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Country Arts Support Program now open for 2020

Arts OutWest is encouraging local groups to apply for the 2020 round of Country Arts Support Program funding.

The State Government's annual Country Arts Support Program (CASP) provides small grants to arts and community organisations in regional NSW to run their own local arts projects.

Applications for 2020 funding **close Monday 29 July 2019.**

"CASP funds are a valuable way to kick start exciting local, on-the-ground arts projects," Arts OutWest executive director Tracey Callinan said, "This funding program is about giving regional people access to a diverse range of arts - activities that are made for and by the local community."

CASP grants of up to \$3000 are available and are primarily to cover professional artist's fees, travel and accommodation.

Projects could include (but are not limited to) workshops, arts activities as part of community festivals or events, artist-in-residence programs, public art and design projects, performances, community seminars and forums, exhibitions or other local arts initiatives.

The funding is open to all incorporated associations, not just those focused on the arts. Unincorporated groups or collectives of artists are allowed to find a local organisation to auspice their funding. Likewise if an individual artist has a project in mind they can team up with a local group.

There were six projects funded in the Central West region through CASP in 2019: a performance by the Allegri Singers; a mural at Bathurst Seymour Centre; a sketchbook library in Forbes; a youth drama program in Condobolin; and creative poetry workshops in schools in Orange. You can read more about these projects under 'news' at artsoutwest.org.au

To apply for the funding groups *must* discuss their project with Arts OutWest before submitting an online application. Read the funding criteria at <http://regionalartsnsw.com.au/grants/casp/> and contact Arts OutWest on 02 6338 4657 or email artsoutwest@csu.edu.au

The Country Arts Support Program of Regional Arts NSW is funded by the NSW Government through Create NSW. It's delivered locally by the state's 14 regional arts organisations.