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## Applying to the Arts & Culture Trust (ACT)

### What is ACT?

The Arts and Culture Trust (ACT) fosters and develops creativity in South Africa through the evaluation and support of arts, culture and heritage projects. The Department of Arts and Culture, Nedbank, Sun International and The Vodacom Foundation are the Founding Trustees of ACT; The Royal Netherlands Embassy is a Founding Sponsor and Breadline Africa is a Sponsoring Trustee.

### Who is eligible to apply for funding from ACT?

Professional artists (individuals), groups and organisations involved in the creation of arts, cultural or heritage work are eligible. Proposed projects must take place in or have relevance to South Africa and applicants. Please note that ACT does not fund film and video. For assistance in this discipline please contact the National Film and Video Foundation ([www.nfvf.co.za](http://www.nfvf.co.za)).

### Which activities will be considered for funding?

Projects should fall within one or more of the following five areas of development to be eligible for funding: job creation; creative skills development; management skills development; promotion of cultural diversity, cultural tourism (the expansion of local and international markets for South African arts and culture).

### ACT considers applications in all the following disciplines:

- Arts Administration
- Arts Education
- Community Art
- Heritage
- Craft
- Visual Arts
- Dance
- Music
- Theatre
- Literature
- Multi-disciplinary (e.g. festivals)

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**Criteria according to which requests for funding will be evaluated include:**

- The artistic and cultural merit of the project;
- The impact the project will make in its focus area;
- The developmental aspect of the project;
- Sustainability;
- Capacity in terms of management and financial skills;
- The profile of the project in the public domain.
- Due regard will be given to rural and urban-based communities.

**How much may be requested?**

This depends on the nature and scope of your project and the funds ACT has available for disbursement.

**Who decides who will receive a grant?**

Applications are referred to the ACT Projects Committee who then make recommendations to the ACT Board of Trustees. For a listing of the current Board go to [www.act.org.za](http://www.act.org.za).

**What is the application procedure?**

ACT considers applications for funding throughout the year based on the funds we have available for disbursement. Prior to submitting a proposal for funding please submit a brief letter of enquiry to the ACT office in order to determine whether your request is in line with the current focus areas and criteria of ACT. Your letter should be no more than 3 pages and should include the following information:

1. A description of the project for which funds are being requested
2. Information about the organisation or individual implementing the project
3. Estimated overall project budget including income, funds from other sources
4. The amount of funding requested from ACT
5. Period of time for which funding is requested

Do not submit annexures such as videos, books, art works, compact discs at this stage. Should we require any additional information you will be contacted.

Letters of enquiry can be sent to the ACT office as follows:

**E-mail:** projects@act.org.za (**preferred**)

**Fax:** 086 5050240

**Post:** The Arts & Culture Trust  
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If a letter of enquiry is successful applicants may then be invited to submit a detailed funding proposal.

Allow six weeks for the ACT office to send acknowledgment of your letter of enquiry and allow at least six months for final outcome.

*The decision of the ACT Board of Trustees with regard to all applications for funding is final and no further correspondence will be entered into.*