

Arts Infrastructure Fund

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the aim of the Arts Infrastructure Fund?

The AIF aims to assist Queensland-based not-for-profit arts and cultural organisations to upgrade and improve the infrastructure that supports their work and practice. Strengthening the capacity, access and effectiveness of these workplaces will help these important organisations deliver great arts and cultural experiences for Queenslanders.

2. Do I have to have previously received funding from Arts Queensland to apply to AIF?

Yes. Eligible applicants must have been approved to receive any Arts Queensland investment between 1 January 2015 and 16 March 2018.

3. Will there be more AIF rounds after the one closing on 16 March 2018?

AIF is a one-off funding opportunity. The outcomes of the inaugural round of the program will be evaluated to consider the demand for this type of investment in future planning.

4. How do I work out how much to apply for?

The following are some key considerations in developing your budget and funding request:

- the project costs should be based on formal estimates or quotes that are included as support material with your application.
- the funding requested is to be no more than a maximum of 50% of the total eligible project costs. For example, if the total project budget is \$100,000, but only \$80,000 of that amount is for expenses / costs that would be considered eligible for AIF (as detailed in the AIF Guidelines), you may apply for up to \$40,000 to account for 50% of those eligible costs.
- Arts Queensland funding must be matched on a minimum 1:1 basis by the applicant through other confirmed funding sources.

In-kind support cannot form part of your matched funding component. For example, if you are requesting \$50,000 in funding from Arts Queensland, you must show that you have at least \$50,000 in cash from other sources available to invest in the project. This funding could be from other grants, fundraising, sponsorship, donations or cash reserves.

Your application must include evidence to verify the matched funding is available (eg bank statements, balance sheet, funding pledges).

5. When can my project happen?

Projects must commence on or after 21 May 2018. If your project is approved, it must begin within six months of signing your funding agreement – either the commencement of construction, or purchasing of equipment. If construction projects do not begin within six months, the funding may be withdrawn.

6. How can I demonstrate demand for this infrastructure project?

Support material to help you submit a competitive application may include letters of support to demonstrate demand and indicate industry and sector endorsement for your project. Support letters might be from:

- partners or stakeholders listed in your application, particularly anyone who has confirmed funding or in-kind support for your project, including the local council or volunteers
- community groups or representatives of communities who support or will be involved in or may benefit from the project
- other groups or potential users with an interest in the improved facilities.