

# CCS Festivals Fund FAQs

## Applications

### **Will there be a different application form?**

No, just include the term 'festival' in the title or description of your application. However, if the panel identifies a potential project that hasn't specified this, they can seek clarification or include it in the round if they are confident of its eligibility (e.g., the track record is known, if not specified).

## Established Festivals

### **Do I need to provide evidence of previous festival presentation?**

Yes, you will need to provide evidence that at least one festival has been presented in the last 5 years. This can include digital presentations.

### **A festival has yet to be completed but is in progress - does this count as an established festival?**

Yes.

## General Eligibility

### **Do I need to demonstrate impacts of COVID 19?**

No.

### **Do food and wine festivals come under the criteria?**

No, this funding is for arts focussed festivals that celebrate the stories, cultures, and regional identities of New Zealanders.

### **Is the funding only intended for festival organisers or would an individual act that will be part of a festival be eligible?**

This fund is intended for the festival organisers.

## **Can council-run festivals apply for this fund?**

These funds are for community-led festivals. Festivals that are council-run are not eligible.

## **Costs**

### **If we have shared costs for a festival with another council during the last five years, could the festival apply for CCS Festival Funding from both councils?**

Yes, as long as each grant is for different items.

### **A festival has already received CCS funding, is it eligible to receive additional funding through this?**

Yes, if the funds are for costs that are not covered by the initial CCS grant.

### **What about the difference between free events and events that have paid ticketing?**

Festivals with free and paid events are eligible. However, as one of the purposes of the fund is to improve access and participation, assessment committees should consider the accessibility of ticket prices when reviewing applications.

## **CNZ Festival Grant**

### **If a festival is getting funding from the larger Festivals Grant, can I still apply for this scheme?**

We are encouraging festivals applying to the larger Festivals Grant to request the total cost of their festival. If you are considering both grants, we recommend you speak to the Creative Communities NZ - Funding Services team at [funding@creativenz.govt.nz](mailto:funding@creativenz.govt.nz) to discuss your Festivals Grant application. If your application is unsuccessful in the larger grant application, you are eligible to apply to the CCS Festival Fund. If your application is unsuccessful for part of their application, you are still eligible to apply to the CCS Festival Fund, if the costs are not covered by the larger fund.

Funding is intended for festivals that are established and for sustainability, but this is a one-off fund.

**Can the funding be used by festivals for infrastructure/ strengthening? Could the sustainability aspect be about audience development?**

This fund is for festival creation and presentation. Funds can support accessibility and audience development as part of festival development and creation. This could be a programme of outreach activities or free artist-led workshops in local schools and communities to promote your festival events. However, like all CCS grants, funds cannot be used for physical infrastructure or capital items. This includes purchase of property or vehicles, audio-visual and/or technical equipment (i.e., a PA system, laptops, camera equipment etc.). Instead, funding can be used to hire production gear and venue space.