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Strengthening the resilience of regional arts sector in Western Australia

Regional Arts WA is excited to announce and launch the Regional Arts Resilience Grants program to provide immediate support to the regional arts sector to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Regional Arts Resilience Grants program is funded through the State Government's Regional Arts and Culture Investment Program (RACIP).

Grants up to \$15,000 are available to sustain creative practices and support regionally based practicing artists, cultural practitioners, and arts and cultural organisations participate in the regional economy during the immediate periods of disruption caused by COVID-19.

Regional Arts WA CEO Paul MacPhail says the program will enable the regional arts sector to develop their own creative solutions to the pandemic.

"The Regional Arts Resilience Grants program will make a significant impact in supporting the resilience of the regional arts sector to thrive and do what they do best – be creative, innovative and think outside-of-the-box to lead their communities out of isolation.

This injection will boost creative development, community engagement and, most importantly, capacity building projects. We encourage the sector to take this opportunity to develop their arts practice or organisation and strengthen strategic plans, marketing practices, financial management, or audience engagement skills to respond to the post-COVID-19 world."

The Regional Arts Resilience Grants program opens 13 July and will continue to December 2020 (or until the funds are exhausted).

The RACIP is administered by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.

For more information, please head to www.regionalartswa.org.au/funding

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About Regional Arts WA

Established in 1994, Regional Arts WA (formerly Country Arts WA) is the State's only multi-arts organisation with a purely regional focus. As an independent, membership-based, not-for-profit organisation our purpose is to celebrate and strengthen a powerful regional arts sector to contribute to connected and creative regional communities. More at: www.regionalartswa.org.au

Regional Arts and Culture Investment Program

Regional Arts Resilience Grants are provided through the Regional Arts and Culture Investment Program with support of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, with Royalties for Regions funding from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

The purpose of the program is creating jobs, economic development, tourism and improving social cohesion by supporting the creative and cultural industries in regional Western Australia. Through strategic investments, the program aims to build capacity in the regions and contribute to liveability and vibrancy of regional communities.



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