

Live Music Support program

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

This document contains FAQs that apply to Arts Queensland's Live Music Support (LMS) funding program. FAQs should be read in conjunction with the LMS Program Guidelines, available from Arts Queensland's (AQ) website: <https://www.arts.qld.gov.au/aq-funding/live-music-support-program>

Can I submit more than one application to LMS?

No, you can only submit one application per Australian Business Number (ABN) to the LMS program for consideration.

I received funding through AQ's Live Music Venue Support program. Can I apply to LMS?

Yes, you can apply to LMS for funding provided you don't have any overdue acquittals for past AQ grant funding received, including through the Live Music Venue Support program.

Is LMS different to the Live Music Venue Support program?

LMS builds on the previous support provided to live music venues through Live Music Venue Support (LMVS) program. LMVS was designed immediately after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated social distancing restrictions, and was intended to provide short-term cashflow relief for 2020 or early 2021.

LMS replaces LMVS, with a number of program changes to ensure support is targeted appropriately for 2021. Funding levels have increased significantly, and support is now focused on indoor live music venues due to the specific capacity challenges experienced while social distancing restrictions remain in place.

Unlike LMVS (which awarded funding based on eligibility only), LMS is peer assessed, making it a competitive process based on the assessment criteria outlined in the Program Guidelines. Some eligible applications may not receive funding based on the merit-based assessment process.

I am a pub/club/RSL that regularly programs live music. Am I eligible to apply?

The LMS program is designed to provide financial assistance to venues that exist primarily to program original live music. While we acknowledge that a range of venues support live music in different ways, venues that primarily provide non-music related services such as pubs, clubs and RSLs are not eligible to apply for support through the LMS program.

Am I required to open my venue if I receive an LMS grant?

Subject to any relevant health directives, venues that receive LMS funding support should be able to demonstrate upcoming programming plans and continued operations in 2021.

The LMS program is designed to subsidise the continued operation of live music venues in Queensland while COVID-19 social distancing restrictions are in place. The activation of venues, audience engagement with live music, and the employment of staff and artists are key objectives for the program.

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How do I evidence a history of original live music programming?

Providing evidence of past original live music programming is required to provide Arts Queensland and program assessors with a clear demonstration that your business satisfies the LMS definition of a live music venue, and to assist assessors in evaluating the role of your venue in the broader music ecology. Evidence can take the form of internal venue programming documents, such as Excel spreadsheets, ticketing reports, or social media reports if available.

Arts Queensland has not defined a timeframe for what constitutes a history of live music programming, in recognition of the disruption to operations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020/21. It is therefore up to applicants to decide how best to present their venue's programming track record – this may include recent programming in 2020 or 2021, or capture pre-2020 activity. It is important that you provide evidence that allows assessors to see the regularity of programming over a period of time, e.g. at least six months.

What is meant by COVID-Safe working plans and what do I need to attach to my application?

All businesses need to have a COVID-Safe Work Health and Safety (WHS) Plan that includes COVID- safe strategies if they want to operate within the current restrictions, including sole traders who employ other people or interact with the public. Your plan should cover all the types of activity in which you engage.

If you want to work outside the current restrictions, for example performing to more people than the current cap, then you need to operate under an approved COVID-Safe Industry Plan and attach your certificate of compliance.

Large and complex venues may work to an approved Site Specific Plan rather than an Industry Plan.

You need to let Arts Queensland know which plan you are operating under. Please see the Arts Queensland COVID-19 information page for links to the most up-to-date information about restriction levels as well as resources to help prepare COVID Safe-Plans or find an approved Industry Plan - <https://www.arts.qld.gov.au/about-us/coronavirus-covid-19>