We can make grants to help individuals during the Covid-19 coronavirus emergency.

This guide can help you think about our application form.

31 March 2020
Arts Council Response Fund: Individuals

This is our fund for **creative individuals in England** whose work is directly affected by Covid-19 (coronavirus).

It is for **freelance** workers like artists, writers, producers, curators, translators, choreographers or other creative people.

We want to help freelance workers to keep doing what they do **during or after** the coronavirus emergency.

It’s about giving you the **time** and **money** you need to pay your wages, bills or get ready to start working again.

We can make grants of up to **£2,500**, or up to **£3,000** if you have extra costs relating to a disability.

If you need any extra money for **Access Support**, contact us to find out more.
Can I apply?

To apply, you must be an individual freelance creative.

You must have made or delivered work that was **funded by public money** in one or more of these areas:

- Combined arts
- Dance
- Libraries
- Literature
- Museums
- Music
- Theatre
- Visual arts

This might be from the Arts Council, other Lottery funders, a university or local government, for example.
You must be aged 18 or over

You must live in England

At least half, or 50%, of your normal income must come from your creative freelance work

What can I use the money for?

Your lost wages or living costs, like rent, bills or food

IT equipment or software to help you do your job from home

Time to work on your creative practice. This might include practice, research or making new work
What can’t I apply for?

- Projects that we would normally fund through Project Grants or DYCP. Like a tour or an exhibition

- Higher education tuition fees and associated costs

If 50% or more of your income comes from a PAYE job, you cannot apply

For example

if more than half your income is paid by a Theatre, Museum, Arts organisation, university, restaurant, shop, office or other business

Organisations cannot apply. If you run an organisation, you can apply to our Response Fund for organisations
Plan ahead

If you have enough money from another source, please don’t apply. Let us know if you are applying to any other funds or sources of support.

This fund will be very popular. We won’t be able to fund everyone who applies.

Think about what you will do if we can’t fund your application.

Before you apply

Set up a profile on our online application portal if you don’t already have one.

Go to www.arts council.org.uk/welcome-grantium to find out more.

If you need help, contact our Customer Services team.
Applying

Use our online application portal to apply.

There will be two rounds in 2020.

You can only apply to one of these rounds. Don’t rush an application if you think you need more time

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We aim to start notifying applicants of the outcome of their applications to Round one by the end of April.
What we will ask you

How much money do you need?
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Up to £2,500, or £3,000 if you have extra costs relating to a disability

Show us that you’ve had paid work cancelled or reduced due to the Covid-19 emergency

Keep any emails, contracts or bank statements that prove you have lost money. We might contact you later to ask for evidence

Tell us about your work in the publicly funded culture sector

Tell us about any projects or work you have done in the past that got money from bodies like the Arts Council, other Lottery funders, universities, local
authorities, public sector bodies or trusts and foundations

We want to hear:

- What you’ve worked on
- Who you’ve worked with
- Who funded the work

You don’t have to have been the grant holder for this work, so long as you worked and were paid

Tell us how you will use the time this funding affords you to stabilise, think and plan for the future

- What will you do in this time?
- What will you do afterwards?
- Who might you work with?

You don’t need any income from other sources to apply to this programme
What happens next?

Your application will be considered alongside other applications at a decision meeting.

We’ll start to let people know the outcome by the end of April for Round 1. Later for Round 2.

You’ll get an email asking you to log in to find out your result.

If you’re successful, you’ll need to provide your bank details and ask for your first payment from us.

Go to www.artscouncil.org.uk/welcome-grantium to find out more.
More information

More help on answering the questions is in the full Guidance for applicants

Find out more about our response funds at:

🌐 arts council.org.uk/covid-19

Need help?

Our friendly Customer Services team can help you with the form or talk about other ways we can help you.

The phones are closed right now so our staff can stay safe, but you can talk to us online:

✉️ enquiries@artscouncil.org.uk

🌐 arts council.org.uk/contact-us