



FUSE FUND 2021/2022 - 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. There is \$35,000 in this fund for this round. A very limited number of grants between \$5000 & \$20,000 to present as part of **FUSE Autumn 2022 (11-27 March 2022)** and/or **FUSE Spring 2022 (September 2-18 2022)** will be awarded.

Criteria

[FUSE](#) is a new 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.

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 with the goals of Darebin Arts Strategy

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 at our cost
 - 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 goals of the [Darebin Arts Strategy](#)? (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 2021: FUSE Autumn 2022 and/or Spring 2022

Applications open: Thursday 27 May 2021

Information Session: Wednesday 23 June 2021, 12.30pm (Zoom)

Close: Wednesday 21 July, 2021 4pm

Applicants notified: Week of Monday 16 August

Queries:

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