

CAPABILITY GRANTS PROGRAMME

The Capability Grants Programme is a new contestable fund from the New Zealand Music Commission being delivered as part of the wider Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage Arts and Culture COVID Recovery Programme.

The Programme seeks to support Aotearoa's music sector by building industry, technical and business capability, so that New Zealand music practitioners have the resources and tools to grow and succeed in a post COVID-19 environment.

ABOUT THE CAPABILITY GRANTS PROGRAMME

The objectives of the Capability Grants Programme are to *enhance or extend existing activities*, and to support the *delivery of new programmes* that develop or increase industry skills and knowledge.

In this first round, grants of \$2,000 up to a maximum of \$25,000 (excluding GST) will be made to support activity and projects that deliver on these objectives.

WHAT WILL BE FUNDED

Applications for the following will be considered:

- Support to enhance or extend business-as-usual capability activities
- Support for new programmes that address areas of capability needs that are not being met by the organisation's current activity
- Support for new initiatives that will contribute to sustainability for NZ artists.

Eligible capability activity includes projects that promote and encourage inclusiveness, accessibility, wellbeing and resilience, as well as mentoring, upskilling, training and development opportunities, and digital tools and resources.

Please note that your activity/ies must be underway (i.e. planning has started or is completed) by Wednesday 30 June 2021 for this round.

WHAT WON'T BE FUNDED

- Business as usual activities (unless these are being expanded upon or enhanced)
- Capital expenditure (i.e. the purchase of assets, such as vehicles, furniture and office equipment)
- Activity already being funded by Creative New Zealand, NZ On Air, or the Ministry for Culture & Heritage's Cultural Sector Capability Fund
- Any costs incurred prior to the application being submitted
- Tertiary study/qualifications.

WHO CAN APPLY

This funding Programme is open to:

- Music sector organisations
- Industry guilds, societies and associations
- Music businesses
- Collectives, e.g. music businesses, music professionals, or other organised groups working collectively to represent and support the music industry sector. This includes music education collectives

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- Organisations that collectively represent and support Māori music practitioners
- Organisations that collectively represent and support Pasifika music practitioners.

The Music Commission is contemporary popular music focused. Applicants must be registered and operating in New Zealand.

MAKING AN APPLICATION

We will be accepting online applications from Tuesday 27 April until Friday 25 June, or until all the funds have been granted. Any submitted applications that do not use our online application form will not be accepted.

Applicants will need to contact the Music Commission for access to the online application portal.

As part of the application, you will need to include:

- A project outline or proposal. This should include date(s), intended audience and why this activity is needed/how it will benefit your audience
- A budget (including any other sources of funding applied for or received for the same project)
- Two written references or letters of support
- Contact details for your referees in case more information is required

All grants from this funding round will be paid by 30 June 2021.

HOW YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE ASSESSED

Applications will be assessed internally by the NZ Music Commission.

Please note that as this is a contestable funding round, submitting an application does not guarantee that your application will be successful.

It is anticipated that successful applications will support Aotearoa's music industry by building industry, technical and business capability to empower New Zealand music practitioners with the resources and tools to grow and succeed in a post COVID-19 environment. While not the only criteria, preference will be given to activity outside Aotearoa's main centres, and/or that has an all ages focus or targets under-served audiences.

IF YOU ARE SUCCESSFUL

Successful applications will receive a Funding Agreement, which outlines the approved purpose of the grant, any conditions, and your obligations.

Grant recipients will also be required to report on the outcomes of their grant and the benefits of their funded activity/ies. An Outcome Report will be due upon completion of the activity or six months after the grant has been paid, whichever is earliest.

For any queries, please contact Capability Manager Nicola Edwards at nicola@nzmusic.org.nz.