	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
High	High	Medium to long term
Further information: <a href="#">Office for the Arts website</a>		

Regional Arts Fund		
What is it?		
The Regional Arts Fund provides funds to support artists and communities in regional and remote areas of Australia. An additional \$5 million is available in 2021-22 as part of the Regional Arts package to arts organisations to promote and develop cultural events for tourists across regional Australia.		

How does it help?		
Funds can be used to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– encourage and support sustainable economic, social and cultural development in regional communities;</li> <li>– develop partnerships and networks which leverage support for projects and encourage ongoing collaboration;</li> <li>– develop audiences and broaden community engagement with the arts; and</li> <li>– increase employment, professional development opportunities and profile of regional and remote artists</li> </ul>		
How do people access it?		
Apply through <a href="#">your state/territory regional arts organisation</a> . Check your organisation's website for guidelines and closing dates.		
Relevance for arts organisations	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
High	High	Short to medium term
Further information: <a href="#">Office for the Arts website</a>		

Playing Australia: Regional Performing Arts Touring Fund		
What is it?		
This \$5 million fund supports performing arts touring in regional and remote Australian communities as they rebound from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.		
How does it help?		
Grants are available to support the net touring and other designated costs associated with tours. There is no limit on the amount that can be requested. Check the guidelines which outline temporary adjustments to account for COVID-19 conditions.		
How do people access it?		
Apply through <a href="#">Australia Council</a> website. Applications close: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Tuesday 12 October 2021, 3pm AEDT – for projects starting after 1 January 2022 and</li> <li>– Tuesday 1 March 2022, 3pm AEDT – for projects starting after 1 June 2022.</li> </ul>		
Relevance for arts organisations	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
High	High	Short to medium term
Further information: <a href="#">Australia Council website</a>		

Culture, Heritage and Arts Regional Tourism (CHART) program <span>UPDATED</span>		
What is it?		
The CHART grants program will assist community arts, heritage and cultural organisations in regional Australia as they recover from the impacts of COVID-19.		
How does it help?		
Grants of up to \$3,000 (plus GST where applicable) will be available during 2021-22 to support community museums, galleries and historical societies to reinvigorate the preservation and presentation of Australia's cultural heritage. This will help them continue to offer appealing cultural tourism experiences in Australia's regions. CHART grants could assist with, for example, the cost of additional COVID-19 cleaning and hygiene measures, the display and preservation of collections, and events that engage regional communities. CHART grants only support new projects. The CHART program is being administered by the Australian Museums and Galleries Association (AMaGA).		
How do people access it?		
Apply through the <a href="#">AMaGA</a> website. The CHART program is expected to open for applications during September 2021 and will close on 29 April 2022, or when the CHART program funds are expended, whichever comes first. Activities funded must be delivered and acquitted by 30 June 2022.		
Relevance for arts organisations	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
Moderate	Low	Short term
Further information: <a href="#">AMaGA website</a>		

## 1.2 Relevant assistance for organisations – States & Territories

### NSW

COVID-19 Business Grants <span>CLOSING SOON</span> <span>UPDATED</span>		
<b>What is it?</b>		
One-off tax-free grant of \$7,500 to \$15,000 depending on your business's revenue decline.		
The 2021 COVID-19 business grant provides support for businesses that experienced reduced demand or had to close due to the public health orders. It will provide businesses with cash flow support for the first 3 weeks of the Greater Sydney lockdown (26 June to 17 July 2021).		
<b>How does it help?</b>		
Direct funding to assist with operational costs due to lockdown.		
<b>How do people access it?</b>		
Apply through <a href="#">Service NSW</a> . Applications close 1 October 2021.		
Relevance for arts organisations	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
High	Low to moderate	Short term
Further information: <a href="#">Service NSW website</a>		

Job Saver NSW		
<b>What is it?</b>		
The JobSaver payment provides cash flow support to businesses across New South Wales that have been impacted by the recent COVID-19 restrictions, helping them maintain their NSW employee headcount as at 13 July 2021.		
Eligible businesses and not-for-profit organisations with employees will receive fortnightly payments backdated to cover costs incurred from week 4 of the Greater Sydney lockdown (from 18 July 2021 onwards). Tax-free payments of 40% of pre-COVID weekly payroll, from \$1,500 to \$10,000 per week (paid fortnightly).		
<b>How does it help?</b>		
Direct support to pay employees.		
<b>How do people access it?</b>		
Apply at <a href="#">Service NSW</a> website. Applications close on 18 October 2021.		
Relevance for arts organisations	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
High	Moderate	Short term
Further information: <a href="#">Service NSW website</a>		

NSW Performing Arts COVID Support Package		
<b>What is it?</b>		
Provides urgent financial support to performing arts venues, producers and promoters impacted by the cancellation or postponement of performances resulting from the NSW Government lockdown. Funding will cover performances impacted by NSW Government Public Health Orders from 26 June 2021 to 30 September 2021.		
Check the guidelines on eligibility and application requirements, how much funding you can apply for, and how your application will be assessed.		
<b>How does it help?</b>		
Provides financial support for organisations which have lost ticket revenue during the lockdown.		
<b>How do people access it?</b>		
Apply through the <a href="#">Create NSW</a> website.		
Relevance for arts organisations	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
High	Moderate	Short term
Further information: <a href="#">Create NSW website</a>		

COVID Development Grant <span>UPDATED</span> <span>CLOSING SOON</span>		
<b>What is it?</b>		
Individuals, groups and organisations can apply for up to \$10,000 for the creation, development and presentation of new works/programs/workshops, employment of skilled arts or cultural workers, skills development and other related costs.		
<b>How does it help?</b>		
Funding is available for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Creation, development and presentation of new works</li> <li>– Employment of artists or arts/culture workers</li> <li>– Skills development or training specific to your career, a project or initiative such as digital-upskilling</li> <li>– Marketing, fundraising and promotional costs</li> <li>– Workshops and other public programs</li> <li>– A component of the grant could be used to purchase of equipment or digital resources required to deliver new programs, projects including online/digital initiatives.</li> </ul>		
<b>How do people access it?</b>		
Apply at <a href="#">Create NSW</a> website. Applications close 30 September 2021.		
Relevance for artists and arts workers	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
High	Moderate	Medium term
Further information: <a href="#">Create NSW</a> website.		

## VIC

Business Costs Assistance Program		
<b>What is it?</b>		
The program has been extended (Round 4) and offers grants of up to \$8,400 to eligible businesses, including employing and non-employing businesses, depending on their industry sector, location and the number of weeks they closed.		
<b>How does it help?</b>		
Direct funding to assist with operational costs due to lockdown orders.		
<b>How do people access it?</b>		
Apply through the <a href="#">Business Victoria</a> website.		
Relevance for arts organisations	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
High	Moderate	Short term
Further information <a href="#">Business Victoria</a> website.		

Business Continuity Fund		
<b>What is it?</b>		
The program offers grants of up to \$5,000 to eligible businesses impacted by capacity limits placed on businesses by necessary public health restrictions, plus another \$2,000 for businesses based in Melbourne's CBD. All recipients must have received or been eligible for the previous Business Cost Assistance Program.		
<b>How does it help?</b>		
Direct funding to assist with operational costs due to lockdown orders.		
<b>How do people access it?</b>		
Payments are automatic. See the <a href="#">Business Victoria</a> site for details.		
Relevance for arts organisations	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
High	Moderate	Short term
Further information <a href="#">Business Victoria</a> website.		

## QLD

COVID-19 Business Support Grant		
<b>What is it?</b>		
Business support for organisation in lockdown-impacted areas in Queensland. Grants of up to \$10,000 for businesses and not for profit organisations with payrolls under \$1.3m, \$15,000 for businesses and not for profit organisations with payrolls between \$1.3m and \$10m. (Up to \$30,000 for tourism and hospitality businesses).		
<b>How does it help?</b>		
Direct funding to assist with operational costs due to lockdown.		
<b>How do people access it?</b>		
Apply through <a href="#">Business QLD</a> . Applications close on 16 November 2021.		
Relevance for arts organisations	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
High	Low	Short term
Further information: <a href="#">Business QLD website</a>		

## SA

COVID-19 Business Support Grant <b>CLOSING SOON</b>		
<b>What is it?</b>		
Grants of \$3,000 for employing businesses and \$1,000 for non-employing businesses are available for eligible businesses whose turnover has declined by 30% or more as a result of the COVID-19 health restrictions. There are two versions of this grant: – The COVID-19 Business Support Grant – July 2021 supports businesses impacted by the lockdown between 20-26 July 2021. – The COVID-19 Additional Business Support Grant – supports businesses impacted by the lockdown between 28 July and 10 August 2021.		
For the Additional Business Support Grant, a further grant of \$1,000 will be available for eligible businesses (both employing and non-employing) with a commercial premise in the Adelaide CBD.		
<b>How does it help?</b>		
Direct funding to assist with operational costs due to lockdown.		
<b>How do people access it?</b>		
Apply through <a href="#">Treasury SA</a> . The COVID-19 Business Support Grant – July 2021 applications close 30 September 2021. The COVID-19 Additional Business Support Grant applications close 17 October 2021.		
Relevance for arts organisations	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
High	Low	Short term
Further information: <a href="#">Treasury SA website</a>		

Major Events Support Grant		
<b>What is it?</b>		
Additional funds have been made available to assist regional event providers with COVID-19 recovery. Grants between \$5,000 up to \$50,000 are available via 4 funding categories: – Significant Event funding – Established Event Funding – Development Event Funding – Emerging Event Funding.		
<b>How does it help?</b>		

The grants aim to:

- Strengthen the regional events calendar
- Drive regional visitation in the immediate term and lead to repeat visitation
- Increase event specific visitor expenditure, particularly from interstate
- Assist in COVID-19 recovery – recognising that events provide a vibrant and positive social environment for communities
- Promote a year-round calendar of regional events
- Encourage sustainable event opportunities to build long term capability
- Increase collaboration and partnerships among regional event stakeholders, government and commercial partners to deliver stronger outcomes for regional events.

#### How do people access it?

Apply through [Tourism SA](#). Applications for Round 2 are open now.

Relevance for arts organisations	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
High	Medium	Medium term

Further information: [Tourism SA website](#)

### Regional Event Support Grant

#### What is it?

A Major Events Support Grant of up to \$25,000 is available for the operators of major one-off events impacted by the July lockdown and subsequent trading restrictions.

The event must have commenced on or prior to 20 July 2021, and was required to be cancelled/postponed as a result of State-wide lockdown and further restrictions; or was scheduled to be held over period of State-wide lockdown or restrictions commencing 20 July 2021 up to 10 August 2021 and has been cancelled/postponed as a result of the restrictions. To receive the full \$25,000 grant, organisers must have experienced a non-recoverable loss that was greater than \$25,000.

#### How does it help?

Recovery of losses made from event cancellation or delay.

#### How do people access it?

Apply through [Treasury SA](#). Applications close midnight 17 October 2021.

Relevance for arts organisations	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
High	Low	Short term

Further information: [Treasury SA website](#)

### COVID-19 Tourism and Hospitality Support Grant NEW

#### What is it?

Further support for eligible businesses that have already received the COVID-19 Additional Business Support Grant (Note: no need to apply for this grant if you have already received this payment). Extra one off payments start at \$1,00 up to \$20,000 based on business turnover. If your turnover is greater than \$2 million, you may be able to access a further grant which you need to apply for.

#### How does it help?

Direct funding to assist with operational costs.

#### How do people access it?

Apply through [Treasury SA](#). Applications close 31 October 2021.

Relevance for arts organisations	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
Medium	Low	Short term

Further information: [Treasury SA website](#)

COVID-19 Hardship Grant <b>NEW</b>		
<b>What is it?</b>		
Business support for organisations impacted by lockdowns. One off grants are available – \$6,000 for employing eligible businesses and \$2,000 for non-employing eligible businesses with payrolls under \$10m. Note that these payments are not available if you have already accessed any of these following grants: COVID-19 Business Support Grant – July 2021; COVID-19 Additional Business Support Grant; COVID-19 Tourism and Hospitality Grant; or COVID-19 Major Events Support Fund.		
<b>How does it help?</b>		
Direct funding to assist with operational costs due to lockdown.		
<b>How do people access it?</b>		
Apply through <a href="#">Treasury SA</a> . Applications close on 31 October 2021.		
Relevance for arts organisations	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
High	Low	Short term
Further information: <a href="#">Treasury SA website</a>		

## WA

Getting the Show Back on the Road		
<b>What is it?</b>		
Support for performing arts and live music events to help them stage a show or tour. Open to performing arts organisations, live music event producers and presenters, festival organisers and commercial event companies.		
<b>How does it help?</b>		
This program aims to reduce the financial risks associated with running ticketed events. Shared risk payments at an agreed rate of between 50 to 75% of box office losses, to a maximum of \$150,000.		
<b>How do people access it?</b>		
Apply through <a href="#">Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries WA</a> . Applications close 17 February 2022.		
Relevance for arts organisations	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
High	Medium	Medium term
Further information: <a href="#">Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries WA website</a>		

## NT

Visitation Reliant Small Business Support Program <b>CLOSING SOON</b>		
<b>What is it?</b>		
The grant program will provide \$3,000 cash flow support to arts and recreation services impacted by the current lockdown. Eligible businesses must have an annual turnover of more than \$75,000 and less than \$10 million, and will need to prove a significant reduction in turnover (minimum of 30% drop) as a result of travel restrictions during the period July 2021, compared to the same period in 2019.		
<b>How does it help?</b>		
Direct funding to assist with losses due to lockdown.		
<b>How do people access it?</b>		
Apply through <a href="#">Business Recovery Northern Territory</a> . Applications close at 30 September 2021.		
Relevance for arts organisations	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
High	Low	Short term
Further information: <a href="#">Business Recovery Northern Territory website</a>		



## ACT

Small Business Support Scheme <span>UPDATED</span>		
<b>What is it?</b>		
The ACT COVID-19 Business Support Grants has been extended and will deliver support of up to \$20,000 for employing businesses and up to \$7,500 for non-employing businesses over the five-week lockdown period where those businesses' turnover has declined by 30 per cent or more as a result of the COVID-19 health restrictions.		
<b>How does it help?</b>		
Direct funding to assist with operational costs due to lockdown.		
<b>How do people access it?</b>		
Apply through <a href="#">ACT Government Business Hub</a> . Apply <a href="#">here</a> .		
Relevance for arts organisations	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
High	Low	Short term
Further information: <a href="#">ACT Government Business Hub website</a>		

COVID-19 Small Business Hardship Scheme <span>UPDATED</span>		
<b>What is it?</b>		
Eligible small businesses will soon be able to apply to the ACT Government to receive credits for payroll tax, utility charges, rates and other selected fees and charges up to a maximum of \$10,000 per operator. To be eligible for credits the applicant must be able to demonstrate 30 per cent loss in revenue.		
<b>How does it help?</b>		
Direct funding to assist with operational costs due to lockdown.		
<b>How do people access it?</b>		
Apply through <a href="#">ACT Government Business Hub</a> . Applications open in October 2021.		
Relevance for arts organisations	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
High	Low	Short term
Further information: <a href="#">ACT Government Business Hub website</a>		

## TAS

COVID-19 Micro and Small Business – Border Closure Critical Support Grant <span>UPDATED</span> <span>CLOSING SOON</span>		
<b>What is it?</b>		
The grant program has been super charged and will provide additional grant payments to eligible businesses of \$3,000 - \$50,000 based on turnover. An additional round will open in November to further increase support.		
<b>How does it help?</b>		
Direct funding to assist with operational costs due to lockdowns in NSW and Victoria.		
<b>How do people access it?</b>		
Apply through <a href="#">Business Tasmania</a> . Registrations close at 2pm, 8 October 2021. Note: Round 2 will open in November.		
Relevance for arts organisations	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
Medium	Low	Short term
Further information: <a href="#">Business Tasmania website</a>		

Event Ready 2021-2022		
<b>What is it?</b>		
The grant program aims to support event organisers and developers of scheduled events with the associated costs incurred to implement COVID-19 safe events.		
<b>How does it help?</b>		

Direct funding to assist with COVID-19 safety planning.		
<b>How do people access it?</b>		
Apply through <a href="#">Tasmanian Government</a> . Applications close on 31 January 2022.		
<b>Relevance for arts organisations</b>	<b>Potential Impact</b>	<b>Speed of Impact</b>
High	Low	Short term
<b>Further information:</b> <a href="#">Tasmanian Government website</a>		

<b>Live Performance Support Program</b> <span>CLOSING SOON</span>		
<b>What is it?</b>		
Support for performing arts and live music events to help minimise the risks associated with lost ticket sales due to lockdowns. Applicants may only submit one application at a time but it may cover multiple performances or events scheduled to occur between April and 30 November 2021.		
<b>How does it help?</b>		
Arts organisations, festival organisers, cultural producers and performing arts venues responsible for box office risk on performances or events in the eligible period can apply for a guarantee ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000 through this \$2 million program.		
<b>How do people access it?</b>		
Apply through <a href="#">Arts Tasmania</a> . Applications close on 31 October 2021.		
<b>Relevance for arts organisations</b>	<b>Potential Impact</b>	<b>Speed of Impact</b>
High	Medium	Medium term
<b>Further information:</b> <a href="#">Arts Tasmania website</a>		

## 1.3 Other measures for organisations

Scheme	Gov	Relevance for arts organisations	Potential impact	Speed of impact	Link
Small business fees and charges rebate	NSW	High	Low	Short term	<a href="#">Service NSW</a>
Payroll tax discounts, waivers and threshold rise	NSW	Low – most arts orgs do not pay payroll tax.	Moderate	Short term	<a href="#">Revenue NSW</a>
Commercial lease support	NSW	Moderate – landlord mediation, tax relief for the landlord.	Moderate	Short term	<a href="#">Revenue NSW</a>
New Jobs payroll tax waiver	VIC	Low – most arts orgs do not pay payroll tax.	Moderate	Short term	<a href="#">State Revenue Office VIC</a>
Commercial tenancy relief for small business	VIC	Moderate – landlord mediation, tax relief for the landlord.	Moderate	Short term	<a href="#">Victorian Small Business Commission</a>
Payroll tax waiver	SA	Low – most arts orgs do not pay payroll tax.	Moderate	Short term	<a href="#">Revenue SA</a>
Land Tax relief	SA	Low	Moderate	Short term	<a href="#">Revenue SA</a>

## 2.0 Assistance for individual artists and arts workers

### Key points:

- The Federal Government is administering COVID-19 Disaster Payments **directly to eligible employees** in states and territories that have been impacted by extended lockdowns.
- The Australian Government has clarified eligibility arrangements for the COVID-19 Disaster payment for artists, performers and arts workers who have lost work due to lockdowns in Commonwealth declared hotspots even if they do not live in that location.
- The Australian Government has confirmed eligible workers who not only live, but work in Commonwealth declared pandemic hotspots can claim the COVID-19 Disaster Payment.
- Artists, performers and arts workers who can demonstrate that they have lost 8 hours or more, or a full day of work, due to lockdowns in Commonwealth declared hotspots may be eligible to claim the COVID-19 Disaster Payment. Lost hours of work include when a scheduled tour or performance is cancelled due to lockdown. It also includes scheduled rehearsals or regular training/practices.
- Individuals who claim Centrelink payments may be eligible for an extra payment.

### 2.1 Relevant assistance for individual artists and arts workers – Federal

COVID-19 Disaster Payments		
<b>What is it?</b>		
A subsidy from the Government to assist with wages loss due to state and territory lockdowns in 2021. The type of payment you may be able to get depends on if you get an eligible Centrelink payment or not.		
<b>How does it help?</b>		
Provides a range of payments based on hours worked. Check each state and territory below for details and periods of time the support is available.		
<b>How do people access it?</b>		
Apply through the <a href="#">Services Australia</a> website.		
Relevance for artists and arts workers	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
High	Moderate	Short term
Further information: Treasury: <a href="#">Services Australia</a> website.		

COVID-19 Crisis Relief Grants (via Support Act)		
<b>What is it?</b>		
This fund has been increased by an additional \$20 million to extend support to eligible performing arts workers alongside existing grants, Music Keeper and Crew Keeper. This support package is being delivered by Support Act which now totals \$40 million.		
<b>How does it help?</b>		
Support for individuals impacted by COVID-19.		
<b>How do people access it?</b>		
Apply through <a href="#">Support Act</a> .		
Relevance for artists and arts workers	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
High	Moderate	Short to medium term
Further information: <a href="#">Support Act</a> .		

Regional Arts Fund		
<b>What is it?</b>		
This fund has been increased by \$5 million to support regional arts activities for tourists and an additional \$2.4 million for regional festivals to help support regional and remote Australian communities as they rebound from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.		
<b>How does it help?</b>		
Grants will support artists and communities in regional and remote areas. Funds can be used to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– encourage and support sustainable economic, social and cultural development in regional communities;</li> <li>– develop partnerships and networks which leverage support for projects and encourage ongoing collaboration;</li> <li>– develop audiences and broaden community engagement with the arts; and</li> <li>– increase employment, professional development opportunities and profile of regional and remote artists.</li> </ul>		
<b>How do people access it?</b>		
Apply through <a href="#">your state/territory regional arts organisation</a> . Check your organisation's website for guidelines and closing dates.		
Relevance for artists and arts workers	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
High	High	Short to medium term
Further information: <a href="#">Office for the Arts website</a> .		

## 2.2 Relevant assistance for individual artists – States & Territories

### NSW

COVID-19 Disaster Payment NSW		
<b>What is it?</b>		
A payment for workers who have been unable to earn income due to the COVID-19 lockdowns. Eligibility depends on where you live and work. The amount offered differs depending on the relevant time period and whether or not you receive a Centrelink payment. Payment rates vary, and go up to a maximum of \$750 a week. Check the Services Australia site for the relevant details for your circumstances.		
<b>How does it help?</b>		
Income support.		
<b>How do people access it?</b>		
Apply at <a href="#">Services Australia</a> website.		
Relevance for artists and arts workers	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
High	Moderate	Medium term
Further information: <a href="#">Services Australia</a> website.		

COVID-19 Micro Business Grant		
<b>What is it?</b>		
Micro-businesses (small business, sole trader or not-for-profit organisation with aggregated annual turnover between \$30,000 and \$75,000) impacted by the recent COVID-19 restrictions may be eligible to apply for a fortnightly payment of \$1,500 to cover business expenses for the duration of the Greater Sydney lockdown.		
<b>How does it help?</b>		
Cash flow support for operations.		
<b>How do people access it?</b>		

Apply at <a href="#">Service NSW</a> website. Applications close 18 October 2021.		
Relevance for artists and arts workers	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
High	Moderate	Medium term
Further information: <a href="#">Service NSW</a> website.		

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<b>How does it help?</b>		
Income support.		
<b>How do people access it?</b>		
Apply at <a href="#">Services Australia</a> website.		
Relevance for artists and arts workers	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
High	Moderate	Medium term
Further information: <a href="#">Services Australia</a> website.		

## QLD

COVID-19 Disaster Payment QLD
<b>What is it?</b>

A payment for workers who have been unable to earn income due to the COVID-19 lockdowns. Eligibility depends on where you live and work. The amount offered differs depending on the relevant time period and whether or not you receive a Centrelink payment. Payment rates vary, and go up to a maximum of \$750 a week. Check the Services Australia site for the relevant details for your circumstances.

#### How does it help?

Income support.

#### How do people access it?

Apply at [Services Australia](#) website.

Relevance for artists and arts workers	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
High	Moderate	Medium term
Further information: <a href="#">Services Australia</a> website.		

## SA

### COVID-19 Disaster Payment SA

#### What is it?

A payment for workers who have been unable to earn income due to the COVID-19 lockdowns. Eligibility depends on where you live and work. The amount offered differs depending on the relevant time period and whether or not you receive a Centrelink payment. Payment rates vary, and go up to a maximum of \$600 a week. Check the Services Australia site for the relevant details for your circumstances.

#### How does it help?

Income support.

#### How do people access it?

Apply at [Services Australia](#) website.

Relevance for artists and arts workers	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
High	Moderate	Medium term
Further information: <a href="#">Services Australia</a> website.		

## NT

### COVID-19 Disaster Payment NT

#### What is it?

A payment for workers who have been unable to earn income due to the COVID-19 lockdowns. Eligibility depends on where you live and work. The amount offered differs depending on the relevant time period and whether or not you receive a Centrelink payment. Payment rates vary, and go up to a maximum of \$750 a week. Check the Services Australia site for the relevant details for your circumstances.

#### How does it help?

Income support.

#### How do people access it?

Apply at [Services Australia](#) website.

Relevance for artists and arts workers	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
High	Moderate	Medium term
Further information: <a href="#">Services Australia</a> website.		

## WA

Getting the Show Back on the Road		
<b>What is it?</b>		
Support for performing arts and live music events to help them stage a show or tour. Open to performing arts organisations, live music event producers and presenters, festival organisers and commercial event companies.		
<b>How does it help?</b>		
This program aims to reduce the financial risks associated with running ticketed events. Shared risk payments at an agreed rate of between 50 to 75% of box office losses, to a maximum of \$150,000.		
<b>How do people access it?</b>		
Apply through <a href="#">Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries WA</a> . Applications close 17 February 2022.		
Relevance for arts organisations	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
High	Medium	Medium term
Further information: <a href="#">Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries WA website</a>		

## ACT

COVID-19 Disaster Payment ACT		
<b>What is it?</b>		
A payment for workers who have been unable to earn income due to the COVID-19 lockdowns. Eligibility depends on where you live and work. The amount offered differs depending on the relevant time period and whether or not you receive a Centrelink payment. Payment rates vary, and go up to a maximum of \$750 a week. Check the Services Australia site for the relevant details for your circumstances.		
<b>How does it help?</b>		
Income support.		
<b>How do people access it?</b>		
Apply at <a href="#">Services Australia</a> website.		
Relevance for artists and arts workers	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
High	Moderate	Medium term
Further information: <a href="#">Services Australia website</a> .		

Homefront 3 <span>NEW</span> <span>CLOSING SOON</span>		
<b>What is it?</b>		
An additional round of Homefront grants are now available to artists and artist groups to help support their ongoing arts practise during the pandemic. Grants up to \$10,000 per application. Total grants pool is \$350,000.		
<b>How does it help?</b>		
Grants are focussed promoting growth and sustainability by supporting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– projects which increase access to the arts;</li> <li>– projects which enhance an artist's capability or capacity or artistic skills development; and/or</li> <li>– initiatives which promote/market artistic practice or creation, or promotion/marketing skills development.</li> </ul>		
<b>How do people access it?</b>		
Apply at <a href="#">Arts ACT</a> website. Applications close 5pm, 23 September 2021.		
Relevance for artists and arts workers	Potential Impact	Speed of Impact
High	Moderate	Medium term
Further information: <a href="#">Arts ACT website</a> .		

## TAS

Creative Support Small Grants Fund <span>CLOSING SOON</span>		
<b>What is it?</b>		

Support for artists and groups to undertake activities to develop their artistic practise. Eligible activities include: – skills development (lessons, workshops or mentorships) – purchasing or hiring equipment – hiring spaces (studios or venues)		
<b>How does it help?</b>		
Grants start at \$500 up to \$2,000 to assist with artistic development.		
<b>How do people access it?</b>		
Apply at <a href="#">Arts Tasmania</a> website. Applications close 11 October 2021.		
<b>Relevance for artists and arts workers</b>	<b>Potential Impact</b>	<b>Speed of Impact</b>
High	Low	Short term
<b>Further information:</b> <a href="#">Arts Tasmania</a> website.		

## 2.3 Other measures for individual artists and arts workers

Scheme	Gov	Relevance for arts workers	Potential impact	Speed of impact	Link
Sounds Australia Export Stimulus	Federal	High for artists, artist managers, crew and music workers	Moderate	Medium term	<a href="#">Sounds Australia</a>
Protection from eviction for residential tenants who have suffered a 25% or more loss of income due to the lockdown	NSW	High for renters	High	Medium term	<a href="#">NSW Fair Trading website</a>

## 3.0 Useful links

### General advice and support

[Australia Council for the Arts – Re-activate](#) is a practical guide for independent artists and organisations outlining how to comply with government guidelines to recommence practice and open doors.

FAQs for artists affected by COVID-19 from [Arts Law](#).

The [Australian Festival Association](#) has resources for festivals affected by COVID-19.

[Arts and Creative Industry: Digital Support](#) is a Facebook group hosted by the Australia Council for the Arts, to support the arts community in the digital space.

[Diversity Arts Australia](#) support for the creative sector COVID-19 resources.

[Google Arts & Culture - Connected to Culture](#) is a digital toolkit built to help organisations continue their cultural programs online, developed in collaboration with International Council of Museums (ICOM).

### Mental health resources

[Beyond Blue](#) has developed [New Access](#), a program aimed at supporting small business owners with their mental health. This free and confidential national service provides six sessions with a coach with a small business background to work with you to overcome difficult issues and to provide practical skills to manage stress.

[Support Act](#) is a charity delivering crisis relief services to artists, crew and music workers that impacts their ability to work including mental health resources through their wellbeing helpline.

[Arts Wellbeing Collective](#) provide resources to assist with mental health and wellbeing for the performance industry.



## Crisis management

Tips for small business to prepare for COVID-19 from [CPA Australia](#).

## Music industry management and support

[I Lost My Gig Australia \(ILMG\)](#) is an initiative of the Australian Festivals Association (AFA) and the Australian Music Industry Network (AMIN). ILMG is a data capture project to quantify the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Australia's live event and entertainment industries through 2020-2021. It is also a hub for resources, support and information.

[Support Act](#) is delivering crisis relief and mental health and wellbeing services to artists, crew and music workers. Support Act's Wellbeing Helpline is available to all members of the arts industry. The helpline offers free, confidential 24/7 phone counselling services to individuals working in music, the performing arts and other creative industries.

[Live Music Office](#) is supporting increased opportunities for live music in Australia by advocating for better policy, regulation and strategy.

[Music NSW](#) has compiled a COVID-19 resource register includes support and information to help the music industry navigate the impacts of COVID-19.

## Visual arts and galleries management and support

An advisory note from the [National Association for the Visual Arts \(NAVA\)](#).

The Artists Benevolent Fund run by [NAVA](#) to assist artists.

[Museum & Galleries of NSW](#) are providing resources and tips for NSW Museums and Galleries during COVID-19.

## Performing arts management and support

The Actors Benevolent Fund run by [Actors Benevolent Fund of NSW](#) to assist actors.

[Google's Creative Lab – Performing Live, Online](#) is a guide for Australian creatives on how to bring live performance to digital audiences in uncertain times, developed by The Last Great Hunt, Griffin Theatre Company, Opera Queensland and Sandpit in collaboration with Google's Creative Lab.

[Performing Arts Connections Australia](#) are providing COVID-19 resources for the performing arts industry.

