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More support to host Australian music festivals

Round 7 of the Australian Government's \$20 million <u>Live Music Australia program</u> is now open, with festivals that showcase live original Australian music encouraged to apply for funding.

The program brings more live music to Australian communities, delivering \$2.5 million to the sector each round through an open competitive grants process.

Round 7 will focus on supporting music festivals, recognising their important role in the Australia music ecology and the significant difficulties they've faced in recent years.

The program supports activities including, but not limited to, infrastructure and equipment upgrades, programming and artists' fees, marketing and promotion, event administration and insurance, and professional development for technical, event and venue staff.

Organisations and businesses holding a music focused festival that presents live performances of original music by predominantly Australian artists are eligible to apply.

Applications for round 7 close on 17 October 2023 at 11.30pm AEDT. To find out more and apply, visit <u>Live Music Australia | Office for the Arts</u>.

The Live Music Australia program aligns with the Australian Government's National Cultural Policy, *Revive*, recognising the Australian music sector as a vibrant part of our arts and culture landscape.

Under *Revive*, the Government recently established Music Australia, as part of the new Creative Australia, to provide direct support to the Australian music industry to grow and thrive.

To learn more about what the Australian Government is doing to support Australian contemporary music, download <u>Revive: A Place for Every Story, a Story for Every Place</u>.

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