



NEW CALL FOR THE 2025 NATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL FRINGE PROGRAMME APPLICANTS ONLY

OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	OUTCOMES DATE
23 May 2025	30 May 2025 at 23h59	16 June 2025

The National Arts Council of South Africa (NAC) is pleased to announce the NAC Annual Project Funding Call for applications for the 2025-2026 Financial Year. We hereby invite individual arts practitioners and registered arts organisations **registered on the National Arts Festival Fringe Programme to apply for funding.**

Only one application will be supported whether submitted by an individual or an organisation/company, be it a natural person or a juristic person.

The invitation is open to active art practitioners in the disciplines of **craft, dance, literature, music, theatre and musical theatre, visual arts and multidiscipline** to submit their applications for project funding. Applications presenting content in South African indigenous art forms, as well as capacity-building initiatives in intellectual property are encouraged to apply.

In each of the seven (7) arts disciplines mentioned above, the proposed projects must have the capability to address **at least two (2) of the six (6) critical focus areas** below:

1. Social Cohesion And National Building	This is the extent to which the project brings communities together as well as allows for the inclusion of previously excluded parts of the society while at the same time creating national unity
2. Marginalised And Indigenous Arts	Projects to be considered must focus on uplifting rural communities as they have a wealth of indigenous and rare artistic expressions that remain in the shadow of mainstream arts. Projects that seek to unearth and profile these hidden art forms by exposing the arts and the practitioners in marginalised areas to new audiences and markets will be highly considered.
3. Addressing Social Ills	Projects that provide a platform for artistic expression to the voiceless as well as help with alleviating social ills such as xenophobia, gender-based violence and other violent crimes, drug abuse and gangsterism will be highly considered.
4. Supporting Vulnerable Groups	Projects that provide employment opportunities for women, people living with disabilities and in rural areas will be highly considered.

5. New Works And Digital Arts	Projects that are innovative and introduce new arts through digital artistic presentations, as well as other platforms, will be highly considered.
6. Capacity Building And Arts Entrepreneurship	The ability of the project to contribute to skills development and setting up of new businesses acumen.

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This call appeals to arts practitioners to present projects that can continue to educate, entertain, and enlighten audiences.

The maximum amount applied for should not be more than R350 000. The allocation will be in line with the redress and transformation imperatives of the NAC.

Applications must be submitted on or before **Friday, 30 May at 23h59**.

Applicants need to register and complete the online application form using the following link: <https://nac.praxisgms.co.za/>. Manual applications can be requested from info@nac.org.za. This service is reserved only for those who lack access to internet services.

Please note that late and incomplete applications will not be considered, and no exceptions will be made. Funding guidelines can be downloaded from www.nac.org.za.

For more information, contact info@nac.org.za or call 011 010 8886.

The NAC reserves the right to allocate funds according to its priorities. No applicant is automatically entitled to funding. All funding is at the discretion of the NAC.