



FUSE FUND 2023- GUIDELINES

Council is seeking to support the development and presentation of arts & cultural projects and events from Darebin based artists and community organisations within Darebin's brand-new festival FUSE. A very limited number of grants between \$1,000 & \$20,000 to present as part of **FUSE Autumn 2023 (March 2023)** and/or **FUSE Spring 2023 (September 2023)** will be awarded.

Criteria

[FUSE](#) is a multi arts festival that aims to reflect and celebrate what is unique about Darebin, celebrate belonging and enable creative connections between people and uncover and explore new ideas and spaces.

Core values of FUSE

- Artist Led
- First Nations First
- Bold and Contemporary
- Activate our municipality
- Reflect Darebin's uniqueness
- Inclusive
- Creative

Arts & cultural projects must culminate in a presentation or event, which will take place within the City of Darebin and be suitable for inclusion in the FUSE program.

The following will not be supported:

- Events and projects that are not arts or cultural in nature
- Fundraisers
- Neighbourhood Street Parties

Funds cannot be used to pay for:

- Hire of Council venues

You should make clear:

- How your arts and cultural project or event is suitable for the FUSE program
- How your arts and cultural project or event aligns FUSE's core values

The following will be prioritised:

- Applications from artists or community organisations from our priority communities (Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, Deaf or living with disability, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse, Young People, Older People, Women, LGBTI)
- Applications from artists or community organisations with a demonstrated history of delivering arts or cultural projects or events of excellent quality





Applications will be strengthened by:

- Evidence of the projects or events viability

Additional Support and Obligations

Successful applicants will be required to:

- complete a Conditions of Grant Agreement
- have Public Liability Insurance (\$20 million)
- adhere to FUSE Code of Conduct and Terms & Conditions
- prepare a COVID-19 scenario plan
- meet the requirements of Councils' [Event Permission Process](#) if applicable
- ticket through FUSE (ticketing charges as per [Eventbrite](#) and 10 complimentary ticket holds for use by FUSE if required will apply)
- meet minimum access requirements where applicable including:
 - use of captioning & vision description of any video or social media posts
 - a willingness to allow your show to be Auslan interpreted (Cost to FUSE)
 - consider offering an audio described or relaxed performance
- attend a debrief meeting and submit a grant acquittal

Additional support will be provided as follows:

- Ticketing services
- Producing consultation (x 3 meetings)
- Production consultation (up to 3 meetings if required)
- Publicity & Marketing consultations (x 2 meetings)
- Photography – for the purposes of Marketing & Publicity (if required)
- Photography - for the purposes of documentation

COVID-19

As a result of COVID-19 things can change and quickly, so we need to be as responsive as possible with FUSE Fund projects and events. As part of your application, you will need to provide an outline of how your project or event could be adapted to meet any easing or tightening of public health restrictions. Successful applicants will be required to develop a scenario plan detailing how the project could be reshaped to meet easing or tightening of public health restrictions.

Assessment

Council assesses each application on its merits. Eligible applications will be assessed by a panel of three who will consider the following questions:

- Is the project or event idea suitable for the FUSE program? (Score out of 5)
- To what extent does the project or event align with the core values of FUSE? (Score out of 5)
- To what extent is/does the individual or community group seeking funds from or representing one or more of our priority communities? (Score out of 5)
- Does the artist or community organisation have a history of delivering projects or events of excellent quality? (Score out of 5)
- Is the project or event viable? (Score out of 5)





How to apply:

Applications to FUSE Fund are submitted on-line using: <http://darebin.smartygrants.com.au>

Step 1: Access the SmartyGrants webpage - by using the above link

Step 2: Log in; if you haven't used SmartyGrants to submit an on-line application form before, you need to register. To do this you need to have an email address and set up a password.

Step 3: Select Fuse Fund and begin application

Step 4: Start your application

Key Dates:

FUSE FUND 2023: FUSE Autumn 2023 and/or Spring 2023

Applications open: Monday 2 May 2022

Info session #1: Tuesday May 19, 2022, 5.00pm via Zoom. RSVP: fuse@darebin.vic.gov.au

Info session #2: Thursday 2 June, 2022, 11.30am via Zoom. RSVP: fuse@darebin.vic.gov.au

Applications close: Sunday 19 June, 11.59pm, 2022

Applicants notified: During week commencing Monday 18 July 2022

Queries:

In the first instance email: fuse@darebin.vic.gov.au