

Backing Indigenous Arts – Performing Arts **Centre of Contemporary Arts, Cairns** **2019-20 Call Out**

Guidelines

The *Backing Indigenous Arts – Performing Arts (BIAPA) Centre of Contemporary Arts (CoCA) Cairns Call Out* is supported through the *Backing Indigenous Arts (BIA)* initiative to foster vibrant year-round activation of the CoCA Cairns through the development and presentation of contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander performing arts.

Queensland-based producers, presenters and artists are invited to propose work that promotes and celebrates Indigenous cultures and enriches Indigenous artistic practices, to be considered as part of the CoCA Cairns 2019 – 2020 program.

The *BIAPA CoCA Call Out* aims to:

- support the development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and companies
- support the development of new work that showcases the stories of First Nations peoples in Queensland
- build sustainable and ethical Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts industries.

What can the funding be used for?

Funding and in-kind venue support for projects at the CoCA in 2019-20.

The BIAPA CoCA Cairns Call Out offers support for contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander performing arts initiatives, which may include:

- creative development projects with a short presentation season
- a co-presentation of stage ready work
- a program of workshops, masterclasses or laboratories
- a residency with public presentation outcomes
- a program of regular events, such as a concert series.

Requested funding must be matched by the applicant. Arts Queensland funding must not contribute to matched funding. For further information, please refer to the BIAPA CoCA Cairns Call Out 2019-20 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) at <https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/arts/funding/organisations/backing-indigenous-arts>.

Eligibility

To be eligible, all applicants must:

- have an active Australian Business Number (ABN)
- be over 18 years of age
- have satisfied the reporting requirements of any previous Arts Queensland funding
- be based in Queensland and provide evidence of demand and support for activities that involve Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- confirm that the project or activity does not start within 16 weeks of the fund due date
- show evidence of venue availability at the CoCA including in-kind support and hard costs in the project budget
- can match Arts Queensland's funding contribution 1:1 through other funding sources for this project
- be able to present proposed activity at the CoCA between mid-2019 and mid-2020

Applications will be deemed ineligible if:

- the application form is incomplete or altered in any way
- the application does not include mandatory support material
- the application is emailed. Applications must be submitted via Arts Queensland's online forms (<https://artsqueensland.smartygrants.com.au>)
- the application is received by Arts Queensland after the deadline for the *BIAPA CoCA Cairns Call Out Program*
- the application requests 100 per cent of project costs
- the application does not provide quote/s for in-kind support and hard costs or provide evidence of the CoCA space availability

Tertiary educational institutions are eligible to apply for arts and cultural activity, however a statement from an authorising officer of the institution must be provided to confirm the activity is outside of core business and does not receive direct financial support from the tertiary institution.

Assessment criteria

The CoCA Independent Expert Panel (IEP) will make recommendations to Arts Queensland against the available Backing Indigenous Arts – Performing Arts budget, Queensland Government priorities and the following objectives:

QUALITY

- Demonstrates potential for artistic achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander performing arts
- Engages high calibre artists and arts workers, ensuring that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander practitioners are in key creative roles.

REACH

- Responds to demand and has capacity to grow new audiences for CoCA Cairns
- Show potential to connect with communities across far north Queensland

IMPACT

- Evidence of strong planning and producing capacity to successfully deliver the project
- Evidence of the calibre of partnerships and collaborations including financial partners

VIABILITY

- A viable, value-for-money proposal that is realistic for scale and impact of activities
- Demonstrated good planning and evaluation, including evidence of cultural permission, where appropriate, for use of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-owned contents and forms.

Recommendations may be moderated to ensure balance across areas such as geographic regions, art forms and target audiences. Applicants may be requested to provide additional follow-up information as part of the assessment process.

Application process

- Step 1 It is recommended that all applicants should seek advice from the General Manager, CoCA Cairns on telephone (07) 4088 1013 or email cocacairns@arts.qld.gov.au to seek information about venue costs and availability.
- Step 2 BIAPA CoCA Cairns Call Out proposals must be submitted by the closing date of 14 May 2019. The application will be checked by Arts Queensland for eligibility. If your application is deemed ineligible, Arts Queensland will provide eligibility feedback.
- Step 3 Your application and proposal will be considered by the IEP, which will:
- review your application against the Program objectives and moderate with consideration of: available funding, balance across art forms, geographic spread, target groups and government priorities
 - make recommendations to Arts Queensland.
- Step 4 The Minister for the Arts (or Minister's Delegate) will consider AQ's recommendations and make a final decision on the funding and in-kind venue support offer.

When can I apply?

The *BIAPA CoCA Cairns Call Out* closes 4pm, 14 May 2019.

The *Call Out* application form can be accessed at:
<https://artsqueensland.smartygrants.com.au>

Submitting your application

The preferred method for submitting your application is online at:

<https://artsqueensland.smartygrants.com.au>

For support with technical issues related to the online application, please contact an Arts Queensland Grants Officer by email at investment@arts.qld.gov.au or on telephone (07) 3034 4016 or toll free 1800 175 531.

If circumstances prevent you from being able to provide your application in this format, please contact the General Manager, Centre of Contemporary Arts Cairns on telephone (07) 4088 1013 or email cocacairns@arts.qld.gov.au.

Incomplete or late applications will be deemed ineligible and will not be assessed.

You will receive an email or letter notifying you that your application has been received. If you have not received an acknowledgment within 5 days of submitting your application please contact an Arts Queensland Grants Officer.