

Backing Indigenous Arts (BIA) – Indigenous Art Centres (IAC) multi-year funding (2019-2023)

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Backing Indigenous Arts (BIA) Indigenous Arts Centres (IAC) multi-year funding?

BIA IAC multi-year funding is part of the Queensland Government's BIA initiative, which aims to build sustainable and ethical Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts industries. BIA multi-year funding contributes to core operations of fourteen IACs in Queensland, and the network's peak body, the Indigenous Art Centre Alliance (IACA).

How do I apply for BIA IAC multi-year funding (2019-2023)?

Arts Queensland invites applications from IACA and IACs that received 2015-2019 multi-year funding. Applications must be submitted online by 31 May 2019.

For advice on the application process, please contact Katrina Beattie, BIA Manager, Arts Queensland on 07 4088 1018, toll free 1800 175 531 or email katrina.beattie@arts.qld.gov.au.

Where can I find help to complete my application?

Applicants are encouraged to draw on the support of industry development organisations such as IACA (www.iaca.com.au) for advice and assistance in completing your application.

Arts Acumen is an online suite of resources designed to assist arts and cultural sector development. It includes general tips for application writing, budget preparation, planning and reporting and can be accessed on the Arts Queensland website: www.arts.qld.gov.au/arts-acumen/resources/funding-applicationwriting.

What support material should I include in my application?

Support material, including your organisation's strategic plan, will substantiate the information you provide in the application form. Information about required support material is provided in the application form.

Additional material that may support your application includes:

- Evidence of how BIA IAC funding will deliver on local priorities – for example extracts from relevant local plans and policies, summary of community consultation, program or project evaluations, letters of support for the proposed program.

- Evidence of initiatives proposed - for example project plans, financial statements, supplier quotations, sponsorship arrangements, outcomes from previous year's achievements, CVs or profiles of key personnel such as artists, arts workers and organisations.
- Evidence of financial partnerships – for example, copies of MOUs, contracts, Letters of Offer, etc.

How are applications assessed?

An independent advisory panel of industry experts who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people considers applications for BIA IAC multi-year funding. While the base funding for multi-year investment in IACs remains the same and levels of funding for organisations determined by previous allocations, the panel will provide advice regarding applicants' proposed plans and activities, which will inform the development of funding agreements.

Panellists adhere to strict conflict of interest and confidentiality guidelines and consider applications against fund criteria.

What does the one-off funding for Governance Support Services involve?

Each IAC is invited to apply for an additional \$10,000 to purchase services to strengthen the organisation's governance and business framework. This funding is to be expended in the first year of the multi-year funding agreement with a governance plan to be included in year one outcome reporting. Applicants must provide a letter of confirmation and quote from the proposed provider of governance services.

The BIA IAC multi-year funding independent advisory panel will consider the quality and viability of the governance proposed services as part of their consideration of applications. Applicants can select services that they consider best meet their organisation's needs and can seek advice from peak bodies and industry organisations regarding appropriate providers.

What does the acquittal and reporting process involve?

Successful organisations will be required to enter into a funding agreement with Arts Queensland, which includes Key Performance Outcomes (KPOs) relating to the objectives of the fund.

BIA IAC multi-year funding is conditional on the submission and approval of an annual plan of activity, with each year's payment activated by applicants' completion of progress and outcome reports.