

Media Release

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SUPPORTING VICTORIAN LIVE PERFORMANCE EVENTS

The Victorian Government is providing more support for live performance events that have been cancelled due to the recent coronavirus restrictions.

Minister for Creative Industries Danny Pearson today opened the second round of the *Live Performance Support* program to help Victorian presenters and suppliers in the live performance industry who have been affected by event cancellations between 27 May and 2 September this year.

The program will provide funding of up to \$12,000 for eligible event presenters and up to \$4,000 for suppliers who had been contracted to work on events and have lost income or incurred costs.

The program is open to those who work on stage and off, front of house and behind the scenes, across live performances such as music, theatre, opera, dance, comedy, and cabaret.

Victorian-based applicants who have lost scheduled work interstate are also eligible to apply.

Delivered through Business Victoria, the Live Performance Support Program has two streams:

- **Presenters** – open to live performance event presenters, including producers, promoters, venue owners and artists who promote their own shows. Applicants can apply for either \$7000 or \$5000 for one event, and a further \$5000 for a second event.
- **Suppliers** – open to suppliers contracted to work on events, including performers, crew, technicians and engineers. Suppliers may be eligible for a grant of either \$200 or \$500 per event for up to 20 events. Suppliers do not need to be GST-registered.

The Live Performance Support Program is part of the Government's \$20 million *Victorian Events Support Package*.

In this second round, the program has been updated in response to industry feedback and to assist a wider range of affected event businesses and workers.

For eligibility details and to apply, visit business.vic.gov.au. Applications close on Wednesday, 8 September 2021.

Since the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, the Government has provided more than \$25 million in dedicated support to the live music industry. This is on top of other support available including the Licenced Venues Hospitality Fund, the Business Support Fund and the Small Business COVID Hardship Fund.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Creative Industries Danny Pearson

"We know how much work and preparation goes into the staging of a live performance event and how many people are impacted when an event has to be cancelled – that is why we are providing this tailored support."

"Whether you work on stage or behind the scenes, if you have had an event cancelled during the recent lockdowns, I encourage you to apply for this second round of grants."

"We value our live performance sector and know that it has been an incredibly challenging period – so we listened to industry feedback and updated the guidelines to reach more people."

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