

## DCAS WESTERN CAPE CALLS FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ANNUAL FUNDING INITIATIVES FOR 2026/27

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport (DCAS) invites registered arts, culture and heritage organisations, artists/individuals and events companies to submit their funding applications online for the 2026/27 financial year. All applicants must be South African citizens based in the Western Cape. Persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

**Applications are invited for funding for projects/programmes within the following categories:**

	FUNDING CATEGORY	PROJECT/PROGRAMME
1.	Cultural Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promoting experiences that showcase the unique Western Cape heritage, arts, and culture.</li> </ul>
2.	Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poetry, creative writing, autobiographies, children's literature, folklore, short stories, book fairs/festivals.</li> </ul>
3.	Film	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Film development, limited production support, presenting at local and international film festivals and conferences.</li> </ul>
4.	Language Promotion and Preservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any discipline or medium promoting the use of indigenous languages and South African Sign Language.</li> </ul>
5.	Multidisciplinary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initiatives that demonstrate meaningful collaboration across multiple artistic or cultural fields.</li> </ul>
6.	Performance Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comedy, dance, magic, mime, music festivals/concerts/conferences, poetry, puppetry, theatre.</li> </ul>
7.	Visual Arts and Crafts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Painting, drawing, ceramics, craft, photography, illustration, fashion design/shows, sculptures, exhibitions.</li> </ul>

**Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals that demonstrate the following:**

- Promote the Inclusion and participation of persons with disabilities.
- Gender Responsiveness (programmes that are structured to empower women and address aspects of GBV and gender inequality)
- Innovation
- Partnerships with public and private sectors
- Ability to foster social cohesion while developing and engaging diverse audiences.
- Specific objective or goal that speaks to the province's priorities (*job creation, safety, wellbeing etc.*)
- Includes skills development and training

**All applications and supporting documentation must be submitted online only.** The application forms can be accessed at: <https://www.westerncape.gov.za/cas>. All funding related enquiries should be emailed to **Sinenhlanhla Mhlongo**: [Sinenhlanhla.Mhlongo@westerncape.gov.za](mailto:Sinenhlanhla.Mhlongo@westerncape.gov.za).

Applicants are responsible for ensuring timely submission and for familiarising themselves with the funding timelines and processes as outlined on the departmental website.

**Applications will close on Monday, 9 March 2026 at 23:59. The online system will not allow for late applications.**

**Please note:**

- Funding is limited.
- Funding for Individuals and Pty Ltd applicants ranges from R50,000 to R100,000.
- Funding for Non-Profit Companies/Organisations ranges from R50,000 to R500,000.
- No faxed, hand delivered, or emailed applications will be accepted.
- Only one application is allowed per applicant.
- Submission of a completed online application does not guarantee funding.
- Outcomes date – 31 July 2026.