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Country Arts Support Program funding now available

The state government's Country Arts Support Program (CASP) provides small grants to arts and community organisations and local arts councils in regional NSW for short term, locally initiated projects.

These small grants are offered primarily to cover professional artist's fees, travel and accommodation associated with projects starting after 1 April 2008.

Projects might include workshops and forums, performances, public art projects, exhibitions or artist-in-residence programs.

Last year 13 projects in the Central West were funded by CASP including community arts projects in Blayney, Oberon and Lachlan shires, drumming and dance workshops, a weekend writing workshop in Condobolin, film making in Bathurst, two regional theatre tours, festivals, and even an art workshop ran by the Central West Brain Injury Action Group.

The aims of the program are to increase opportunities for regionally based groups to access a diverse range of arts programs; to enable communities to explore and express their cultural identities; to encourage communities to work together to develop and participate in cultural experiences; to bring social and economic benefits to the community through training, employment and promotional activities; and to increase awareness and appreciation of cultural diversity in rural and regional New South Wales.

Applications close Thursday 14 February 2008. Groups wishing to apply for the funding should read the guidelines carefully and contact Arts OutWest for assistance and guidance in preparing an application.

The Country Arts Support Program is funded by the NSW Government through Arts NSW.

Download the funding criteria from www.regionalartsnsw.com.au/grants/grants.htm and contact Arts OutWest on 02 6338 4657 or email artsoutwest@csu.edu.au

→Closing date 14 February 2008

→For projects happening 1 April 2008 – 31 March 2009



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Image: 2007 CASP funding supported Stuck in the Mud's tour of the early childhood play 'The Land of La'.