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An extra \$2 million for Queensland's creative sector to RISE

Eleven creative organisations across Queensland will share in more than \$2 million under the second batch of grants from the Morrison Government's \$200 million Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand (RISE) Fund, which is designed to reactivate live performance venues and events.

Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP, said the latest RISE funding will begin to flow immediately to creative sector organisations throughout Queensland, to restart, re-imagine or create new cultural and creative activities.

"The Arts and entertainment sector is fundamental to Queensland's identity, supporting cultural expression, community and social wellbeing, along with a significant boost to employment and economic benefits for the state," Minister Fletcher said.

"We're pleased to see nearly \$2 million flow immediately to restart the sector, which will support 11 innovative projects and create more than 2,200 job opportunities."

One of the largest grant recipients in Queensland is the National Association of Cinema Operators - Australasia, which will receive \$250,000 in funding to present the Australian International Movie Convention, the largest convention of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere.

A reimaged COVID-safe festival, Blues on Broadbeach, will receive more than \$200,000 in funding to see the event return with more than 85,000 attendees expected this year.

On 25 March the Morrison Government announced the RISE Fund will be boosted with an extra \$125 million to support around 230 projects and up to 90,000 jobs, building on an original commitment of \$75 million.

In November 2020 more than \$60 million in funding was announced under Batch One of the Fund.

The successful Queensland projects listed below are part of 61 projects funded under Batch Two of RISE. The full list of Batch Two recipients will be announced in the coming weeks at:

www.arts.gov.au/covid-19-update

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Organisation	Project Name	Funding	Description
Crossroad Arts Inc	Breathe In- creative development	\$80,000	A multimedia contemporary performance piece that uses alternative forms of communication including braille and hand signing.
National Association of Cinema Operators - Australasia	Australian International Movie Convention	\$250,000	A movie convention that brings together exhibitors, distributors, producers and allied trades in one place.
Mirndiyan Gununa Aboriginal Corporation	Mornington Island Public Art and Celebration	\$82,100	Artists will create two large-scale public works that will raise the profile of Mornington Island Art.
Major Events Gold Coast Pty Ltd	Blues on Broadbeach	\$200,000	A reimagined COVID safe festival.
Playlab Theatre	Playlab Theatre - Accelerating Transformation and Sector Impact	\$399,846	Developing and producing a diverse performance season for presentation in 2022.
TWO Festivals Pty Ltd	Expansion of Wynnum Fringe 2021	\$236,020	Expansion of Wynnum Fringe 2021: including new venues, more artists & creative works.
Of One Mind Limited	WOW Australia 2021	\$146,000	A series of regional festival programs.
DeepBlue Orchestra Inc.	Song to the Earth	\$77,855	Reimagined orchestral installation for the opening of new major cultural precincts and a regional arts festival.
Aimon Scott Clark	Not On Your Rider	\$55,680	A live music trivia show in which audience members will play along and are involved in a series of mini-games.
Outer Space Artist Run Initiative Incorporated	Emerging Art in the Public Domain	\$174,182	An art-on-regional-billboards program commissioning emerging Queensland-based artists to develop new works.
Umbrella Studio Association Incorporated	Makerspace Business Innovation Project	\$257,611	To grow Makerspace, creating income for artists and artworkers.