The 2021-22 Northern Territory Arts and Culture Grants Program includes the Arts Industry Development category supporting initiatives that increase the capability, operational capacity and sustainability of the NT arts sector through innovative creative practice and business ingenuity.

The following sub-categories were offered:

* **ACCESSIBLE ARTS** - up to $30,000 per applicant to new initiatives that increase the capacity, profile and employment of artists with disability, and increase access to the arts for audiences with disability
* **SUCCESSION PLANNING** - up to $25,000 per applicant to new initiatives that increase the capacity of organisations and arts and cultural sector to ensure continuity through leadership transition and renewal.

### $159,699 in grants awarded

Arts NT received ten eligible applications. $159,699 in funding was awarded to seven successful applicants following recommendations made by the assessment panel.

### Assessment Panel

The assessment panel consisted of one senior Northern Territory department delegate with expertise in disability, and arts peers selected from the Arts NT Register of Peers. The Register is approved by the Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage.

Panels consider the merit of all applications against the published grant category objectives and assessment criteria. Panels also consider regional spread, and diversity of applicants and project participants.

### Statistics

* Seven funded applications (70% success rate)
* $56,660 (35%) of funding awarded supporting two accessible arts projects
* $103,039 (65%) of funding awarded supporting five succession planning projects
* $139,500 (87%) of funding awarded to six Greater Darwin applicants
* $20,199 (13%) of funding awarded to one Central Australia applicant
* $25,310 (16%) average funding awarded to one applicant in each art form category of: Visual Arts and Crafts, Music, Theatre, Circus and Physical Theatre, Cross Art Form, Community Arts and Cultural Development
* $30,000 (19%) of funding awarded to one first time applicant

Closed 7 March 2022 for Arts Industry Development projects commencing from 6 May 2022.

| **Recipient** | **Project** | **Region\*** | **Funding Offered** |
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| Artback NT Inc | ***Artback NT Industry Skills Project***  *Supports bringing in experts to provide vital training and mentoring for Board, staff and contractors in the areas of cultural safety, arts law and touring management.*  Category: Succession Planning | Greater Darwin | $25,000 |
| Brown’s Mart Arts Limited | ***NT-based Auslan interpretation of live performance***  *Supports partnering with Deaf Connect NT and Auslan Stage Left to provide Auslan-interpreted performances of Brown's Mart 2022 productions and build capacity for NT-based Auslan interpretation of live performance.*  Category: Arts Access | Greater Darwin | $26,660 |
| Central Australian Territory Craft Inc | ***Central Craft Succession Plan***  *Supports growing leadership skills through mentorship under the director. This project will lead to a job-share framework and stability in succession planning for Central Craft.*  Category: Succession Planning | Central Australia | $20,199 |
| Corrugated Iron Youth Arts Inc | ***SPRINGBOARD - Circus and Physical Theatre Initiative***  *Supports a Circus & Physical Theatre Initiative that aims to build capacity to support the next generation of circus artists and trainers in the NT.*  Category: Succession Planning | Greater Darwin | $25,000 |
| Happy Yess Community Arts Inc | ***A Succession Plan towards employing a Happy Yess Executive Officer***  *Supports the employment of a Development Officer to implement the new digital strategy, grow income, document corporate knowledge and systems, and build staff capacity.*  Category: Succession Planning | Greater Darwin | $25,000 |
| Mental Illness Fellowship of Australia (NT) Inc | ***The Open House***  *Supports a 40-week arts education project that is focused on skills development programs and delivers introductory short courses across a range of artistic mediums.*  Category: Arts Access | Greater Darwin | $30,000 |
| Tracks Inc | ***Future Tracks - Succession Action Plan***  *Supports developing and writing the Future Tracks – Succession Action Plan; a framework where organisational continuity and new leadership can thrive.*  Category: Succession Planning | Greater Darwin | $7,840 |

***\*Regions align with the Territory Families, Housing and Communities service delivery regions and regional boundaries***