

MAV AUSPICING FAQ'S

1. What does auspice mean?

To 'auspice' means to provide support to an individual or group who is seeking funds to undertake a project. The group or individual requiring support is known as the 'auspicee' and the organisation that auspices the group or individual is known as the 'auspicator'. When using an auspice arrangement, we say that an individual or group is carrying out the project 'under the auspices of' the organisation – in this case, Multicultural Arts Victoria. The auspicator (MAV) receives funding or enters into agreements with funders on behalf of the auspicee.

2. Why do you need an auspicator?

Your project may need auspicing because you are an unincorporated group. As such, you may find that some funding bodies prefer to fund an incorporated legal entity (such as MAV) rather than a group of individuals. In addition, some funding bodies will only provide grants to organisations with charity status, which you are able to access via an auspicing agreement.

3. Why do auspicators charge a fee?

We charge a fee for auspicing your project to cover some of the costs to our organisation in providing this service. When calculating the fee, we try to keep our costs low, but also be realistic in identifying the types of services you may need to make your project a success. Our fee can range from 10 – 25% depending on the types of services you choose for your auspice agreement. Please refer to MAV's auspice schedule for more information.

4. What kinds of services do auspicators provide?

There are a number of auspicing organisations in the community. MAV provides a scaled approach to auspicing services so that individuals and groups can select from basic through to comprehensive support. Please refer to MAV's auspice schedule for more information.

5. Why do I have to sign an auspicing agreement?

When MAV accepts to auspice your project, there are certain obligations on our part, and certain obligations on your part, as the auspice. We have an agreement so that we can be very clear about expectations on both parts. We need to have a signed agreement before we can submit any funding applications on your behalf, so please make sure you have allowed plenty of time to negotiate the agreement.

6. What is public liability insurance?

One of the key reasons that individuals and groups may seek an auspicing arrangement is to secure insurance to cover their activities. Public liability insurance

protects you against financial loss if your actions have caused a person to be injured or killed, or a person's property to be damaged or destroyed as a result of engaging with your project.

7. When do I need to sign the agreement?

MAV will not submit funding applications without an agreement, so please contact us least two weeks prior to your submission deadline to finalise your agreement.