

For the arts funding calendar 2026

Opportunity	Description	Open dates	Close dates all dates close 1:00pm NZT	Notification dates	For activity between
Early Career Fund – Round 1	Up to \$10,000 to support artists and practitioners at the early stage of their career, to develop new work, new skills and to share their mahi with their communities.	27 January 2026	05 March 2026	17 June 2026	17 June 2026 – 17 September 2027
Creative Fellowship Fund – Round 1	\$25,000 OR \$50,000 to support artists and practitioners to spend time developing their artistic practice and new work.	27 January 2026	05 March 2026	20 May 2026	21 May 2026 – 21 November 2027
Creative Impact Fund – Round 1	Up to \$125,000 to support artists and practitioners to create, share and present work that enriches audiences and encourages understanding and participation.	27 January 2026	26 February 2026	20 May 2026	21 May 2026 – 21 November 2027
Development Fund for Artists and Practitioners	Up to \$5,000 to support individual artists and practitioners or a group of collaborators to undertake professional development and creative development activities that benefit their careers.	*Dates to be advised in April			
Development Fund for Organisations	Up to \$10,000 for organisations and groups to build their capability in key areas to create long term success.	2 March 2026	16 April 2026	25 June 2026	25 June 2026 – 25 September 2027
Arts Organisations and Groups (Tier 3 and Tier 4)	\$125,000 + for organisations and groups to deliver a programme of work for up to three years.	09 February 2026	26 March 2026	End of June / Beginning of July	From 1 January 2027 onwards
Arts Organisations and Groups (Tier 1 and Tier 2)	Up to \$125,000 for organisations and groups to deliver a programme of work for up to two years.	02 March 2026	28 May 2026	Mid September 2026	From 1 January 2027 onwards

Last updated November 2025. We will publish the second half of the funding calendar in April 2026. Please check the website for any updates and a full list of the funds being delivered.

