Introduction
first time applications

Welcome

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This presentation will cover

- Who are Arts Council England?

- About **National Lottery Project Grants [and Touring Grants]**

- What you can & can't apply for

- Project Grants and our strategy, Let's Create

- How to apply on Grantium

- The application form and processes

- Contact us

- Any Questions?

Arts Council England:
a bit about us

We want to:

- grow skills and knowledge

- create opportunities for creativity and culture across the country

Circus skills workshops at the Roundhouse.
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What is it?

National Lottery Project Grants (NLPG) 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

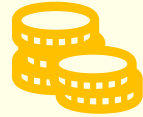- involves one or more of our **supported disciplines**

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
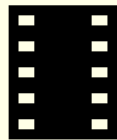- projects to directly create and deliver **creative and cultural activity**
- creative and cultural projects with a **longer-term positive impact**

What Project Grants doesn't support

- work that won't impact people in England

- things that have already happened

- school or university courses

- business running costs

- cinema or fashion

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/Testing new ideas

- Making new work

- Events/performances/gigs

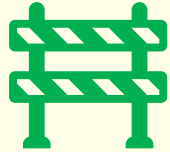- Workshops/Participation Activity

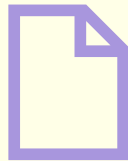- Touring work

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 artscouncil.org.uk/contact

Read our **Access Support information sheet:** artscouncil.org.uk/access-support

How much you can apply for

NLPG £30,000 or less

decision usually in 8 weeks

NLPG £30,001 - £100,000

decision usually in 12 weeks

Touring - over £30,000 - £100,000+

Expression of Interest before application form
decision usually in 16-22 weeks

NLPG (Major Projects) £100,000+

Expression of Interest before application form
decision usually in 20-24 weeks

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:

artscouncil.org.uk/Time Limited Priorities

Having fun at National Maritime Museum Cornwall
Photo © Toby Weller / National Maritime Museum Cornwall

Our Strategy

Let's Create is built around three outcomes

| Creative People | Cultural Communities | Creative and Cultural Country |

four **Investment Principles**:

| Inclusivity and Relevance | Ambition and Quality |

| Dynamism | Environmental Responsibility |

Our Priorities for Project Grants

People

- Data tells us if people are underrepresented in NLPG funding
- Black, Asian and ethnically diverse people and disabled people are underrepresented as recipients and beneficiaries of National Lottery Project Grants funding.

Places

- Data tell us if places are underrepresented in receiving NLPG funding directly or hosting funded activity – or both.
- We've identified **Priority Places** where our funding hasn't had an impact.

Time limited priorities

- Sometimes specific types of applications help us make the difference we want to make through Project Grants.
- Current time limited priorities are listed on our website.

How to apply

Grantium

Step 1 - Create a user account

Step 2 - Create your applicant profile

Wait while we validate your account
(can be up to 10 days)

Step 3 - Take the eligibility questionnaire for the specific grant program you're interested in

Step 4 - Start your application

artscouncil.org.uk/grantium-support

The application form

1. **Your project**
   At a glance
   In more detail

2. **People and communities**
   Who will experience it
   Where it is happening

3. **Your planning**
   Project timeline
   Who you are working with
   Budget – access, fair pay, income, match funding, expenditure
   Risks and challenges

4. **About you/your organisation**

Do you need match funding (~10%)?
Yes, where possible:

if you can't find match funding
…please **tell us** about your attempts in your application

Criteria (1): How your project will help to make a difference

When we look at how your project will help to make a difference, we'll consider:

The Project	People and communities
Is there a clear creative/ cultural idea?	Are the people you're planning to reach involved in the design and planning of the project?
Does the project show ambition?	
Are there clear plans to reflect on progress?	Does the project team reflect the communities you want to reach?
Do you know the difference you want to make? Can you use data to support the need for your project?	Are people likely to be able to fully access the project, and feel included?

Criteria (2):
How likely your project is to achieve what you want it to

Partnerships	Are there appropriate partnerships in place to deliver the activity?
Budget and match funding	Is the budget appropriate for the project? Is the level of match appropriate for the project?
Risks and challenges	Has risk been appropriately considered?
Planning	Is the project realistic and well planned?
Investment Principles (for higher value applications)	Have the Investment Principles been used to support the development of the project?

Advice

Project Grants **website:**

artscouncil.org.uk/ProjectGrants

Customer Services

enquiries@artscouncil.org.uk

Relationship Managers

Any questions?

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