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## Governance and Financial Literacy Workshop Guidelines



## Introduction

In February 2022, the first Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts and Culture Strategy (Strategy) was launched. Its main objective is to 'champion Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and culture whilst creating awareness and support to artists and art workers to create a culturally safe environment for all to thrive and achieve'.

A cohesive and holistic approach and a comprehensive implementation plan sits alongside the Strategy to ensure the government can be timely and responsive to the changing needs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and cultures sector and communities.

Delivering a Governance and Financial Literacy workshop for South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and arts workers is an important action item from the implementation plan to fulfil

## Purpose

CreateSA is providing up to 25 South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals working in or actively engaging with the arts and culture sector to participate in a three day in-person Governance and Financial Literacy Workshop. The Workshop will be co-facilitated by a First Nations person from the Institute of Community Directors Australia (ICDA) to teach governance skills and knowledge to support First Nations arts leaders.

CreateSA is excited to offer this Workshop to increase the governance and financial skills and knowledge of South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people interested in becoming a member of an arts organisation board or management committee. Through tailored training we aim to strengthen and grow the voice and influence of First Nations people across the South Australian arts and culture sector.

## Workshop Details

The Governance and Financial Literacy Workshop will take place over three full days 30 March, 31 March and 1 April 2026 (location TBC but will be in Adelaide CBD).

Themes of discussion within the Workshop will include:

- Foundational Governance and Risk
  - A comprehensive introduction to governance and risk, ensuring all board members understand their roles and responsibilities.
- Deep dive into Governance and Finance
  - Building on the foundational knowledge, these sessions will take a more strategic and analytical approach to governance, leadership and financial management.

## Desirable Attributes

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) are being sought from South Australian based Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals who possess:

- general industry knowledge of local and national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and culture sector, including networks
- commitment to supporting South Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts sector
- advocacy skills for Aboriginal community development, empowerment, and outcomes
- community minded collaborative approaches
- strong leadership skills

- a willingness to attend the duration of the workshop across three full days.

### Key Program Dates

Date	Application and Assessment Timeline
EOI opens	5 February 2026
EOI closes	19 February 2026
All applicants notified of outcomes	27 February 2026
Workshop dates	30 March – 1 April 2026 (three days)

### Eligibility and How to Apply

CreateSA welcomes Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from South Australian based Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, arts workers and other individuals to participate in the Governance and Financial Literacy Workshop.

EOIs must include:

- Full name and Nation group/s
- Brief summary of experience with governance and finance, if any
- CV/Resume – a summary of expertise, skills and achievements
- A supporting statement outlining why you wish to do Governance and Financial Literacy training and what you hope to gain out of it.

Expressions of interest from individuals with no board or committee experience are welcome. Current board and committee members wanting to refresh or strengthen existing skills and knowledge are also welcomed to apply.

Applications for EOI's will be open for a minimum of two weeks.

Eligible individuals should submit their EOI through smartygrants [here](#).

### Travel Assistance

Successful applicants may be eligible to receive travel assistance (funds to be determined). Please nominate in the EOI form.

### Auspicing

In an auspice arrangement, a third party administers the financial part of the grant on your behalf. The third party must be an organisation.

In this instance, the auspicing organisation will provide assistance to successful applicants to administer and organise travel arrangements.

Before nominating an auspice, ensure you have received confirmation of the arrangement from an authorised representative of the organisation.

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