The 2018-19 Northern Territory Arts Grants Program offered the Strategic Arts Program to support new initiatives that deliver on the priorities of the Northern Territory’s arts and cultural policy [Vibrant NT](https://dtsc.nt.gov.au/news/bright-future-for-top-talent-in-the-nt)*.*The following categories were offered*:*

* up to $25,000 per grant to support Access for Artists with Disabilities
* up to $25,000 per grant to support Independent Creative Professionals
* up to $100,000 per grant to support Arts Industry Development.

# $300,000 in grants awarded

Arts NT received 14 applications to the Strategic Arts Program. Funding was offered   
to 10 successful applications following recommendations made by the assessment panel.

# Assessment Panel

The panel was selected from the Northern Territory’s Register of Arts Peers and included Northern Territory Government senior officers. The register was approved by the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Culture and members are listed in the Department’s 2018-19 Annual Report. The current Register of Arts Peers expires 30 June 2020.

The panel considered the merit of all applications against the objectives and assessment criteria. The panel also considered track record of support, art form and regional spread, diversity of applicants and participants including new applicants, Indigenous, youth, disability and cultural diversity.

# Statistics

* 4 applications support artists with disabilities
* 2 applications support independent artists
* 4 applications support arts industry development

# Strategic Arts Program Grant Recipients

Closed 1 April 2019 for activities to commence 1 July 2019.

## Independent Creative Professionals

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| Applicant | Project title | Region | Funding offered |
| Markus Kuchenbuch | Strategic development of World Chamber Orchestra | Alice Springs | $22,320 |
| Robyn McLean | Strategic development for bippidii boppidi | Darwin | $13,764 |

## Access for Artists with Disabililties

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| Applicant | Project title | Region | Funding offered |
| Arts Access Darwin | The Open House | Darwin | $25,000 |
| Incite Arts Inc | Move Masters | Alice Springs | $24,993 |
| Katherine Regional Arts Inc | Access Arts Katherine | Katherine | $24,884 |
| Alice Springs Town Council | Bindi Mwerre Anthurre Artists Collaborative Mural Project | Alice Springs | $25,000 |

## Arts Industry Development

| Applicant | Project title | Region | Funding offered |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Central Australian Territory Craft Inc | Australian Ceramics Triennial Alice Springs | Alice Springs | $38,860 |
| Tactile Arts | Tactile Arts Business Planning | Darwin | $38,359 |
| Guts Dance Central Australia Inc | GUTS Dance – Strategic Arts Activities 2019/2020 | Alice Springs | $43,594 |
| Desart Inc | DesertMob 30 | Alice Springs | $43,226 |