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Delivering more live music for Australian communities

The reactivation of live music across Australia is one step closer, with the Morrison Government announcing more than \$608,000 in additional grants to be shared by 18 venues across the country, as part of round two of the \$20 million Live Music Australia program.

This additional funding brings the Government's investment to more than \$5.6 million under of the first year of the program, supporting more than 200 live music venues and the immediate recovery of the live music sector.

Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP, said the grants would provide critical support for the Australian live music industry.

"This program is assisting live music venues across the country to re-open and rebuild their capacity for programming activity once restrictions on public gatherings are lifted," Minister Fletcher said.

"The Morrison Government is pleased to continue to support local venues to increase performance opportunities and showcase Australian talent."

Co-Chief Executive Officer of Secret Sounds Group and Member of the Creative Economy Taskforce, Paul Piticco, said the funding would enable the sector to re-emerge from the devastating impacts of the pandemic.

"Home-grown live music is intrinsic to Australia's culture, which is why this funding is critical to the return of Australia's vibrant and much-loved creative sector," Mr Piticco said.

"This funding will support small to medium venues to develop partnerships, collaboration and networks across the Australian live music industry.

"Applications are also now open for Round 3 of the \$20 million Live Music Australia Program until 9 August. This program will help more small to medium venues bring more live music to the stage for us all to enjoy."

The Morrison Government is investing more than \$1 billion into the arts and creative sector through a diverse range of programs in 2021-22.

For the list of round two recipients and information on future rounds of the program, visit: www.grants.gov.au or www.arts.gov.au.

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The additional successful projects for round two of the Live Music Australia program are listed below:

Applicant Name	Activity Title	Brief Activity Description	State	Total Amount
Hellfish Harper Pty Ltd	Blackbird Bar - implementing live music experience	Support for live gigs at Blackbird Bar, including artist fees, sound insulation, staff training and promotion.	ACT	\$38,044
Arts Outwest	Local Original Live and Kicking	A regional touring circuit across the NSW Central West, making original music by local musicians the focus to tell the stories of our towns.	NSW	\$75,220
Bellingen Brewing Company Pty Ltd	Bellingen Brewing Co - Upgrading facilities and maintaining systems to improve our live music experience	The beautiful Bellingen Brewery remains committed to original live music with changes and improvements that promise to deliver a better experience for attendees and artists.	NSW	\$43,365
Hdr Hospitality Pty Ltd	Upgrade Little Albert's - outdoors for accessible & regular large gigs plus new Regional Gig Circuit across Mudgee-Bathurst	Upgrade Little Albert's outdoor stage and venue for wheelchair access and regular large gigs, and deliver 170 gigs by original regional/metro artists across Bathurst-Mudgee with marketing-ticketing.	NSW	\$49,500
Old Bar Tavern	Increased number of acts at Salty Sounds and a network of regional venues	Upgrade and installation of new PA System to Old Bar Tavern to expand current successful live music program and reach new audiences.	NSW	\$27,054
Ruley Pty Limited	Refurbishment of the White Horse Hotel - Installation of band-room, sound attenuation, accessibility improvements	Refurbishment of White Horse Hotel to reopen as a new live music venue in the vibrant Inner West of Sydney.	NSW	\$54,500
Moonshine Larger Pty Ltd	Stage equipment and skills upgrade for the Imperial Hotel Eumundi	Upgrades to enhance artists and audience experiences in the Beer Garden and Brewery stage areas at the iconic Imperial Hotel Eumundi.	QLD	\$27,878
Drovers Camp Association Inc	Camooweal Drover's Camp Festival	A number of country music artists to perform at the Drover's Camp Festival.	QLD	\$14,250
Firstlite Pty Ltd	Sunset Sessions 2022	Sunset Sessions 2022 Kingston's Crown Inn.	SA	\$10,000
Mark E Anders And Annabel M Irving	Gaslight Tavern - Original Thursdays	Original Thursdays at The Gaslight showcasing original music.	SA	\$25,480
The West Thebby Social Club	Live music at The West Thebby Social Club	New sound equipment for The West Thebby Social Club.	SA	\$9,996
Corryong And District Memorial Public Hall Inc	Corryong Memorial hall installation of stage lighting	Installation of stage lighting to Corryong and District Memorial Public hall to host local and visiting original Australian artists and increase residents' experience.	VIC	\$24,000

J.A.I.D. Investments Pty. Ltd.	PA & Equipment Upgrades for the Evelyn Hotel	Upgrade production equipment for our rooftop garden to help support our live music community.	VIC	\$23,000
Queenscliff Music Festival Inc.	Queenscliff Town Hall 2021 - 2022	The initial creation, setup, and subsequent debut season for the Queenscliff Town Hall, developing the venue as a new live music venue in Regional Victoria.	VIC	\$25,000
The Blues Train Pty Ltd	The Blues Train - Next Generation	The Blues Train curates and supports a special series of shows aimed at the next generation of contemporary blues and roots artists and their audiences.	VIC	\$34,712
The Trustee For Seventh Tipple Trust	Reactivate The Tote's original emerging band/musician Live Music program under COVID Safe restrictions	Support The Tote's Live Music program for original, emerging bands/musicians under COVIDSafe capacity restrictions investing in musicians, audiences, and sustainability of an iconic live-music venue.	VIC	\$36,400
Vahlano Hotels Pty Ltd	New Stage and Equipment	New Stage and PA to take original artists to new heights in Mildura.	VIC	\$29,000
Rosemount Hotel	Four5Nine Bar	Rosemount Hotel will re-open Four5Nine with an upgraded PA.	WA	\$61,000
				\$608,399