Northern Territory schools and not-for-profit arts organisations are invited to apply for up to $115,000 of grant funding as part of the 2013-14 Artist in Residence program.

Minister for Arts and Museums Matt Conlan said the program, a joint partnership between the Northern Territory Government and the Australia Council for the Arts, invests in high quality arts education projects across the Territory.

“This funding will help to promote and develop art and culture programs in our schools while encouraging students to be creative in their ideas and learning,” Mr Conlan said.

“The program allows artists to take up residencies in schools of one month or more and gives themselves and teachers an opportunity to broaden their own experiences while sharing their skills and knowledge with students.

“But, it doesn’t stop there. The program can have long lasting positive effects on schools, students and the community as one of last year’s participants have showed.

“Under the program, artists Katelyn Griffiths and Leo Ortego received $15,000 to reside at the remote Ti Tree Community School in Central Australia to engage teachers and students over five weeks in scripting, sound and story boarding, editing, puppet making and camera work to create animations and short films. Following this residency, Ti Tree Community School has now set up a room dedicated to visual arts media which houses a full suite of filming and editing equipment to encourage future arts projects with their students.

“I encourage all Territory artists and schools to take part in this year’s Artist in Residence program so we can produce more of these great success stories that continue the Territory’s reputation as being home to some of Australia’s most unique art and culture.”

Since the beginning of the AIR Program in 2009, Arts NT has distributed $394 081 in funding to schools and arts organisations to provide artist residencies through this category. Over 70 artists have since been employed through residencies to work with teachers and students in Northern Territory schools.

Territory schools and arts and cultural not-for-profit organisations are now invited to submit online expressions of interest to Arts NT for arts education projects funded with up to $25 000. Applications close 10 October 2013.

To submit an Expression of Interest online, visit Arts NT’s website [www.arts.nt.gov.au](http://www.arts.nt.gov.au)

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