

2025-26 Arts Industry Development Awarded Grants

Arts Industry Development is a grant category of the Northern Territory Arts Grants Program that supports arts organisations to deliver targeted initiatives aligned to the priorities of the NT Arts Strategy 2034 that strengthen the capacity, capability, and sustainability of the NT arts sector, including skills development and sector capability; strategic sector collaboration; and data, research and evaluation initiatives.

The 2025-26 Arts Industry Development grants opened on 1 September 2025 and closed 14 November 2025.

\$150,801 awarded

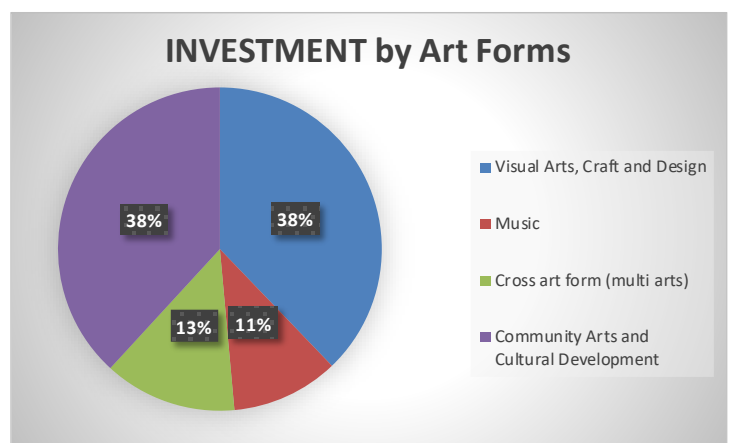
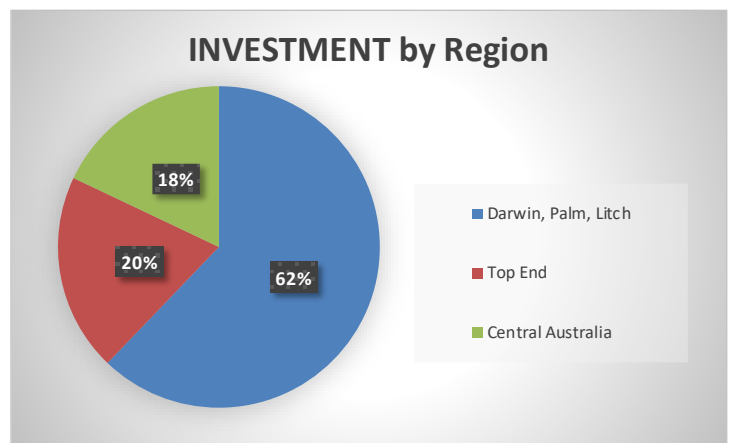
12 eligible applications were received to the Arts Industry Development round. \$150,801 was awarded to 6 projects recommended by the assessment panel.

Assessment panel

The assessment panel was comprised of Department of People, Sport and Culture personnel. Panels consider the merit of all applications against the published grant category objectives and assessment criteria. Panels may also consider a spread across art form, regions, value to the applicant/s and value to the Territory.

Statistics

- 6 funded projects (50% success rate).
- \$93,745 (62%) of funding awarded supporting four Darwin, Palmerston and Litchfield applicants.
- \$29,990 (20%) of funding awarded supporting one Top End applicant.
- \$27,066 (18%) of funding awarded supporting one Central Australian applicant.
- \$57,562 (38%) of funding awarded to community arts and cultural development initiatives, \$57,056 (38%) of funding awarded to visual arts, craft and design initiatives, \$20,000 (13%) funded cross art form (multi arts) initiatives and \$16,183 (11%) of funding awarded to a music focussed initiative.
- 33% of awards funded Aboriginal centered initiatives



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Recipient	Project	Region*	Funding Offered
BIMA WEAR ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	<p><u>Bima Wear: Tiwi Women's Print, Design & Garment Mentorship Program</u></p> <p>Two complementary mentorship programs for eight women to build comprehensive textile production capabilities.</p>	Top End	\$29,990
Darwin Community Arts	<p><u>Cultural Catalyst</u></p> <p>A capacity-building program of learning, mentorship, and professional development for emerging artists and cultural workers, culminating in a small-scale community engaged project.</p>	Darwin, Palmerston and Litchfield	\$29,942
Darwin Festival	<p><u>2026 Industry Connect Program</u></p> <p>A mix of workshops, masterclasses & panels, to build skills, share knowledge, and strengthen professional networks for NT artists & arts workers across genres & art forms.</p>	Darwin, Palmerston and Litchfield	\$20,000
WATCH THIS SPACE INC	<p><u>XX Watch This Space Artist Development Program</u></p> <p>The program supports independent artists of different career stages and skill levels with a generative three-stream program that emphasises artistic skills and career development, exchange of ideas and knowledges and mentorship for emerging arts workers.</p>	Central Australia	\$27,066
CRAFTS COUNCIL OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY INC.	<p><u>Online Artist Database</u></p> <p>A new digital platform to showcases member artists, this dynamic, searchable online artist registry hosted on the Tactile Arts website will profile and promote Northern Territory artists.</p>	Darwin, Palmerston and Litchfield	\$27,620

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Happy Yess Community Arts	<p><u>Happy Yess Presents Katherine</u></p> <p>Presentation of live music performances and practical workshops providing hands-on training in live music production, event coordination, and performance support designed to engage First Nations youth.</p>	Darwin, Palmerston and Litchfield	\$16,183

**Regions align with the Department of People, Sport and Culture service delivery regions and regional boundaries*