

DCAS WESTERN CAPE CALLS FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ANNUAL FUNDING INITIATIVES FOR 2025/26

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport (DCAS) invites registered arts and culture organisations and institutions, artist groups, individuals involved in artistic expressions and arts and culture events companies to submit their online applications for project funding for the 2025/26 financial year. All applicants must be South African citizens based in the Western Cape.

Please note there is section A and B under which you could apply. Only one application is allowed per organisation, individual or company.

SECTION A

Applications are invited for funding for projects/programmes within the following funding categories:

FUNDING CATEGORY	PROJECT/PROGRAMME	FUNDING OUTCOME
1. Gender Responsiveness	Arts and Culture programmes that are structured to empower women and address aspects of GBV and promotes gender responsiveness through programmes that address gender inequality.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programmes that address gender-based barriers, respects gender differences, enables structures, systems, and methodologies to be sensitive to gender. Ensures gender parity as a wider strategy to advance gender equality.
2. Cultural Tourism	Festivals including film and literary festivals, touring productions, and exhibitions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Job creation through the arts. Opportunities within the industry being created for marginalised groups, especially women.
3. Books and Press	Poetry writing, writer's grants, creative writing, autobiographies, children's literature, folklore, short stories, book fairs, literary magazines, publishing subsidies for publishing houses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and encourage new writers. Promote creativity. Preservation and recording.
4. Audio-Visual	Film and video, television and radio, sound recordings, cartoons.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovation. Products produced – positive messaging on social issues. Educational and training value.
5. Design and Creative Services	Graphics – animation and multimedia design, fashion design.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Original works unique to the Western Cape. Innovation. Skills transfer.

6. New Works	Any discipline or medium reflective of cultural and indigenous arts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased awareness and knowledge. Inclusiveness. Demonstrates appreciation of and respect for cultural expressions.
7. Multidisciplinary	An artistic activity which includes two or more artforms or disciplines.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovation. Cocreation and skills transfer.
8. Performance and Celebration	Choreographic works, technical training, scriptwriting, circus, dance, performances, comedy, magic, mime, puppetry, poetry, drama plays, storytelling, musical theatre, music tuition/compositions/conferences/arrangements etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exposure and talent identification. Skills training and art teaching. Job creation. Increase participation of designated groups.
9. Visual Arts and Crafts	Painting, drawing, ceramics, craft, photography, and sculptures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Job creation through the arts. Skills transfer. Innovation.

SECTION B

Organisations are requested to submit a proposal that should be a multidisciplinary arts and culture initiative **that reflects the following:**

- Innovation
- Partnerships inclusive of private sector
- Leverages tourism or existing initiatives
- Has the potential to grow and become synonymous with Cape Town
- Has other income streams
- Ability to attract audiences to a unique experience
- Initiative is visible

Initiative to include the following:

- Specific objective or goal that speaks to the province's priorities (*job creation, safety, wellbeing etc.*)
- Definite timelines
- Potential to attracts new audiences
- Includes skills development/ training
- Includes job creation

All applications and supporting documentation must be submitted online. The application forms can be accessed online only at <https://www.westerncape.gov.za/cas> and enquiries related to the process can be directed to **Fareedah Hunter** at Fareedah.Hunter@westerncape.gov.za or **Daylene Wydeman** at Daylene.Wydeman@westerncape.gov.za

It is the applicant's responsibility to timeously apply and familiarise themselves with the funding application timelines and process which is available on the departmental website.

Applications will close on Monday, 24 February 2025 at 23:59. The online system will not allow for late applications.

Please note:

- **Funding is limited. Timeous submission of a completed online application does not guarantee funding.**
- **No faxed, hand delivered, or emailed applications will be accepted.**
- **Only one application in either section A or B, is allowed per organisation/individual/company.**