



# National Arts Council of Namibia

*Unlocking the creative potential of the Nation*

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## **PRESS RELEASE: NACN GRANTS RESULTS**

### **CYCLE ONE (1)**

#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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The National Arts Council of Namibia (NACN) has the pleasure to announce the grants application results for 2023, cycle one (1) grants disbursement period.

This cycle will provide grants valued at N\$ 167,232.75. A total of eight (8) successful applicants that applied to the NACN Grants Fund have been approved for funding to execute their projects.

As an organization dedicated to supporting artists and their creative endeavors, the NACN recognizes the vital role artists play in shaping culture and society. However, it acknowledges that artists often face challenges due to limited funding and resources, especially during unprecedented times.

To address this issue, the NACN aims to provide financial support to artists while helping them manage their resources effectively. In line with this objective, the NACN has implemented a new approach to artist grants. The grant will be disbursed in quarterly installments, allowing artists to have a steady stream of income throughout the project's duration, rather than receiving a lump sum upfront.

The payment process for each project will be initiated upon signing the grant agreement,

covering the entire quarter of the project. This inclusive approach ensures that all payments necessary for the project are accounted for within the designated timeframe, without extensions to the project timeline.

The NACN funds projects across various disciplines, aligning with its mandate. Applicants can apply for funding in the following disciplines: Craft, Dance, Literature, Multidiscipline, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts.

To be eligible for funding, applicants must demonstrate their projects' capacity to address at least one of the following critical focus areas:

1. Social protection and research.
2. Unearthing marginalized and indigenous arts in rural areas.
3. Addressing social ills such as unemployment and gender-based violence.
4. Supporting the involvement of women, youth employment opportunities, and people living with disabilities.
5. Creation of new works through digital media.
6. Capacity building and arts entrepreneurship.

By incorporating these focus areas, the NACN aims to foster a diverse and inclusive artistic landscape that tackles societal challenges and promotes growth within the arts sector.

## APPROVED APPLICATIONS:

Nr.	Name of applicant	Genre	Region
GR 23/24-028	Okahao Arts Centre	Visual Arts	Oshana
GR 23/24-049	Osona Culture Festival	Cultural Festival	Otjozondjupa
GR 23/24-016	Erick Schnack	Multi-disciplinary	Khomas
GR 23/24-023	Nghidinwavali Nghipandulwa	Multi-disciplinary	Khomas
GR 23/24-057	Maria Nakadiru Gideon	Crafts	Kavango - West
GR 23/24-058	Esther Ntumbu Nkomba	Crafts	Kavango - West
GR 23/24-059	Franciska Runguro Siganda	Crafts	Kavango - West
GR 23/24-064	Filomine Muni Haikera	Crafts	Kavango - West

The National Arts Fund is a state programme established by government, with a mission to advance Namibian contemporary and traditional arts, with an emphasis on artistically underserved communities. The Fund was established through the National Arts Fund Act, (No. 1 of 2005) (NAF). The NAF is governed by the National Arts Council of Namibia.

The National Arts Council of Namibia (NACN) is committed towards the provision of arts and culture career specific grants. Building the capacity of experts and a network of qualified professional artists and artisans is essential to the mandate of the NACN to support the growth of the creative cultural industries of Namibia.

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