



Resilience Fund

Money to help
organisations keep jobs
and stay strong

This document was written by the **Arts Council of Wales**. It is an easy read version of ‘**Funding for Organisations to Support Jobs Protection and Resilience**’.

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How to use this document



This is an easy read document. You may still need support to read it. Ask someone you know to help you.



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About this fund



We are the **Arts Council of Wales**. We give money to support the arts in Wales.



The arts sector in Wales needs more money.



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

The **Welsh Government** has given us money to help protect jobs and make the arts sector stronger.



We want to give the money to those who need it most, as quickly as we can.



We will focus on organisations who need the most help.



This guide will tell you all about the fund and how to apply.

What this funding is for



This fund is for organisations, not for people.



The money is for organisations that need help **now**.



We cannot give money to organisations that do not have a good financial plan. This means plans about the organisation's money.

We are most likely to give money to organisations that:



- Can show they are at serious risk with their finances. We can't just help you to grow.



- Explain how this money will make them stronger in the future.



- Have a clear plan. Paying for help with fundraising should not be the only part of your plan.

We will focus on:



- Funding that you can **claim before 31 March 2025**.
- Applications where you will **spend most of the money by 31 March 2025**.

What we will not give money for



We will not cover gaps in your budget if you do not have a clear plan to fix your finances.



We will not pay for items like equipment or building work.



We will not cover the difference between your Investment Review application and your multi-year funding offer. (These are types of funding from the Arts Council.)



We will not pay for new jobs unless you show they will help your finances long term.

What you need to do



Read the rules to check if you can apply.



Answer **all** the questions clearly. You can find the questions under **How to apply on page 13**. If you do not answer all the questions, we might not accept your application.

Important:



- We cannot ask you for more information after you send your application.



- If you have any questions, ask before the deadline. We might not be able to answer questions after 23 October.



- We may share questions and answers on our website to help others.

The rules about who can apply

To apply, your organisation must:



Be a non-profit organisation. This means the organisation is not set up to make people money, but to do good work. They may be called things like:

- Company Limited by Guarantee
- Registered charity (including charitable trusts)
- Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
- Community Interest Company (CIC)
- Unincorporated Association
- Local Authority, University, Health Board, or other Public Body



If your organisation type is not on this list, contact us at businesssupport@arts.wales before you apply.

Your organisation must also:



- Work in the not-for-profit arts sector.



- Have at least two directors or trustees who are not related and do not live together. If they are registered at the same address but do not live there, tell us why.



- Be based in Wales. If your registered office is outside Wales, tell us about your fixed base in Wales.



- Be more than 3 years old by 31 October 2024. If you file accounts then you must have filed at least 1 set of accounts and be up to date with any legal reporting you need to do.

Some organisations that cannot apply:



- Schools
- Government departments
- Organisations based outside the UK
- Organisations that have not completed reports we need for other Arts Council of Wales grants
- Organisations limited by shares or where profits can go to members or shareholders.



If we find your organisation does not meet the rules, we will stop your application and tell you why.

How to apply



Request an application form by emailing us at businesssupport@arts.wales.



In the form we will ask you:

- How much money you are asking for.
- Basic information about your organisation.



You must put most of the information we need in a Word document. Use the Word template from our website.



Read the questions next and **answer them clearly in the Word document**. If you do not answer a question, we cannot assess that part, and your application will not be successful.

Questions you need to answer



1. **Is your organisation at serious financial risk right now?** Does this risk put your organisation's future in danger?



2. **What problems are you facing, and how will this funding help?**



3. **Will this funding make your organisation stronger in the future?**

- Will it stop you from needing more funding later?
- Show us proof, like budgets or cashflows, to explain how your finances will improve. These are documents about money.



4. **If you are asking for money to protect jobs, how many jobs will you protect?**

- Tell us the number of full-time jobs and how many people's jobs you will save.
- How long will this funding protect the jobs?
- We will not assess this question as not all applications are about jobs, but it is important for our reporting.

Documents you need to provide

1. Application form



- Request a form by emailing us at businesssupport@arts.wales.



- Make sure you answer all questions clearly.



- In the box that asks for more information about your project, write '**see Word attachment.**'

2. Word document



- Download the Word template from our website and use it.



- Answer all the questions and upload your Word document with your application form.



- If you do not include this, we cannot assess your application.

3. Financial information



- This must be in Excel format.



- Provide a budget showing the amount you are asking for and how it will help your organisation.



- The budget should show the current condition of your organisation. It should also show what it will be like in the future if we give you the funding.

How we will assess your application



We will look at your application form, Word document and financial information.

We might also look at information from any grants we have given you since 1 April 2021. This could include:



- Your application forms.
- Reports you have given us.
- Funding agreements for multi-year funded organisations.



We will base our decision on your financial information and how well your answers match the fund's goals.

Our decision



If we decide to give you money, we will send you an **offer**.



We might not give you the full amount of money you asked for. If we do not, we will explain why in the offer.



If we decide not to give you funding, we will tell you why.

When to apply



You can apply from **16 October 2024**.



You must submit your application by **12:00 midday on 28 October 2024**.



We aim to tell you about our decision by the **middle of December 2024**.

How to get help



If you need help with your application email us at businesssupport@arts.wales before **23 October 2024**.