

Arts Funding Update: May 2019

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ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND'S CAPITAL SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME
Deadline:
The deadline to apply is the 14 th May 2019.
Details:
Arts and cultural organisations can apply for capital grants of £100,000-£499,999 to improve their buildings and equipment as well as their capacity to engage with digital audiences. The funding is available to properly constituted arts and/or cultural organisations based in England. The types of activities that can be funded include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Buying assets such as furniture, equipment, musical instruments and vehicles, where these will support the delivery of arts activity.• Improving existing arts facilities to enhance access to and enjoyment of arts and culture by disabled people and those with special educational needs.• Building work to improve an existing arts and cultural building, provided all relevant statutory approvals (e.g. full planning permission, listed building consent, outline planning permission with full reserved matters resolved, etc.) have been applied for at the time of application.• Purchasing a freehold interest or a finance lease for their existing premises.• Installing new technologies, upgrading buildings to deliver increased production/broadcast capacity.• Buying digital and broadcast equipment such as cables, cameras or screens.• Purchasing or developing box office, ticketing, sales and customer relationship management systems where the assets will benefit the widest possible range of partner organisations and support shared approaches to building larger audiences for arts and culture.• Environmental sustainability costs including installing or retrofitting sustainable technologies or upgrading existing building fabric to enhance thermal performance.• Professional fees associated with capital spending on the project.
How to apply:
https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/capital-small-grants#section-1

ARTS COUNCIL DEVELOPING YOUR CREATIVE PRACTICE PROGRAMME
Deadline:
The closing date for applications will be 12 pm on the 16 th May 2019.
Details:
Arts Council is looking for exciting, ambitious proposals that allow applicants to take that important next step in the way they make their work. Applicants are encouraged to consider their long-term needs and proposals can cover creative research and development or building skills through international exchange. Examples might include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creative media and the wider creative industries e.g. film or audio, design or gaming;• Technology, including digital technology e.g. virtual reality or live-streaming;• Other non-arts organisations/settings e.g. residential-care providers, or a science organisation;• Other non-arts cultural forms/sectors e.g. health/wellbeing, social inclusion, heritage or sport.
This fund is only open to individuals over the age of 18 who: are living/working in England; have 3 years' creative practice experience outside a formal education context & are working in Arts Councils supported disciplines i.e. will be dancers, choreographers, writers, translators, producers, publishers, editors, musicians, conductors, composers, actors, directors, designers, artists, craft makers and curators. Awards of £2,000-£10,000 and project activities can last up to 1 year.
How to apply:
https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/DYCP

THE DO IT DIFFERENTLY FUND
Deadline:
The application deadline is Friday 17 th May 2019.
Details:
The Do it Differently Fund is designed to help independent, entrepreneurial music creators to build their career. Grants are offered under the following 2 strands: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recording & Releasing; • Touring & Live Development. <p>Grants of £500-£3,000 can cover professional development opportunities and creative projects at a crucial point in the artists career. Successful applicants will also be able to access a suite of wellbeing and development services worth up to £2,000, including business development sessions, education around “healthy” touring practices, online CBT and wellbeing tools, specialist hearing assessment, bespoke hearing protection and short-term treatment of performance related conditions. The fund is open to emerging and professional musicians of all genres and disciplines, with a focus on independent music creators who can evidence self-sufficiency in one or more aspects of their career (e.g. self-managing, self-releasing, self-producing). Applicants can be a solo artist, composer, group member, songwriter, producer or a multidisciplinary artist. Bands or ensembles of up to 6 members can also apply. Applicants must be aged over 18, based primarily in the UK and be eligible to work here and been a resident in the UK for at least 3 consecutive years and also have an active career & track record.</p>
How to apply:
https://www.helpmusicians.org.uk/creative-programme/current-opportunities/do-it-differently-fund

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND ELEVATE PROGRAMME
Deadline:
The deadline for Expressions of Interest is 12pm on 23 rd May 2019.
Details:
In the second round of the Elevate programme Arts Council England is investing £3m of National Lottery funding into improving the resilience of Disability led and Black and minority ethnic led organisations with the aim of addressing their continued under-representation in the National Portfolio. The central aim of the programme and the funding is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen resilience of diverse led organisations not in receipt of National Portfolio funding • Increase both the number and quality of applications to future National Portfolio and strategic funding programmes from diverse led organisations – in particular Disability led and Black and minority ethnic led organisations • Support organisations to broker partnerships with other arts and cultural organisations to advance their creative mission • Encourage a culture of collaborative working and partnership development that strengthens resilience through developing new sources of contributed and earned income. <p>Grants of £75,000-£100,000 are awarded. At least 10% of the total cost of the activity must come from sources other than the Arts Council, of which at least half must be cash match funding. The Elevate fund will support organisational development and resilience-focused activities, for example, new staff posts or the extension of current part-time and/or fixed-term posts; training and development for staff and board members; investment in activity which aims to diversify and increase levels of contributed and earned income; consultancy and business development support; partnership development with other arts and cultural organisations and across the creative industries; investing in or developing new digital infrastructures to strengthen resilience. Arts organisations, accredited museums, museum support organisations and libraries not in receipt of National Portfolio funding during 2018-22 this can include: Limited companies; CICs; CIOs; charities or trusts; limited liability partnerships; partnerships established under a deed of partnership; industrial and provident societies or community benefit societies.</p>
How to apply:
https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding-finder/elevate

HELP MUSICIANS UK
Deadline:
The closing date for this round is 9am on the 10 th June 2019.
Details:
<p>Help Musicians UK is looking for exciting collaborations that create work across art forms, creative sectors and other disciplines. Applications to the Fusion Fund must be music-focused and projects should include contributions from at least one non-music discipline for example storytellers, lighting designers, choreographers, technologists, scientists, gaming designers, theatre directors, visual artists etc. Applications that consider unusual and extraordinary spaces to show work to new audiences are also of interest. There should be tangible results of the collaboration, such as a body of work created for an upcoming recording or a new performance. Overall, the project should push the boundaries of what the artist does as a music creator or performer, exploring or testing something that they are not currently able to achieve without support. Grants of £2,000-£5,000 can cover reasonable costs associated with the project including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue and rehearsal space costs; • Recording costs (live or documentation); • Travel, Subsistence, Accommodation costs and Access costs; • Fees for musicians, artists or collaborators time to allow for the project to happen. <p>The fund is open to professional & emerging professional musicians of all genres & disciplines with an active career including: Solo instrumentalists, conductors, composers, vocalists, singer songwriters, multidisciplinary artists. Bands or ensembles with 6 members or less can also apply.</p>
How to apply:
https://www.helpmusicians.org.uk/creative-programme/current-opportunities/fusion-fund

WOMEN MAKE MUSIC GRANTS PROGRAMME
Deadline:
The deadline to apply is the 10 th June 2019.
Details:
<p>Women songwriters and composers of all genres and backgrounds can apply for the next round of the Women Make Music programme. The programme supports the development of outstanding women songwriters and composers at different stages of their career. It aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break down assumptions and stereotypes; • Raise awareness of the gender gap; • Increase the profile of women who are creating new music in the UK; • Encourage women who may otherwise not have applied for PRS for Music Foundation funding. <p>Grants of up to £5,000 are available to support touring, recording, promotion and marketing, community projects involving high-quality music creators, music creator residencies and live performances featuring new UK music.</p>
How to apply:
http://www.prsformusicfoundation.com/funding/women-make-music-2/

THE OPEN FUND FOR MUSIC CREATORS
Deadline:
The closing date for applications is 6pm on the 10 th June 2019.
Details:
<p>Songwriters, composers, artists, bands, producers & performers who are writing their own music or commissioning other songwriters or composers can apply for grants of up to £5,000 to support the: Creation, performance and promotion of outstanding new music in any genre; Enable the UK's most talented music creators to realise their potential; or Reaching new audiences. The funding is being made available through the Open Fund for Music Creators and can support activities such as: Touring; music creator residencies; promotion & marketing; commissions of new music by UK-based creators; exciting community projects involving high-quality music creators; Recording; live performances featuring new UK music.</p>
How to apply:
https://prsfoundation.com/funding-support/funding-music-creators/all-career-levels/the-open-fund-for-music-creators/

THE HELP MUSICIANS UK TRANSMISSION FUND
Deadline:
The next closing date is the 8 th July 2019.
Details:
Emerging and professional musicians of all genres and disciplines can apply for grants of £500-£1500 to help them access opportunities that will allow them to focus on developing their artistic and professional development at a crucial point in their career. The funding is designed to help emerging and professional musicians of all genres and disciplines to build their careers by supporting the costs of formal and time limited training and mentoring opportunities. Eligible artists may for example be a solo instrumentalist, composer, vocalist, singer songwriter or a multidisciplinary artist. Bands or ensembles with 6 members or less can also be supported. All artists supported must have an active career and be able to demonstrate the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exceptional ability within their discipline; • High quality musical output; • Regularly working (performances, commissions, releases) at a professional level (getting paid for your work); • Achievement or the potential to achieve a national or international impact; • An impressive track record; • An entrepreneurial spirit and dedication toward their career. <p>Group applicants must have 50% of their members meeting the criteria shown above and have been established and playing together regularly for at least 1 year. Grants of £500-£1500 are available and can support opportunities such as short courses, workshops, training and time limited periods of coaching with an expert in the artists chosen field both in the UK or internationally. Travel, accommodation and access costs can also be funded.</p>
How to apply:
https://www.helpmusicians.org.uk/creative-programme/current-opportunities/transmission-fund

THE MARSH CHRISTIAN TRUST
Deadline:
Applications can be submitted at any time.
Details:
The Marsh Christian Trust focuses on providing funding which could help small organisations pay for various running costs, such as volunteer expenses, training days, equipment maintenance and other core outgoings. The Trust aims to build long-standing relationships with successful applicants and, subject to an annual review, continue its support over time. Applicants must be a registered charity with the Charity Commission for England. This does not include Community Interest Companies (CICs). Charities will be working in the areas of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literature, arts and heritage; • Environmental causes and animal welfare; • Social welfare and Healthcare; • Education and training. <p>Charities must have been established for more than one financial year and able to provide a full set of their most recent Annual Report and Accounts, or the equivalent financial information if their annual income is under £25,000. Grants are unrestricted and range from £300-£1,500 with new applications at the lower end of this scale. Applications are considered on the basis of the organisation's financial position, performance against charitable aims and objectives and the ratio of voluntary income against fundraising expenses.</p>
How to apply:
https://www.marshchristiantrust.org/grants/