



### **Gordon Ramsay** MLA

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Minister for the Arts, Creative Industries & Cultural Events  
Minister for Building Quality Improvement  
Minister for Business and Regulatory Services  
Minister for Seniors and Veterans

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## **Arts organisations to receive extra \$1 million investment**

**The ACT Government will invest up to \$1 million in Canberra’s arts organisations that have been impacted by COVID-19.**

Minister for the Arts, Creative Industries and Cultural Events Gordon Ramsay said the investment is designed to support arts organisations that had been severely impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 emergency.

“We have already created and saved hundreds of jobs by swiftly implementing stimulus packages and regulatory reforms to ensure the economic survival of the Territory, and we will ensure the arts are not left behind,” Minister Ramsay said.

“The arts are going to play an important role in our community’s recovery from COVID-19.

“By providing an additional \$ 1 million investment to arts organisations now, we are saving jobs, investing in their long-term viability and preparing the arts sector to provide leadership as we emerge and recover from the pandemic.”

Eligible arts organisations (currently funded Key Arts and Program organisations) will be invited to submit proposals for support by demonstrating their financial need this calendar year.

The proposals will be due on 22 May 2020 and will be assessed based on support already received through the Australian Government (if any), lost revenue and the desired outcome of keeping Canberrans employed and our arts sector viable.

The Government will be working closely with the organisations invited to submit proposals, to work through the required information.

This investment in our arts organisations is the latest measure taken by ACT Government to support the arts community.

\$500,000 of HOMEFRONT grants has already been provided to 66 local artists to help them progress work during COVID-19, while artists and art organisations occupying ACT Government owned properties are being charged no rent for six months.

The new investment announced today brings the Government's support package for the arts to just under \$2.2 million.

For further information on ACT Government support for the arts community during COVID-19, please visit <https://www.arts.act.gov.au/covid-19>

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