

How to apply for money from the Cultural Development Fund Round Four



Easy read booklet

What this booklet is about



We are Arts Council England. We pay for arts and culture in the UK.



This booklet is about the Cultural Development Fund. This is money from the government for creative and cultural ideas.



The government want to spend money on excellent creativity and culture so that more work is made for more people.

The Cultural Development Fund will help to:

- Make places nicer to live, work, visit and invest money in
- Make local leadership and partnerships stronger
- Support excellence in creativity and culture



Information about the funding



Open



FEBRUARY

5



MARCH

15



MAY

17

We think that a partnership is the best way to apply for the funding. This might be with the local Council or another organisation.

The fund will be open from **9am on Monday 5 February 2024**

This is for an expression of interest. This means you write to say you are interested in applying for the funding.

You must send your expression of interest to us by

Midday on Friday 15 March 2024

You can make a full application from

Midday on Monday 8 April 2024

To

Midday on Friday 17 May 2024

Your organisation can apply for between

£2 million to £5 million.

The budget for this round is £15.2 million

More information about the funding

You can apply for money to:



- Give you support with access if you need it
- **Pay for building work** - only if the RIBA Plan of Work has been completed to at least Work Stage 1.



Your activities must start between **1 November 2024 and 1 April 2026**



Activities must end no later than **31 March 2028**

You will need at least 15% funding money from other places to apply.

This could be public funding, corporate sponsorship, crowdfunding or in-kind support.



We will let you know if you get the funding in late summer 2024.

Who can apply for Cultural Development Fund money



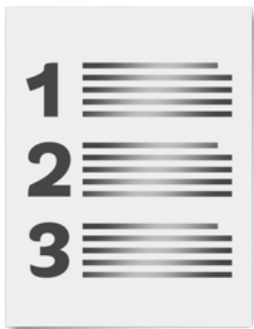
You can apply for Cultural Development Fund for:

- Places in England with a clear plan to develop creativity and culture
- A partnership in your area –this has to be led by a local authority, or another organisation or group
- Places that can show they are serious about culture and making culture grow in the area
- Places with fewer people and rural areas in the countryside – you will have to say how you can make creativity and culture happen



We also want to hear from the 109 Levelling up for Culture places and, in London, Arts Council England Priority Places– these are places where not many people take part in the arts.

Activity we cannot support



- Activities that are not part of creativity or culture
- Activity that isn't good for the public
- Cost incurred before your projects starts, **1 November 2024** at the earliest
- Costs that are already paid for by other money
- Capital projects that can't be finished by **31 March 2028**
- Building projects that do not meet the rules of land and buildings requirements
- Assets that you plan to sell
- General running costs like paying staff, insurance or other costs to run a building
- Goods, works or services that are already happening before you applied for the fund money.

How to get help



You can get help with the form from our Customer Services Team. You can talk to the team about other things too.

You can get in touch by email

enquiries@artscouncil.org.uk

artscouncil.org.uk/contact-us



More help on answering the questions is in the full guidance for applicants.

You can find it on our website:

www.artscouncil.org.uk/our-open-funds/cultural-investment-fund/cultural-development-fund-round-four

