



COMMUNITY BAND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS 2025

The Community Bands Development program is a devolved funding program by Create NSW and administered by the Band Association of NSW Inc. (www.bandnsw.com)

One application per band organisation (which may include an unlimited number of projects) may be submitted. Applications are limited to a maximum of \$2000 per application.

Projects must be conducted in the 2025 calendar year and funds spent by 31 December 2025.

Eligibility:

Only community bands who are members of the Band Association of NSW and who are located in a NSW Local Government Area are eligible to apply for this funding.

Types of projects funded:

Funding is available to support and promote banding by means of increasing banding activity within NSW communities, increasing performance standards and growing audience numbers through:

- Workshops and Band Camps which involves a combined adult and youth band skill development and / or integration aspect and a general public focused performance.
- Band organization outreach program to support an adult or youth beginner band,
- Developing community / school band relationships;
- Concerts directed at widening audiences (aspects which can be funded include venue hire, advertising and promotion costs, guest artist fees);
- Developing sister band relationships between city and country / regional bands (tours, concerts, tutor / mentoring visits);
- General advertising and promotional activities (including newspaper and paid media costs for promotion of bands recruitment and growth programs and other activities);
- Development of individual members' promotional, production and administrative skills where there will be a direct benefit to the applying Band organisation;
- Web / IT development;
- New music commissions (including plans for its premiere)
- New music purchases for a youth / beginner Band or for concert programs;
- Instrument repair program to support a new or ongoing exiting youth or adult beginner band program;
- Other equipment purchases such as music stands / stand banners and other items which will assist with increasing the band's community exposure, audience reach and ability to attract more players (must include details about where and when these will be used to demonstrate benefits).

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING TO COVER NORMAL OPERATING COSTS WILL BE REJECTED.

Assessment:

Grants are assessed with the following priorities:

- Overall benefit to the band, the general community, and, the wider banding community;
- Potential for youth band development, youth involvement and youth outreach;
- Potential for audience development, community outreach and band brand development;
- Group and individual skill development
- Medium to long term benefit to the band organisation

Assessment of each application will be made by the management committee of the Band Association of NSW Inc. and applicants may be notified by their local member as soon as possible after approval or by the BANSW not before 1 March 2025.

How to apply:

Submit an application with details of your project by 1 February 2025 through the SmartyGrants program available at <https://artsnsw.smartygrants.com.au/BNSWCBDG2025>

Payment is made by bank transfer once the documentation which accompanies an approval is completed and returned to BANSW Inc.

The Community Bands Development Grants Program is supported by the NSW Government through Create NSW.