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Applications now open for Country Arts Support Program (CASP) 2019

Applications are now being accepted for the Country Arts Support Program, an annual small grants program administered by Regional Arts NSW on behalf of Create NSW.

The Country Arts Support Program (CASP) is a Create NSW initiative that supports a creative, vibrant and resilient NSW arts and cultural sector that engages with diverse audiences and communities. The fund supports locally initiated projects by not-for-profits, local government authorities and collectives in regional NSW, and is delivered in partnership with the 14 Regional Arts Development Organisations (RADOs) of the Regional Arts NSW network.

Funding for the 2019 round is available for projects occurring between 1 January and 31 December 2019. Eligible activities include workshops, exhibitions, performances, artist-in-residence programs, and public art and design projects.

The 2018 CASP round saw support for 76 Country Arts Projects, sharing in nearly \$250,000 and ranging from classical jazz and blues performances to touring theatre and residency opportunities.

“CASP demonstrates the vitality and breadth of the arts across regional NSW,” CEO of Regional Arts NSW, Elizabeth Rogers said.

“Projects are assessed locally by independent regional panels, ensuring that each project serves the cultural needs of its respective region. 2018 was another competitive round and I am looking forward to seeing new and exciting proposals for 2019.”

Applicants are required to discuss their proposed CASP projects and their region's priority areas with their local RADO prior to submission; details can be found by searching their local council on the [Regional Arts NSW website](#). Regional applicants from non-contributing Local Government Areas are able to contact Regional Arts NSW directly prior to their submission.

Applications for the Country Arts Support Program (CASP) close on **Friday 3 August 2018, 5pm AEST**. For more information about the program, including guidelines and instructions, visit: www.regionalartsnsw.com.au/grants/casp

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