

## **MATCHED FUNDING PROGRAM TO SUPPORT ARTS ACTIVITY IN BUSHFIRE AND DROUGHT AFFECTED REGIONS**

Creative Partnerships Australia will invest \$100,000 into ACF Boost, a funding program designed to enable independent artists, small groups and arts organisations to leverage private sector support through a matched funding 'boost'.

The program offers dollar-for-dollar matched funding of up to \$5,000 for projects that are developed, produced or toured within Australia that raise funds through the Australian Cultural Fund (ACF) platform. Applications are open to independent artists and arts organisations across Australia with preference given to those residing, practicing in or touring work to bushfire or drought affected regions.

Creative Partnerships Australia recognises the devastating impact of the bushfire and drought crisis and the need to continue supporting Australian artists and arts organisations with their fundraising endeavours. By providing these additional resources to Australia's creative sector we are shining a light on how private sector support can help the role the arts play in rebuilding communities after natural disasters.

Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher, said "ACF Boost provides an added funding opportunity for Australian artists and arts organisations, alongside funding from the Australian Government. This program facilitated by Creative Partnerships Australia fosters philanthropy and social investment in the arts and I encourage our arts sector to take advantage of this occasion by submitting an application."

Creative Partnerships Australia's CEO, Fiona Menzies added that matched funding is a proven way to attract additional funds from the private sector to the arts.

"For artists and small groups, ACF Boost provides an incentive for donors to contribute to the work of artists. In this case, we are hoping to see projects that will contribute to the rebuilding of communities within the regions that have been affected by the bushfires and ongoing drought conditions," Ms Menzies said.

Applications for ACF Boost are now open until 31 March 2020.

To read more about ACF Boost and how artists and arts organisations can apply visit:  
<https://australianculturalfund.org.au/blog/acf-boost-2020-2021/>

### **About Creative Partnerships Australia**

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Our role is to create a culture of private sector support for the arts. We grow the culture of giving, investment, partnerships and volunteering; bringing donors, businesses, artists and arts organisations together to foster a more sustainable and vibrant arts sector for the benefit of all Australians.

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