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NSW GOVERNMENT BOLSTERS ARTS INFRASTRUCTURE ACROSS THE CITIES

The NSW Government has announced new arts funding to support innovative smaller-scale capital projects that increase and strengthen participation in arts, screen and cultural activities across Newcastle, Western Sydney and Wollongong.

Under the new Creative Capital fund applicants can apply for up to \$60,000 in matched funding from Create NSW to be used to improve arts and cultural venues, repair and conserve collections or for new equipment to improve the usability of arts and cultural facilities.

The new Creative Capital fund will support projects in Newcastle, Wollongong and Sydney including the Blue Mountains. Minister for the Arts Don Harwin said that the funding will boost creative hubs and bring other benefits including increased employment, urban renewal and tourism opportunities.

“We are excited to offer new opportunities for local arts and cultural organisations and highlight the artistic excellence that exists in the three big cities of NSW,” Mr Harwin said.

“We are encouraging arts organisations to apply for much needed innovations such as digitization of their collections, to renovations for new auditorium seating or stage machinery. The new fund has a wide scope to expand audience participation and grow involvement in the arts.

“Increased investment in cultural infrastructure is in line with our ten year *Create in NSW* policy framework and we are committed to making sure that NSW is number one in the arts.”

This funding is on top of the \$100 million over four years promised to the regions for cultural infrastructure upgrades as part of the Regional Cultural Fund.

Applications for the Creative Capital fund open today and close Friday 10 November 2017.

For more information and details on how to apply visit create.nsw.gov.au.

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