



Frequently Asked Questions: Local Creativity Grant

This is a supporting document to the Local Creativity Grant Guidelines. It will assist with preparing applications and delivery of activities. This fact sheet contains frequently asked questions about Council's expectations of applicants and successful recipients.

Frequently Asked Questions

For further information regarding Penrith City Council's Community Funding Program, 'Frequently Asked Questions: Community Funding Program' document [here](#)

Am I eligible for this grant?

You are eligible if you are one of the following:

- an incorporated creative group, collective or not-for-profit cultural organisation with an ABN which is based in Penrith LGA.
- an unincorporated group, based in the Penrith LGA that has evidence of auspice from an incorporated organisation. If the application is by an unincorporated group, then it should provide evidence of auspice from an incorporated organisation.
- a creative or professional artist with an ABN who resides in the Penrith LGA.

How much money can I apply for?

The Local Creativity Grant will be available from July, 2025. The total amount available for this grant is **\$23,500**. Applicants may apply for a grant up to a total funding amount of **\$5,000**.

You don't need to apply for the maximum amount – it's best to apply for the amount needed to make your activity happen.

What types of activities are eligible for funding?

- Practice across all creative, visual, and performing artforms, including music, sculpture, dance, painting, writing, literature, design, screen arts,

digital media and more.

- One-off activities e.g. activity that is delivered once or reoccurs over a defined period of time.
- One-off purchase of equipment which supports proposed activities e.g. technology to assist in the delivery of the activity.
- Activities that support communications and promotion of new initiatives.
- Activities that are free or low-cost for the community to participate in.

Do you have any examples of eligible activities?

The Local Creativity Grant is a new grant that has no precedent for what has been successfully funded. If you are a local artist, creative group or arts organisation and have an idea that meets the objectives of the grant as outlined in the Grant Guidelines, we encourage you to contact Council to discuss and explore your idea.

The following are examples of eligible activities:

- An artist develops and installs temporary public artworks in curious location/s around Penrith City (with permission of landowners).
- A group of artists working in different artforms, such as music, dance, writing and video, collaborate to develop a new multi-artform work which is showcased at a local business.
- A young contemporary dancer collaborates with a senior traditional cultural dancer to devise new hybrid forms of sharing ancient stories, performed at a local event.

When do I need to submit my application by?

The Local Creativity Grant will be available from July 2025 however the application due date is to be confirmed.



For information regarding specific grant timelines and key dates, please view the Community Funding Snapshot and Key Dates [here](#)

Am I able to submit more than one grant application?

Yes. For the Local Creativity Grant, applicants can submit two grant applications per grant round. The Local Creativity Grant is open once per year.

When will we find out if we are successful? When will we receive the funds?

For information regarding specific grant timelines and key dates, please view the Community Funding Snapshot and Key Dates [here](#)

When can we run our activity?

You can commence your activity any time after you have been notified that you have been successful, however you must conduct the activity within 12 months of signing the funding agreement.

Do I need to recognise Council's contribution?

No. Grant recipients are not required to recognise Council's contribution to the activity. However, the Community Funding Policy outlines that recipients must seek approval in writing from Penrith City Council prior to using Council's logo in promotional materials.

We have another question – what can we do?

Please contact a Cultural Strategy officer by calling 4732 7777 or emailing cultural.strategy@penrith.city