



National Arts Council of Namibia

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PRESS RELEASE: NACN GRANTS RESULTS

CYCLE THREE (3)

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The National Arts Council of Namibia (NACN) is thrilled to announce the successful applicants for the 2023, Cycle Three (3) grants disbursement period. Following a meticulous selection process, a total of fifty-one (51) projects have been approved for funding, securing a combined grant of N\$1,046,051.35.

We understand the challenges artists face, particularly in times of limited funding and resources. In response to this, the NACN is proud to continue the approach to grant disbursement, providing recipients with quarterly instalments to ensure a steady income flow throughout their project.

We recognize the invaluable role artists play in shaping our culture and society. Our new disbursement approach aims to address the financial challenges faced by artists, allowing them to manage their resources effectively. The NACN funds projects across a spectrum of disciplines, including Craft, Dance, Literature, Multidiscipline, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts. As we celebrate the diversity and richness of Namibia's artistic landscape, the NACN encourages prospective applicants to explore funding opportunities.

To be eligible for funding, applicants had to align their projects with 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.

This strategic focus underscores the NACN's commitment to fostering a diverse and inclusive artistic environment that actively engages with and addresses societal challenges.

Reflecting on the growth and passion witnessed in the 2023 grant cycles, the NACN notes a remarkable evolution. In Cycle 1, a grant amount of N\$167,232.75 supported eight (8) artists, constituting 9% of the expenditure in that quarter. Cycle 2 witnessed an expansion of financial support, with N\$589,561 distributed among 19 recipients, constituting 33% of the budget in the second quarter.

The introduction of advocacy sessions and a refined application process in Cycle 3 signifies a renewed commitment. With a proposed grant amount of N\$1,046,051.35 and 51 proposed recipients, this chapter marks a turning point, dedicating an impressive 58% of the budget to the sector in the third quarter. This disbursement underscores the NACN's unwavering belief in the transformative power of creativity and aligns with our flagship initiative.

The NACN remains steadfast in its role of influencing and enabling the creation of platforms that foster a conducive environment for creative practitioners to thrive. As we embark on this exciting journey with Cycle 3 awardees, we look forward to witnessing the profound impact their projects will have on Namibia's artistic landscape.

APPROVED APPLICATIONS:

	Grant Application Nr.	Name of applicant	Discipline	Region
1.	GR 23/24-064	Hendrikus Lambert	Crafts	//Kharas
2.	GR 23/24-050	Hildegart Garoes	Crafts	Erongo
3.	GR 23/24-110	Romeo Joseph	Crafts	//Kharas
4.	GR 23/24-097	Makava Kongo Grey	Crafts	Kavango East
5.	GR 23/24-109	Johanna Smith	Fashion	//Kharas
6.	GR 23/24-114	Augusta Mbava	Fashion	Kavango East
7.	GR 23/24-117	Ritemisa Kandjii	Crafts	Otjozondjupa
8.	GR 23/24-077	Claudia Hangara	Crafts	Khomas
9.	GR 23/24-060	Witlook U. Kamatoto	Crafts	Otjozondjupa
10.	GR 23/24-108	Johanna Baisako	Fshion	//Kharas
11.	GR 23/24-017	Latoeja R. Uirab	Fashion	Otjozondjupa
12.	GR 23/24-137	Josefine Kapuka	Fashion	//Kharas
13.	GR 23/24-116	Urimeke Kangombe	Fashion	Otjozondjupa
14.	GR 23/24-079	Laimy Moses	Fashion	Khomas
15.	GR 23/24-002	Ansie S. van Wyk	Fashion	Khomas
16.	GR 23/24-070	Elzaan de Wee	Multi-disciplinary arts	Khomas
17.	GR 23/24-105	Meidi Simuma Kalenga	Crafts	Kavango East
18.	GR 23/24-067	George Gregory Goliath	Visual Arts	Khomas
19.	GR 23/24-007	Invictus Media	Multi-disciplinary arts	Omusati
20.	GR 23/24-071	Viviene Prungu	Theatre	Khomas
21.	GR 23/24-044	Sara Gaeses	Fashon	Otjozondjupa
22.	GR 23/24-124	Uje Komiho	Crafts	Otjozondjupa
23.	GR 23/24-125	Uaurika Mbaha	Crafts	Otjozondjupa
24.	GR 23/24-126	Masera M. Mahongo	Crafts	Kavango East
25.	GR 23/24-062	Martin Pienaar	Crafts	//Kharas
26.	GR 23/24-118	Elizabeth Kambazembi	Crafts	Otjozondjupa
27.	GR 23/24-065	Irene Rietz	Crafts	//Kharas
28.	GR 23/24-098	Ndara Kavindi	Crafts	Kavango East
29.	GR 23/24-091	Annastasia Kalenga	Crafts	Kavango East
30.	GR 23/24-083	Evolve Fire and Entertainment	Dance	Erongo
31.	GR 23/24-061	Ronel Bloodstaan	Fashion	//Kharas

32.	GR 23/24-033	Magrietha Beukes	Fashion	Hardap
33.	GR 23/24-074	The Fashion Laboratory	Multi-disciplinary arts	Khomas
34.	GR 23/24-058	Up Next Music Fashion Academy	Multi-disciplinary arts	Oshana
35.	GR 23/24-127	Bold Geeks Media	Multi-disciplinary arts	Hardap
36.	GR 23/24-080	Melissa S. Muller	Multi-disciplinary arts	Khomas
37.	GR 23/24-102	Kavango Museum	Multi-disciplinary arts	Kavango East
38.	GR 23/24-011	Moves and Shakes Dance Festival	Multi-disciplinary arts	Khomas
39.	GR 23/24-040	Ndilula Ulenga Theatrics	Theatre	Khomas
40.	GR 23/24-078	Kay Cowley	Visual Arts	Khomas
41.	GR 23/24-086	Paskalinus Haindere	Visual Arts	Kavango East
42.	GR 23/24-009	Martin Bosman	Visual Arts	Erongo
43.	GR 23/24-028	Laimi Mbangula	Visual Arts	Ohangwena
44.	GR 23/24-059	Creative Asylum	Visual Arts	Khomas
45.	GR 23/24-038	Eric Nengola	Visual Arts	Khomas
46.	GR 23/24-037	Chantel Uiras	Music	Erongo
47.	GR 23/24-004	Cantare Audire Choir	Music	Khomas
48.	GR 23/24-068	Destiny Stage Events Inc.	Music	Erongo
49.	GR 23/24-111	Nelson Nakale	Crafts	//Kharas
50.	GR 23/24-042	Naukalemo Gloria Ndilula	Music	Khomas
51.	GR 23/24-022	Youth Orchestra of Namibia	Multi-disciplinary Arts	Khomas

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 NACN.

The NACN is committed towards the provision of arts and culture project 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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