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## New guidelines for Quick Response Grants support international opportunities & creative recovery

New guidelines have now been released for 2017-2018 Regional Arts Fund Quick Response Grants, an Australian Government program that supports sustainable cultural development in regional and remote communities in Australia. The program is managed by Regional Arts Australia and Regional Arts NSW, and supports professional, skills and arts development opportunities that arise at short notice.

The expanded guidelines for Regional Arts Fund Quick Response Grants now allow grants of up to \$1,500 to support eligible international opportunities, and to support the costs of creative recovery projects for communities suffering from the impact of a natural disaster.

Eligible applicants include artists, arts workers, not-for-profits, incorporated community groups and local government authorities.

"I am excited for Regional Arts NSW to offer these expanded guidelines," said Chief Executive Officer of Regional Arts NSW, Elizabeth Rogers.

"After recent natural disasters in regional NSW, I think it is particularly important that creative recovery efforts will now be able to access Quick Response grants. These new guidelines reflect the needs of regional and remote NSW communities, as international cultural leaders and communities that are at times faced with devastating and unexpected environmental changes."

Applications from 1 July 2017 are eligible under the new Quick Response Guidelines. To apply for a Quick Response Grant, applicants must first contact the Grants & Projects Manager at Regional Arts NSW by calling (02) 9270 2501 or emailing <a href="mailto:funding@regionalartsnsw.com.au">funding@regionalartsnsw.com.au</a>.

There are no deadline or closing date for Quick Response Grants, however a limited number of funds are available, and funds are allocated quarterly. To read the guidelines, visit <a href="http://regionalartsnsw.com.au/grants/qrg/">http://regionalartsnsw.com.au/grants/qrg/</a>

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