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# Creative Communities Fund

Money to help voluntary and community groups in Wales

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# About us



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



When we say arts, we mean things like:

- Painting and drawing.
- Music, dance, and theatre.

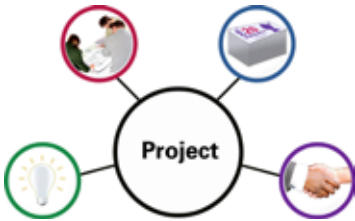


This booklet is about the Creative Communities fund and how to apply.

# About the Creative Communities fund



This fund is for voluntary and community groups in Wales.



The money is for small arts projects.



The money is to support arts activities.



We want to support places that don't usually get much funding for the arts.



Projects should focus on getting people involved.



We care more about people taking part than the result.



# Who can apply



Organisations can apply.



Please check our list of who can apply:  
[arts.wales/eligibility-organisations](https://arts.wales/eligibility-organisations)



## We will give funding to:

- Voluntary and community groups in Wales.
- With priority to groups that have not had funding from us before.



## Some organisations cannot apply:

- Companies that make a profit for shareholders. These are called Company Limited by Shares.
- Organisations not based in Wales.

# What funding can be used for



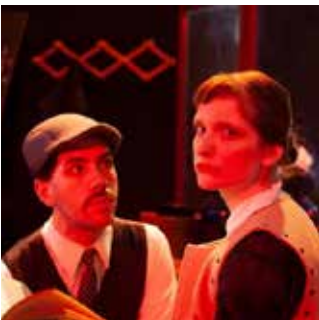
You can apply for **small arts projects**.



Projects must be in [artforms we support](#).



Projects should give people a chance to join in and enjoy creative activities.



It should be for both new and current audiences.





Projects should show the different languages, cultures, and communities of Wales.



Your project must happen in your community in Wales.



We want projects that involve the community in their planning.



Your project should add to and improve your usual activities.



It should not be part of your usual work.



You must have an artist or arts group to help run the project.



They must have a good experience of doing similar work.



You need to show proof of their past work. Like website links, articles, or CVs.



Your project must have a clear start and end date.



Make sure you allow enough time to do the work well.



Before starting your project, you must allow enough time. It's good to allow extra time in case we ask for more information.



You need at least 8 weeks between your application and project start date.



Think about things like:

- how much time you need to prepare your application
- and how long it will take us to make a decision.

# Our priorities



Your application should show how your project supports 1 or more of these ideas:



**Creativity:** We want to see different types of creative work that focus on people and communities.



**Including everyone:** We focus on reaching groups that are often left out.



**Welsh language:** We want to help people use more of the Welsh language.



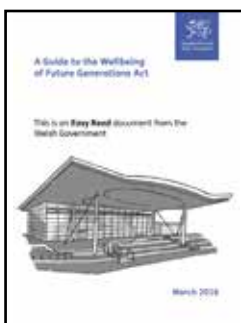
**Climate:** We support projects that encourage people to take action to protect our planet.



**Developing talent:** We want to support people from all backgrounds to build creative careers and skills.



**Change:** We want the arts to grow, take risks and change. For all people and communities in Wales.



All projects must follow the [Wellbeing of Future Generations Act \(Wales\) 2015](#).

# How much you can apply for



You can apply for between £500 and £1,500.



You can ask for the full amount of your project costs.



You can read about what costs you can apply for, including artist fees: [arts.wales/budget-help-notes](https://arts.wales/budget-help-notes)

# When you can apply



There are no set deadlines for the Creative Communities fund.



But you must keep at least 8 working weeks between applying and starting your project.



We cannot fund projects that have already started.



# The application process

## How to apply



You will need to apply on our online portal.



If you have not used this portal before you will need to register.



You can find out about this here: [portal.arts.wales](http://portal.arts.wales)

# Questions you need to answer



## 1. Application form

Make sure you answer all questions clearly.

You can find the application form here:  
[arts.wales/creative-communities](https://arts.wales/creative-communities)



## 2. Financial information

In the form, you must provide your project costs. This will show how much you are asking for, what the grant will be spent on, and how it will help your organisation.

### 3. Partner information



You must include a letter or email from your partner. This is to confirm that they will be working with you. We will need a website link to their work, and their fee.



If something is missing or unclear, we'll contact you. You'll have 5 working days to fix any issues.



If you need help with your form, contact our Grants and Information team.

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You can read more about what happens after you submit your application:  
[arts.wales/application-process](https://arts.wales/application-process)

# How we will assess your application



All applications go through the same careful checking process.

We will look at:



- Your ideas and who will be working with you. We expect you to pay freelance artists fairly.



- How well your project helps us reach our goals.



- How the project will help people who are often left out.



- Organisations you are working with.



- How well you have planned the project.



- How well you have managed the budget to make sure the money is used properly.



- Where the project will take place.



If your application is successful, we will contact you.  
We may not be able to contact everyone to give feedback about our decision.

# After the project



You must give a report at the end of the project.



This report helps us know:

- how your project went
- and how the money was used.



It is also a chance for you to look at:

- what worked well
- and what you might do differently next time.



We want to celebrate the success of funded projects. You can send us any work examples, photos, and videos you have.

# How to get help



You can contact us if you want information in different formats. For example, large print, braille, audio, Easy Read, and British Sign Language.



We can also offer information in other languages.



If you need extra support, you can read more about what we offer: [arts.wales/access-support](https://arts.wales/access-support)

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## Find out more

**You can check the links for more information:**



To help with your ideas, you can read about [Participation and Community Engagement](#).



If your project is mainly about music, [Tŷ Cerdd](#) may have better funding options for you.



If your project is mainly about literature, check [Literature Wales](#) for their funding options.



If you have a question, check the **Frequently Asked Questions** on **page 24**.

# Frequently Asked Questions



## 1. Can we apply to host a performance?

No, this fund is for activities like workshops. For performances, please check the Night Out scheme: [www.nightout.org.uk](http://www.nightout.org.uk)



## 2. Can we apply for funding for our usual activities?

No, this fund is for new or extra activities. Like bringing in a new artist for workshops.



## 3. I'm an artist or arts organisation, can I be a partner on more than 1 project?

Yes, you can be a partner on more than 1 project. We want to see different artists and organisations working with communities across Wales.



#### **4. We don't know who we want to work with yet, can we still apply?**

No, you must name your partner in the application.



#### **5. Do we have to work with an artist or arts organisation from Wales?**

Yes, the artist or organisation must be based in Wales.



#### **6. Can we apply to the fund more than once?**

Yes, if your last project is finished and you have given your final report. But we will first give to groups in Wales that have not had funding before.



## **7. I'm part of a group, but we're not formally set up. Can one of us apply as an individual?**

No, only organisations that meet our rules can apply: [arts.wales/eligibility-organisations](https://arts.wales/eligibility-organisations)

These organisations cannot apply:

- Company Limited by Shares – organisations that make profit.
- Organisations based outside Wales.



## **8. Can we apply to create a mural or art installation?**

Yes, but you must have permission to create the work in the space. You must show who will maintain it.