



ARTS COUNCIL FUNDING

a funding information leaflet from *funderfinder*

FunderFinder GIN includes many trusts and foundations that make grants to organisation involved in the arts but does not include funding from the Arts Councils, as these are used to disperse arts money from government and the National Lottery funds allocated by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS).

There are four country Arts Councils: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales which give funding to both individual artists and to organisations across the various disciplines of the arts. They also provide information about other sources of funding and advice and are a good starting point for help and advice for any arts organisation. Full information about the grant schemes they administer is available on their websites.

England

Grants are made to organisations and individuals for: projects and events, commissions and productions, research and development, activities for people to take part in, audience development, marketing, education activities, buying equipment and improvements to facilities and buildings, professional development and training, bursaries, fellowships, organisational development, residencies and touring.

Grants to organisations normally range from £1,000 up to £100,000, and can cover activities lasting up to three years. There are also grants to fund national activities which can be up to £200,000. There are no deadlines.

Contact

Arts Council England, tel: 0845 300 6200, website: www.artscouncil.org.uk

Address details of the regional offices (which, however, no longer handle grant applications) are on the main Arts Council website. All the regional offices have the above phone number.

Northern Ireland

Applications are welcomed from the widest range of organisations in Northern Ireland, whether community, amateur or professional. Priorities for Arts Council of Northern Ireland funding for 2007-2012 are around the themes of: Art at the Heart - promoting the value of the arts; Strengthening the Arts; Growing Audiences and Increasing Participation; and Improving Organisational Performance.

Contact

Arts Council of Northern Ireland, tel: (28) 9038 5200, website: www.artscouncil-ni.org

Scotland

Offers support for arts projects, capital, organisational development and research and development. Within each artform there are specific funding priorities and deadlines for applications. In addition there are new funding priorities across all art forms. Organisations may also apply for funds for audience development, capital, cultural diversity and the performing arts programming fund.

Contact

Scottish Arts Council, tel: 0131 226 6051, website: www.scottisharts.org.uk

Wales

ACW has three overarching priorities for funding: projects delivered in acknowledged deprived communities, especially those areas that have traditionally received lower levels of grant; projects that promote the work of artists from under-represented groups including disabled people and people from black and minority ethnic backgrounds; projects delivered in Welsh or bilingually. Grants can be for up to £30,000 and there is a fast track process for grants under £5,000. Deadlines for small grants are bi-monthly, and for larger ones: twice a year.

Contact

Arts Council of Wales, tel: 029 2037 6500, website: www.artswales.org

Contact details of the regional offices are on the website.

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