

Media Release

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NEW GRANTS FOR HOME-GROWN CREATIVE PROJECTS

More independent artists and creative workers across the state can build their skills and careers, create new work and showcase our local creative talent to a wider audience thanks to a new grants program, made possible by the Allan Labor Government.

Minister for Creative Industries Colin Brooks today announced applications are now open for the *Creative Projects Fund*, which invests in the development of new home-grown creative work and experiences and helps take them to local, national or international audiences and markets.

Grants of \$5000 to \$20,000 are available to Victorian professional artists, creative practitioners, collectives, groups and organisations working in all creative disciplines – from design to dance, fashion to film, theatre, augmented and virtual technologies, visual art, music, literature and more.

In 2022, the first round of the program supported more than 100 creative projects statewide which have collectively employed 896 individuals – including providing an important boost to creative professionals in early stages of their careers.

These projects included a film by author and filmmaker Santilla Chingaipe; a children's apparel line celebrating Indigenous Pride by Haus of Dizzy; and a new theatre work by (it's no) drama, a South Gippsland-based theatre group for people with and without disability.

The Fund supports a wide range of ideas and perspectives, reflecting the diversity of the creative industries and Victoria's wider community. It includes dedicated streams for First Peoples and Deaf and Disabled applicants. Applications are also encouraged from culturally and linguistically diverse, LGBTIQ+ and regionally based creatives.

The *Creative Projects Fund* invests in the creative people and ideas that fuel the state's \$38.4 billion creative industries, and is an action of the Labor Government's *Creative State 2025* strategy.

Applications for the General, Deaf and Disabled and First Peoples streams open on Thursday 7 December 2023 and will close at 3pm on Thursday 1 February 2024.

For more information or to apply, visit creative.vic.gov.au/funding-opportunities.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Creative Industries Colin Brooks

"The Creative Projects Fund provides vital seed funding to bring new ideas to life and to take distinctive and exciting Victorian-made creative products and experiences to audiences and markets across the state and around the globe."

"Grants through the fund are an investment in local talent, diverse voices and ideas, and the future strength and vibrancy of our creative industries."