



**THE HON PAUL FLETCHER MP**  
Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts

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### **Funding support for Indigenous languages and arts**

Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP, is calling for community-based organisations to apply for funding through the 2020-21 Indigenous Languages and Arts program competitive grant opportunity.

“The Morrison Government is committed to supporting Indigenous languages and arts and the role they play in preserving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage so that it can be passed on to future generations,” Minister Fletcher said.

“The 2019 International Year of Indigenous Languages has highlighted how important cultural expression through Indigenous languages and arts are for individual wellbeing, providing a sense of identity and community for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

“Preserving languages and supporting traditional and contemporary Indigenous art forms is important for the sake of our culture here in Australia, and also to help promote the work of our talented Indigenous artists and performers internationally.”

The Indigenous Languages and Arts funding aims to empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to preserve and teach Indigenous languages and arts, build a strong sense of cultural identity and wellbeing, and increase recognition in the wider Australian community of Indigenous languages and arts.

The Government invests around \$20 million annually to support Indigenous Australians express, preserve and maintain their culture through language and arts activities.

Applications close on 6 April 2020 at 11.59 pm (AEDT).

For more information and the guidelines visit: [www.arts.gov.au/ILA](http://www.arts.gov.au/ILA)

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