

# NZ On Air Music Funding Guidelines Checklist

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Before applying for funding, artist applicants should review this document to determine whether any of the listed guidelines apply to you or your song. These factors may influence the decision of your application and could result in a declined application.

- Artist applicants must be New Zealand Citizens or Permanent Residents.**  
[Click here](#) for more information on whether your music qualifies as New Zealand music.
- Artist applicants can receive up to three grants and a maximum of \$55,000 in funding within any 12-month period,** including Focus Rounds such as *New Music Pasifika*, *New Music Pan-Asian*, *New Music Kids*, and *Waiata Takitahi*. Albums or EPs funded through *New Music Project* cannot receive any extra *New Music Single* or Focus Round funding, and funding cannot exceed the \$55,000 cap (excluding *New Music Project Touring*).
- Artist applicants may only receive a maximum of three New Music Single or Focus round grants** for their album or EP campaign.
- Artist applicants may have one New Music Single (or Focus Round) grant open** at any time, and **no open New Music Project** applications.
- If you have an **outstanding NZ On Air grant older than 12 months**, you must close it before applying for further funding.
- Artist applicants who have previously received New Music Single funding will not need to complete the criteria questions.**  
This exemption applies only to the current artist entity and does not include any other NZ On Air Music funding (such as *New Music Pan-Asian*, *New Music Pasifika*, or *Waiata Takitahi*), funding programmes from before 2016 (including *Making Tracks* and *Radio Hits*), or funding received under a different band or artist name.
- A song can only be submitted to a **maximum of two funding rounds**.
- We will only accept **one song per artist each round**, including featured artists or collaborators.
- You confirm that you own the rights to the song and have permission** from any featured artists or collaborators. If your song uses samples, you must have approval from the rights owners to use them. **Covers, edits, remakes, and remixes are not eligible for funding.**
- Songs submitted for funding must not be released on any DSPs until funding results are announced.** You may apply for funding for video content and promotion only, but the song must not be released or publicly available\*, and recording costs cannot be reimbursed.  
*\*'Publicly available' means any release via a DSP (Digital Service Provider) or platform.*
- For songs with multiple artists, collaborations or featured artist releases, **the main artist listed in the release credits must meet the eligibility criteria.**  
  
In funding applications, please **nominate a main artist and enter all artist(s) names exactly as it will appear on the release on DSPs.**

If you have any queries about these guidelines, please contact us at [musicteam@nzonair.govt.nz](mailto:musicteam@nzonair.govt.nz)