



Awarding funds from
THE NATIONAL LOTTERY®

Introduction
first time applications

Welcome

This presentation will cover

- who are Arts Council England?
- about **National Lottery Project Grants and Developing Your Creative Practice (DYCP)**
- which fund is for you
- what you can apply for and what you can't apply for
- * What we fund
- Access support
- How to contact us

Arts Council England: a bit about us

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

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



Arts Council England: a bit about us

We want to:

- grow skills and knowledge
- create opportunities for creativity and culture across the country



Arts Council England: a bit about us

‘By 2030, we want England to be a country where everyone’s creativity is valued and given the chance to develop and grow. Where everyone has access to a range of high-quality cultural experiences.’

Our strategy for the next 10 years is called **Let’s Create**, it describes the change we want to see.



Project Grants – the right fund for me?

Developing Your Creative Practice (DYCP)

DYCP is for **you**, an **individual**

at an early to middle stage in your practice...

to **develop** or make major change **right now** to give value to others later

- **£2,000 to £12,000**
- activities of up to **one year**
- up to four deadlines per year
- decisions in up to **10 weeks**

National Lottery Project Grants

Project Grants - for **individuals and organisations**

and projects that benefit others

- **£1,000 to £100,000**
- projects up to **three years**
- apply year round
- Decisions in up to **8 weeks** (or 12 weeks if over £30,000)

What is it?

National Lottery Project Grants is



- our open-access funding programme for **arts, museums and libraries** projects
- our most popular programme - funded by the National Lottery

What is a project?

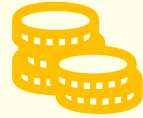


- a **Project** has a **start and end date**, and steps to **achieve** in that time
- allows people to **experience or take part** in artistic work, museum-focused work, or libraries-related activity
- involves one or more of our **supported disciplines**

What does Project Grants support?



- creative and cultural projects for people in England
- projects from **£1,000** to **over £100,000**



- projects lasting up to **three years**



- individuals, organisations, professional companies, and non-professional groups



- projects to directly create and deliver **creative and cultural activity**



- creative and cultural projects with a **longer-term positive impact**

Which disciplines are supported by Project Grants?



Music



Dance



Theatre



Libraries



Museums



Combined Arts

including festivals and carnivals



Visual Arts



Literature

Activities you can apply for



- researching a new project



- making new work



- events

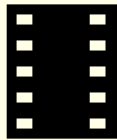


- workshops



- touring work

What can't you apply for?

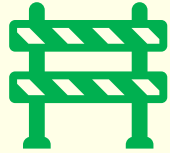


- work that won't reach people in England
- things that have already happened
- school or university courses
- business running costs
- cinema or fashion

**Access
Support:**
before you apply



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



If you have a barrier which means you find it difficult to get advice or apply, we can help you



Get in touch at arts council.org.uk/contact



Read our **Access Support information sheet** arts council.org.uk/ProjectGrants

How much you can apply for

£30,000 or less

decision usually in 8 weeks

£30,001 - £100,000

decision usually in 12 weeks

touring - over £30,000

expression of interest before application form
decision usually in 12 weeks

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Supporting Grassroots Music

#letscreate

Having fun at National Maritime Museum Cornwall
Photo © Toby Weller

Time limited priorities

- applications with a specific area of focus
- listed on our website
- have their own information sheets
- apply through Project Grants

For up-to-date information:

[www.artscouncil.org.uk/Project Grants](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/ProjectGrants)

What is grassroots music?

Spaces and places where:

- new and emerging artists perform
- careers in music are started
- new audiences are developed
- communities of fans and music lovers are built

Supporting Grassroots Music – key information

- Awards between £1,000 - £40,000
- Projects lasting up to three years
- Benefits people and communities in England
- Supports organisations working in the grassroots music sector
- Available to venues for live and electronic music, promoters, festivals, recording studios & rehearsal studios
- Genre agnostic

Supporting Grassroots Music - Types of project

- We are interested in projects that:
 - Bring new live and electronic music to the public
 - Support the development of talent
 - Help people start careers in music
 - Improve access to a range of musical experiences
 - Support new work and new approaches to developing new audiences
 - Make organisations more sustainable (including capital/building projects)

What can't you apply for?



- international activity



- work that won't reach people in England



- things that have already happened



- individual bands, artists, agents etc



- business running costs

**Baby Rock Sampler,
Manchester – received
£15,000**



Nottingham Community Artist Network – received £37,193

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What's Mentioned...

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- arts council
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Case Study

Piece of Cake productions

AS PART OF THE LIVE AT THE
BANDSTAND SUMMER SEASON.

ALONG THE COAST

MUSIC . FOOD . COMMUNITY

**A DAY CELEBRATING
PORTSMOUTH'S GLOBAL
MAJORITY MUSIC ARTISTS
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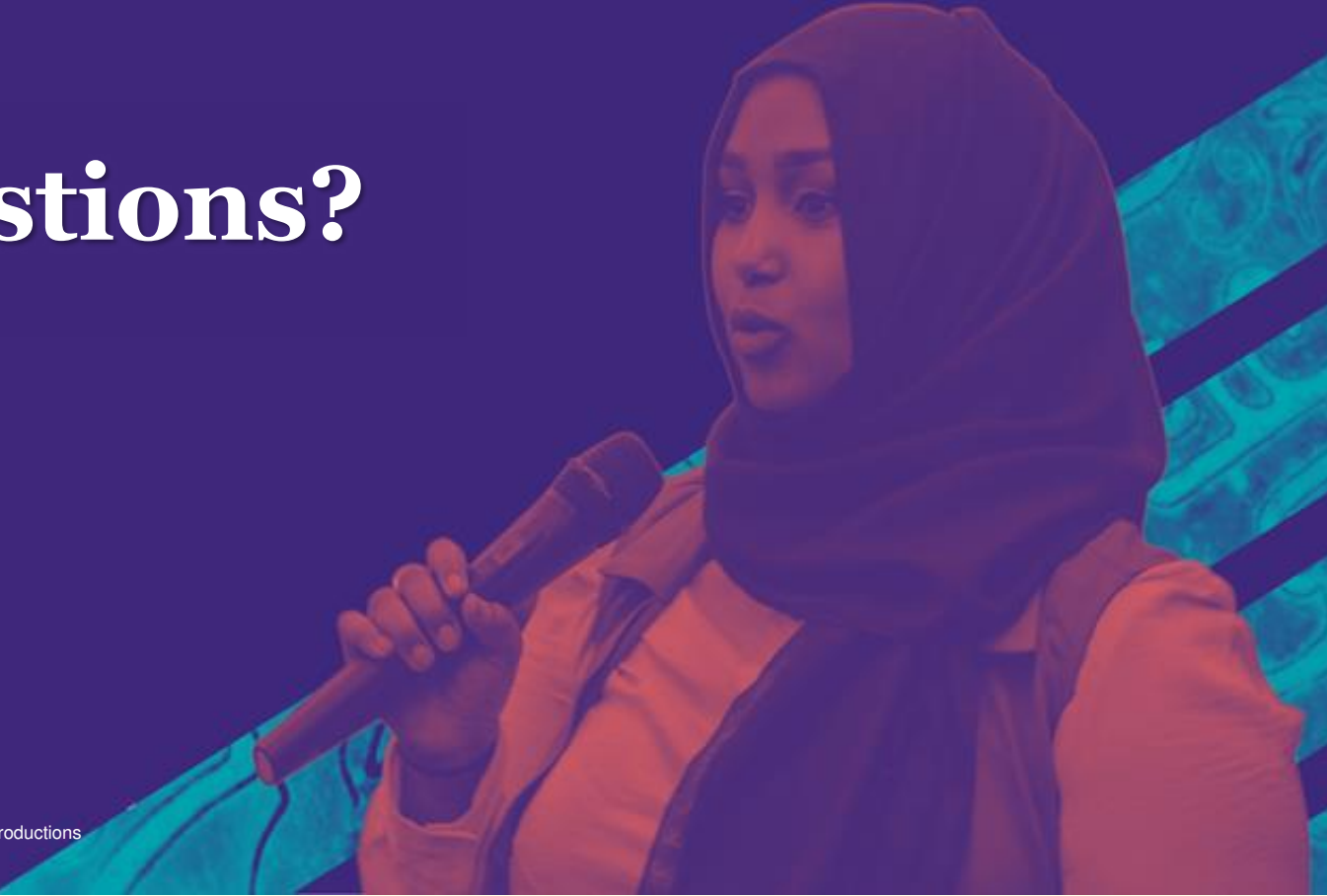
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www.artscouncil.org.uk/our-organisation/contact-customer-services



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