



UNLOCKED September 2020

Murray Arts in partnership with the Cultural Round Table of the Border North East are very excited to announce our fourth round of UNLOCKED, open. UNLOCKED is a micro funding round designed to acknowledge, support and encourage the independent creative industry practitioners, who live work and connect with the Murray Arts footprint during the age of COVID-19; AlburyCity, Greater Hume & Federation shires in NSW and City of Wodonga, Indigo & Towong shires in Victoria.

For the month of September 2020, we are adapting the program and will be offering:

- 4X \$1,500 payments to collectives of local independent creatives who are currently or planning on working together on a concept, idea, project or offering. We will be prioritising applications from independents that are grounded in genuine local collaborations.
- 12X \$333 payments to 12 local independent creatives for a day of funded creative development. We will be prioritising those who have not yet received an UNLOCKED individual payment.

Why \$1,500 per collectives and \$333 for individuals? Well we have \$10,000 to allocate to the month of September and we know that there is a need for larger chunks of funds and also for us to maintain the individual payment offers. We have been receiving amazing feedback about the UNLOCKED program and are really listening to all your suggestions. Please do keep them coming as we are really open to continuing to adapt the program.

Recipients might use the funds/time to:

- Work on their skills
- Create new work
- Develop existing work
- Develop/refine their creative business
- Work on a grant application
- Purchase material or equipment
- Collaborate
- Think, breath, pay some rent or purchase some food.

Outcomes are welcomed but by no means mandatory. We will ask you to submit an image and/or 10-20seconds max of video or audio, from what you do during your day of funded creativity. This is also not compulsory. The images, audio and video will be edited together to develop a short clip to highlight those who were a part of UNLOCKED 2020. The video may then be circulated via our social media, newsletter subscriber base and featured in our annual reporting. You will get a reminder follow up from someone from the Murray Arts team, requesting the image of 10-20 seconds of video or audio.

We also be hosting non-compulsory ZOOM networking gatherings for recipients of UNLOCKED September 2020 and as the program grows the UNLOCKED 2020 Alumni will be invited to connect via ZOOM network gatherings also. It is our aim to keep everyone connected, foster support and encourage collaboration amongst our local creative community.

If you have requested additional support, for example some space to work in, a member from the Murray Arts team will also be in touch about setting this up for you.

Eligibility:

- Must be an independent professional creative artist who lives, works and or connects with the Murray Arts footprint: AlburyCity, Greater Hume & Federation shires in NSW and City of Wodonga, Indigo & Towong shires in Victoria.
- Our definition of an independent professional creative artist is someone who earns an income, whether that be your main income and or supplementary income, from your creative practice annually.
- Murray Arts works with all artforms that come under the creative industries umbrella and therefore we welcome applications from all the various creative practices. These include but are not limited to: visual, performing, circus, dance, and physical theatre artists, as well as designers, musicians, filmmakers, sculptors, curators, arts administrators, producers, creative educators, writers, and technicians.
- Priority will be given to those who have experienced loss and/or disruption to their practice because of COVID-19 restrictions.
- If successful you will need to invoice Murray Arts for the agreed fee. Please note that this requires you to have an active ABN.
- If you treat your creative practice as a hobby, then you are not eligible.
- No insurance, superannuation and or workers compensation is offered as part of the UNLOCKED program, it is the responsibility of the successful applicants to ensure they are meeting their own personal/business requirements for these elements.
- If you are a recipient of UNLOCKED June, July or August 2020 then you are eligible to apply for the September 2020 round. However, priority will be given to those who have not yet received an UNLOCKED payment.

How to apply:

Follow link to fill in the online form.

<https://murrayarts.wufoo.com/forms/r1nof3v61uis2v5/>

If the online form does not meet your access needs, please reach out to Murray Arts for a word document version.

Please note as this is a Quick Response Micro Grant program, applications are encouraged to be submitted ASAP, but the fourth round September 2020 will officially close on Monday 21 September, or until all funds are allocated.

Assessments:

Every application will be assessed as swiftly as possible. A panel will be formed from the members of the Cultural Round Table of the Border North East. Every applicant will be informed of their applications outcome and those who are not successful will be given feedback, support and encouraged to submit their application to possible future UNLOCKED rounds and or directed to other funding rounds.

The future of UNLOCKED

We are committed to exploring opportunities for UNLOCKED to continue post September 2020 & beyond and we are also open to UNLOCKED evolving to better suit the needs of our creative community. We are currently seeking donations <https://australianculturalfund.org.au/projects/unlocked-aug-sep-2020/> to keep UNLOCKED going and all help to circulate the fundraiser is greatly appreciated. If you are not successful in being an UNLOCKED recipient in the fourth round, then rest assured that we will be doing our best to keep offering the micro-grant program.

For more information and to apply contact:

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Please note that the Murray Arts office & burraja gallery, on Gateway Island, remains closed and the best way to reach out to our team is via phone and email.