

## Contemporary Music

This fact sheet contains information on funding programs and other assistance in the area of contemporary music. You can contact Arts Queensland on 07 3034 4016 if you would like to speak with an officer.

### Assistance

[QMusic](http://www.qmusic.com.au/index.cfm?contentID=26) is Queensland's music industry development association promoting the artistic value, cultural worth and commercial potential of Queensland music.

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### Arts Queensland funding and investment programs

**Individuals Fund** – Funding up to \$10,000 for individual artists and cultural workers (emerging and established) to participate in transformational professional and career development opportunities.

(<http://www.arts.qld.gov.au/funding/acif/individuals-fund.html>)

**Projects and Programs Fund** – Funding up to \$60,000 for projects and programs of activities by an individual, organisation or collective. (<http://www.arts.qld.gov.au/funding/acif/project-programs-fund.html> )

**Organisations Fund** (Triennial 2014-2016) – Funding of more than \$70,000 or more per annum is available for organisations. Applications will open again in 2016 for the next triennium

(<http://www.arts.qld.gov.au/funding/acif/organisation-fund.html> ).

**Super Star Fund** – The Super Star Fund will invest \$3 million over four years (2012 – 2016) to support Queensland performing arts companies to engage internationally-renowned artists.

Program Guidelines are available on Arts Queensland website at

(<http://www.arts.qld.gov.au/funding/superstarfund.html>).

**Playing Queensland Fund** – The Playing Queensland Fund is a new program for touring Queensland incorporating the Government's boost to touring initiative.

(<http://www.arts.qld.gov.au/funding/tourfundguide.html>)

**Creative Sparks** – A joint initiative of Brisbane City Council and Arts Queensland. Open to individual professional artists, arts workers, cultural workers, project coordinators, incorporated cultural organisations and unincorporated organisations auspiced by an incorporated body.

(<http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/community/grants-and-awards/arts-and-history/creative-sparks-program/index.htm>)

**Regional Arts Development Fund program (RADF)** – The RADF program is a state and local government partnership that supports professional artists and arts practitioners living in regional Queensland. The program focuses on the development of quality arts and arts practice in regional communities. All eligible Queensland councils are currently offering RADF funding. Contact your local council for further information. (<http://www.arts.qld.gov.au/funding/radf.html>)

**Grant McLennan Memorial Fellowship** - Established in 2007 in honour of the late Queensland singer-songwriter Grant McLennan, the \$25,000 Grant McLennan Memorial Fellowship offers the

recipient an opportunity to travel to New York, London or Berlin for up to 2 months and use the experience of being immersed in a foreign and vibrant musical culture to further develop their own artistic skills. (<http://www.arts.qld.gov.au/funding/grant-mclennan.html>)

**Billy Thorpe Scholarship** - The annual Billy Thorpe Scholarship provides a structured range of support to establish a professional career through career planning and advice and the opportunity to record with a local producer.

### **Other Government funding programs**

**Gambling Community Benefit Fund** – The Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation Community Benefit Funds Unit (CBFU) distributes revenue from gaming taxes to various not-for-profit community groups throughout Queensland.

(<http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/corporate/sponsorships-and-grants/grants/community-benefit-funding-programs>)

**Regional Arts Fund** - RAF is an Australian Government initiative that supports sustainable, community-based cultural development in regional, remote and isolated areas of Australia. Artslink manage RAF funding in Queensland. (<http://artslinkqld.com.au/regional-arts/regional-arts-fund/>)

### **Brisbane City Council**

**Lord Mayor's Young and Emerging Artists Fellowships** – Supports young and emerging Brisbane artists and arts workers aged between 17 and 30. The program aims to develop artists who wish to join national or international training and development programs through participation in training programs, mentorship or structured experience.

(<http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/community/grants-and-awards/arts-and-history/lord-mayors-young-emerging-artists-fellowships/index.htm>)

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### **Australia Council for the Arts funding programs**

Australia Council for the Arts is the federal government's arts funding agency. It offers a range of grant programs which are detailed on its grants page. <http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/grants>  
Grants programs that may be relevant include:

- International Pathways
- ArtstART
- Peggy Glanville-Hicks Residency
- Don Banks Music Award
- Creative Australia Fellowships for established artists
- Project Fellowships
- Fellowships – Music
- Skills and Arts Development (Artist Development) – Music
- Creative Australia Fellowship Program – Young & emerging artists
- Creative Australia (New Art – Production and Presentation)

- Hopscotch Touring Initiative
- JUMP Mentoring
- Creative Australia (New Art – Creative Development)
- Live on Stage – International Market Program for Music Managers
- New Work – Music (Writing and Recording and Media Arts)
- Early Career Residencies
- Live on Stage – International Music Showcase Program
- Asia in Australia
- Skills and Arts Development – Music
- Presentation and Promotion – Music
- Program – Music
- Engage – Marketing and Audience Development
- Playing Australia
- Festivals Australia
- Nashville Songwriter Residency

### **Other**

**[Big Brother Movement Awards](http://www.bbm.asn.au/)** – The Big Brother Movement offers cash grants to talented young Australians to visit Britain to gain further experience in their chosen pursuits.

(<http://www.bbm.asn.au/>)

**[British Council Accelerate Program](http://www.accelerate.org.au/)** – ACCELERATE is a cultural leadership initiative for talented Indigenous Australians working in the creative industries. Through an intensive, fully funded programme that includes individually tailored leadership development, mentoring and industry placements in Australia and the UK, it offers outstanding applicants a unique opportunity to develop as cultural leaders. ACCELERATE is tailored to meet the needs of individual participants, with components taking place in Australia and the UK. Eight shortlisted applicants will take part in a cultural leadership workshop in Australia, with four applicants subsequently selected to travel to the UK on a formal professional visit. ([www.accelerate.org.au](http://www.accelerate.org.au/))

**[Eco Arts Awards](http://www.ecoartsawards.com/)** – The Eco Arts Awards are an annual competition in six creative genres. The primary criteria to win the \$1,000 prize in any of the categories will be based on your inspired interpretation of the meaning of Ecology. The meaning can be interpreted in a multitude of ways.

(<http://www.ecoartsawards.com/>)

**[PPCA Performer's Trust Foundation](http://www.pcca.com.au/ppca-about-us/ppca-performers-trust-foundation/)** – The PPCA Performer's Trust Foundation provides grants to promote and encourage music and the performing arts. Grants are awarded and can be used for tuition fees, travel costs, accommodation, venue/PA hire, investments in recordings, concerts or festival promotions or staging costs, tour support, artist management expenses, equipment purchases. (<http://www.pcca.com.au/ppca-about-us/ppca-performers-trust-foundation/>)

**[The Seed](http://www.theseedfund.org/)** – Established in 2005 by musician John Butler, The Seed offer yearly grants across a variety of categories including management, publicity and Indigenous musicians.

([http://www.theseedfund.org](http://www.theseedfund.org/))

**Ian Potter Cultural Trust** – The Ian Potter Cultural Trust aims to nurture the growth of excellence and diversity in cultural activities in Australia by making small grants to outstandingly talented people in the early stages of their careers. (<http://www.ianpotterculturaltrust.org.au/home>)

**APRA Music Grant Program** – Each year, the APRA Board sets aside 1.75 percent of distributable revenue to fund projects and organisations promoting the use and recognition of music by APRA members. The APRA Music Grant program runs once yearly with applications for the following financial year due by the 31st of May. (<http://www.apra-amcos.com.au/MusicCreators/GrantsCompetitions/20122013MusicGrants.aspx> )

**Qantas SOYA Music Awards** – The Qantas Spirit of Youth Awards offers Musicians aged 18 – 30 the chance to leap to the next level with a trip of a lifetime to The CMJ Music Marathon & Film Festival in October and \$5,000 cash. (<http://www.soya.com.au/>)