

Four Year Funding for Organisations

Australia Council for the Arts

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1. Four Year Funding context

- Multi-year funding an important component of Council's grant program
- Each iteration of multi-year funding is a new process, not a continuation of current arrangements
- All arts practices assessed at the same time for consistency
- Four Year Funding is not the best fit for every organisation
- Working with the same overall budget of \$28M per annum

2. Guidelines - overview

- Multi-year funding for arts organisations with a compelling four year vision
- Organisations delivering artistic programs or services for the arts to a high standard
- Supports activities from January 2021 to December 2024
- Requests of \$100,000 to \$500,000 per year
- Two-stage application process

2. Guidelines - key dates

- Stage 1: Expressions of Interest (EOI)
 - EOI opens for applications around 25 February 2019
 - EOI closes midnight AEDT on 2 April 2019
 - Applicants notified in July 2019

- Stage 2: Full applications for organisations successful at Stage 1 only
 - Applications open from September 2019
 - Applications close midnight AEDT on 12 November 2019
 - Applicants notified in March 2020

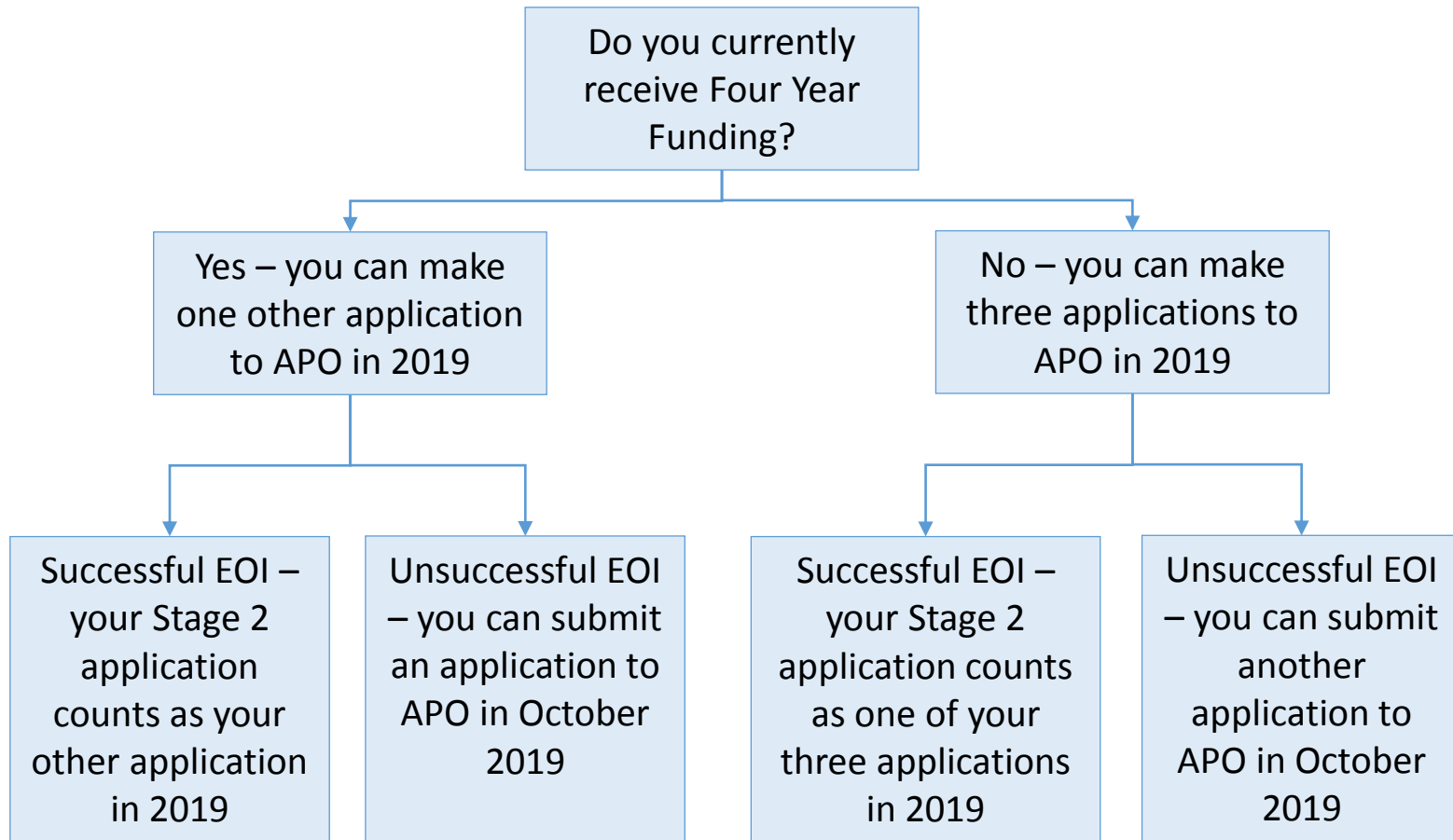
2. Guidelines – who can apply

- Organisations registered under Australian law, or created by law
- Artistic organisations delivering an artistic program or output – working at all scales
- Service organisations delivering services for their arts sector, or across arts sectors – national and/or international impact

2. Guidelines – who can't apply

- Grant recipients who have not satisfactorily acquitted previous Australia Council grants
- Your organisation owes Council money
- Organisations who have exceeded the number of applications they can make to Council in a calendar year
 - If your EOI is successful, your subsequent Stage 2 application will count as one of your applications in 2019

2. Guidelines – who can't apply cont.



2. Guidelines – what we won't fund

- Activities that do not involve or benefit practicing Australian artists, arts workers, audiences or communities
- Activities that do not have a clearly defined arts or cultural component
- Activities that have already taken place

3. Applications – assessment panels

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts
- Community Arts and Cultural Development
- Dance
- Emerging and Experimental Arts
- Literature
- Multi-artform
- Music
- Theatre
- Visual Arts

3. Applications – peer assessors

- 8-10 experienced peers on each panel
- Diverse representation across
 - Genres of arts practice
 - Artistic roles and experience
 - Geography
 - Cultural background
 - Gender
 - Disability
 - Age

3. Applications – EOI application form

- Choose your panel, and whether you are applying as an artistic or service organisation
- A four year vision for the period 2021-2024
- A brief summary of your organisation, core activity and role
- A brief summary of key achievements
- List of key staff, and members of your Board or governing committee

3. Applications – EOI application form

- Summary of audited (or equivalent) financial information for each of the previous two years
- Funding received from other sources in the previous two years
- Projected high level income and expenditure for the next three years
- Annual funding request from the Australia Council Four Year Funding program

3. Applications – EOI application form

- Financial FAQs now updated on our website
 - Calendar year organisations may not have their audited accounts by for 2018 by the 2nd April closing date
 - The time period that future budget projections should be provided for
 - Organisations that are not required to provide audited accounts to their regulator
 - What financial data to provide if you are only applying for a specific program
 - What financial data to provide if you are seeking support for a specific program or business unit of a larger institution

3. Applications – EOI support material

- The latest two years of your audited accounts or equivalent
- Up to 3 URLs that best demonstrate your organisation's artistic output or services for the arts
 - Includes links to videos, audio, images, written material
 - Make it targeted and relevant to the panel you are applying to
 - It should speak to and enhance the narrative in your application form

3. Assessment – EOI criteria

- Artistic Merit or Quality of Services for the Arts
- Organisational capacity
- Contribution to Strategic Priorities of the Australia Council

3. Assessment – Artistic Merit

- Peers will assess your organisation’s artistic achievements and vision. They may consider how your track record and vision support:
 - The making and sharing of great arts and culture
 - The development of great artists and arts workers
 - Broader and deeper connections with audiences and communities
 - Diverse cultural expression
 - A vibrant society and culture

3. Assessment – Quality of Services

- Peers will assess the quality of services your organisation delivers for the arts. They may consider how your track record and vision support:
 - The relevance and benefits of your services for the arts sector, responding to an identified need or demand
 - How your organisation contributes to the development of your sector nationally and/or internationally
 - Contribution to sustainable and diverse arts practice
 - Strong engagement, partnerships and collaborations

3. Assessment – Organisational Capacity

- Peers will assess your track record of delivery, and capacity to deliver your vision. They may consider:
 - The experience of the people leading and governing your organisation
 - The financial health of your organisation, including the effective use of resources
 - The diversity and scale of income and co-funding you generate and receive
 - Whether your work is supported by meaningful evaluation
 - How you demonstrate representation, cultural competencies and adherence to relevant cultural protocols, particularly if your organisation employs and works with diverse artists, audiences or communities

3. Assessment – Strategic Priorities of Council

- Peers will assess how your organisation's vision may contribute to one or more of the strategic priorities informing Council's next Strategic Plan:
 - All Australians experience art and culture
 - Our arts reflect our people
 - First Nations arts and cultures are cherished
 - The Australian arts sector is thriving and future focused
 - The value of the arts and creativity is recognised.

3. Assessment – EOI

- Peers score each application against the criteria
- The panel meets, discusses the applications, and rank EOIs from highest to lowest
- Staff support the peer deliberations, providing context and analysis
- Final rankings reviewed by staff in light of the budget available
- Recommendations presented to the Board of the Australia Council for approval
- Notification in early July 2019

3. Assessment – EOI notification

- If successful, you'll be advised
 - Which panel to submit your Stage 2 application to (if you submitted more than one)
 - Feedback on your EOI
 - Guidance on the grant request you can include in your full application, which may vary from your request in the EOI

4. Contracts and responsibilities

- Financial

- Budgets – forecasts, actuals
- Audited accounts

- Program

- Annual program of activities
- Annual statistical data (e.g. key creatives, locations, audiences)

- Outcome statements

- Negotiated outcomes based on your application

5. Other sources of funding

- Arts Projects for Organisations
- Playing Australia, Contemporary Touring Initiative, Contemporary Music Touring Program
- Other opportunities offered by our International or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts teams
- Other opportunities offered by State and Territory funding agencies, other Departments

6. Changes to our Application Management System

- Our new System goes live in February
 - This is where you submit applications, acquit grants, update your contact details, and peers assess applications
 - If you had an account in our old system, you will need to activate your new account with the same log in details
 - If you weren't registered in our old system, you will create a new account
- Think about who will 'moderate' your organisation account
- Application forms will be available in the new system from the week commencing 25 February

7. Questions?

- Australia Council website
- Contact the Enquiries team
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