

Grants for arts

By Jim Matthews

THE COMMUNITY Arts Project in Mowbray, Cape, is offering work grants to talented artists. The sole criterion of the grant will be whether the work submitted merits assist-

ance, a spokesman for the Project said.

The Community Arts Project in Mowbray, Cape Town, was established to provide a creative venue for interested people in the surrounding townships.

Workshops are offered for those interested in drama, poetry, painting, graphics, sculpture, weaving, photography super-8 filming, video recording, music (folk, jazz), weaving, karate, and creative dance.

The project is run and co-ordinated by a very dynamic young woman, Christine Walters. Members pay a nominal annual fee and most of the workshops are free.

The emphasis at the project is on free expression and for this reason no formal courses are provided in the workshops.

The workshop participants are encouraged to trust their creativity and workshop co-ordinators play only a guiding role.

A work grant is offered by the project annually to any needy artist whose work merits assistance. In return the artist must be willing to run a workshop, in his field, for interested members.

Any artist who feels he qualifies for a grant is free to apply. It is advisable for those interested in the grant to produce samples of their work on application. Included here are pictures of one of the more exciting workshops of the project — the children's art class. The class is run every Saturday morning from 10 am to 12 noon.

The ages of the children range from eight to fourteen. The class is mainly co-ordinated by students from the local art colleges.

The Community Arts Projects which is in the main road in Mowbray, opposite the police station, is open every day of the week.

Any member of the public who is interested in joining the project or who just wants to look around should not hesitate to pop in.