

CCS Festival Fund

The CCS festival fund is a one-off funding boost from the Government, to support established festivals that celebrate the life experiences, stories, cultures, and regional identities of New Zealanders, that continue to be impacted by the effects of COVID-19 in 2023.

The funds are intended to help the sector adapt and thrive as it moves away from the effects of COVID-19.

It is expected that the funds will improve access, equity, and arts participation for all New Zealanders, and provide opportunities for the development of a resilient and sustainable arts sector.

Process

CCS festival funds will be distributed through a standard Creative Communities scheme funding rounds. Applicants apply using the CCS application form. Applicants must ensure they include the word **festival** in the title or project description on the application form.

Eligibility

To apply, applicants must have delivered a festival at least once in the previous five years (this may include digital presentation). Applicants should include evidence of previous delivery in their application. Community-led festivals only are eligible to apply for funding.

A festival (for the purpose of this fund) involves an integrated programme of events and activities featuring one or more artforms, from any cultural tradition, that takes place within a defined area or region over a designated period of time.

Timeframe

CCS festival funds can support eligible festivals that are delivered within 12 months of the grant notification. This is a one-off fund and grants will only be distributed in CCS funding rounds in the 2023/2024 year.

Eligible costs

Festivals can apply for operational, commissioning, development and presentation costs. There is no maximum amount a single festival can apply for, but applicants should outline their specific plans for this one-off fund.