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## PRIME MINISTER

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### GRANTS TO ARTISTS

The Prime Minister, Mr. Whitlam, today announced grants to artists totalling \$258,000. Among the 86 artists who will benefit are Mr. Guy Grey-Smith, Mr. Roger Kemp and Mr. Lyndon Dadswell, each of whom receives a grant of \$10,000. In recommending the grants, the Chairman of the Visual Arts Board, of the Australian Council for the Arts, Mr. John Baily, said the three artists had made, during long careers, very significant contributions to the art of Australia.

Mr. Baily also said that in many cases the grants were designed to allow artists to devote an intensive period to their creative work without the need to engage in other employment in order to live. He said that frequently an artist was able to give only a mere residue of time and energy to creative work.

In some cases the grants were intended to make possible the purchase of equipment and materials for special projects, or allow artists to travel abroad to gain essential experience.

A list of the grants is attached.

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