



# Introduction to National Lottery Project Grants

Easy Read version

# Access Support

We want to make **Project Grants** accessible to everyone.

If you find it difficult to get advice or apply, we can help you.

For example, we can provide our guidance in another format such as BSL, Braille, audio, Easy Read or Large Print.

Or we can pay for a support worker to help you apply.

For more information, contact us at [www.artscouncil.org.uk/contact](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/contact)

# Who are Arts Council England?



We are the **national development agency** for **creativity and culture**.



We distribute **funding** to individuals, arts organisations, libraries, and museums.

# What is National Lottery Project Grants?

**Project Grants** can support individual practitioners, communities and cultural organisations with projects that focus on:

Combined Arts including festivals and carnivals

Dance

Libraries

Literature

Museums

Music

Theatre

or Visual Arts

# What is Project Grants?

The funding comes from the National Lottery. Grants we make usually range from **£1,000** to **£100,000**.

Project Grants is **always open** so you can apply at any time.

You can choose whether you would like to apply for **up to £30,000** or **over £30,000** for your project.

When we say 'project', we mean **a series of activities** or **a piece of work**. Your project will have a **start and an end date**, and a set of **measurable aims** that you'd like to achieve in that time.

# Is Project Grants for me?



If you are a **creative practitioner** or **cultural organisation** in England, Project Grants is open to you.



Whatever your background, a grant can help your work reach the people and communities that you'd like to **engage**.

# Project Grants and Let's Create

Before you apply to Project Grants you should read our ten year plan called **Let's Create**.

Our plan is made up of 3 **Outcomes** and 4 **Investment Principles**.

**Outcomes** are what we want our plan to do.

**Investment Principles** are what we believe in. We think about our principles before we give money to people or organisations.

Our 3 **Outcomes** are:

- We want **creative people**
- We want **cultural communities**
- We want a **creative and cultural country**

Our 4 **Investment Principles** are:

- We believe in **ambition** and **quality**
- We believe in being **flexible**, we call this **dynamism**
- We believe in being **environmentally friendly**
- We believe in being **inclusive** and **relevant**



Depending on how much you apply for, your Project Grants application might talk about more than one **Investment Principle**.

We would like **all** applications to think about **Inclusivity and Relevance**.

**Inclusivity and Relevance** means how your project will include the people you'd like it to, **and** how it will be relevant to the people you'd like to work with.



Your **application** will need to tell us about:

- who will be experiencing your project
- how they will get involved
- and how they will benefit from taking part



You can read the plan [here](#).

# Your application, our guidance

When you're ready to get started, make sure you read the '**How to Apply**' guidance on our website: <https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/projectgrants>

We've also got information on topics from creating budgets and planning your activity, to buying equipment for your project.

It's important to make your application as **clear** as possible.

We'd like to hear from **you**, in your own words. This is so that we can get a good understanding of what your project is about, and what you would like it to achieve.

# Getting started with Grantium

Once you've read our **online guidance**, you'll apply to Project Grants using our application portal **Grantium**.

To get started, you'll need to create an **applicant profile**.

Need help using Grantium? You can find guidance here:

[www.artscouncil.org.uk/grantium-support](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/grantium-support)

# Got a question about Project Grants?



We are happy to help you if you have any questions.



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