



LPA welcomes SA Government proactive measures to help small to medium companies affected by federal funding cuts

LPA is pleased that the SA government has responded to our request to assist SA companies impacted by impending funding cuts.

Arts Minister Jack Snelling says the Turnbull Federal Government's rupturing of the arts sector's funding arrangements will lead to widespread pain throughout the sector and jeopardise the viability of some small, medium and independent organisations.

Ahead of the imminent announcement of the Australia Council for the Arts four-year funding round, the State Government has announced a series of measures to help arts companies, through Arts South Australia, and will:

SUSPEND the need for an investment or funding partner in 2017, for local arts organisations (in current multi-year funding terms) affected by the Australia Council's four-year funding outcomes, to enable them the necessary time to review their business models and strategic plans and consider alternate pathways for the future.

SUSPEND the partnership funding requirement for 2017 for other organisations whose previous investment or funding partner has been impacted by the Australia Council funding outcomes.

EXTEND the closing date for the Arts Organisations Program 2017 to 26 August 2016, providing impacted organisations additional time to consider and develop approaches to their business in 2017 that reflect their changed funding circumstances and demonstrate viable pathways forward.

WORK with impacted organisations, and the sector more broadly to provide some stability in the immediate term and to explore alternate operating models and partnerships.

PROVIDE greater funding opportunities from within the existing Arts South Australia budget. Additional funding will be re-directed to the Arts Organisations Program for 2017. The amount allocated will be determined by the number of companies affected and what other opportunities for support become available.

SUPPORT individuals in organisations that have been defunded by making available counselling and assistance during what for some will be an upsetting time.

Arts South Australia is contacting organisations who had applied to the current round to invite them to a discussion about their future and how Arts South Australia, on behalf of the State Government, may be able to help.

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