

Terms and Conditions

Arts & Cultural Development Match Funding Grant

Application process and criteria

Thank you for your interest in applying for the Arts & Cultural Development Match Funding Grant. This funding is used strategically to offer match funding for applications with the potential to bring additional investment to the town. These might be, but are not restricted to, Arts Council National Lottery Project Grants, National Lottery Heritage Fund and trusts and foundations. The main application must be to an organisation that is based outside of the Borough of Hastings, so that the leverage is bringing new funding into the town.

Funding Criteria

The funding is restricted to arts and cultural projects taking place solely or principally in the Borough of Hastings. Projects must contribute to one or more of the priorities from the Hastings Culture-Led Regeneration Strategy 2016-21:

1. Encourage community cohesion and social engagement through accessible and diverse cultural activity.
2. Ensure high quality cultural opportunities within formal and informal education are available to all.
3. Grow the creative economy, supporting creative and cultural businesses and practitioners to develop and become more sustainable, and attracting new investment.
4. Develop and promote a refreshed identity for Hastings which brings contemporary culture and heritage together in a coherent and marketable brand.
5. Support and develop a high quality year round cultural programme.
6. Support and enable the preservation, development and use of our cultural assets.

In addition to this, applications are expected to be public facing or contain a significant amount of public or community engagement. This is not a general grant making scheme and can only be used as match funding for applications that have not yet been submitted. We cannot offer funding retrospectively.

What you can apply for

Up to £1000 can be offered per application depending on the scale of the project. Applicants are welcome to make multiple applications to the fund but are unlikely to receive funding for more than one project in the same financial year.

The leverage ratio of any amount applied for from Hastings Borough Council should be at least 10:1. This means applications must “lever in” more than ten times the amount applied for from Hastings Borough Council. If the external funding is not secured and the project still goes ahead, in very exceptional cases we may still support you providing there is a compelling case about the additional benefit your project brings to the borough.

The amount applied for from Hastings Borough Council should always be clearly listed in the proposed budget in the application to the external funder.

When to apply

Hastings Arts & Cultural Development Match Funding is a rolling programme with a limited amount available over the course of the financial year. Applicants should be aware that the programme may run out of funds before the end of the financial year.

Funding is awarded on a “first come first serve” basis measured first on the date the application is formally received by email, and secondly on the date Hastings Borough Council is formally informed that the supported bid is successful.

We will aim to give you a response and, if successful, an in-principle offer of match funding within four weeks of receipt of an application. If you submit your main application before receiving our decision, then funding should be recorded as ‘unconfirmed’.

Payment

Successful applications will have the funding awarded in two parts: the first will be released on confirmation that the main bid for which it acts as leverage has been successful and will be an amount of 90% of the funding applied for. The second part – 10% of the awarded amount - will be released upon receipt at the completion of the project by Hastings Borough Council of:

1. A full report on the completed project included photographic or filmed records and audience feedback and evaluation.
2. Full balanced accounts of all expenditure and income for the project.
3. Numbers of audiences and any available breakdown of those audiences in social, diverse or geographic terms.
4. Numbers of members of the public who actively participated in the project through workshops or by other means.
5. Numbers of artists or creative professionals who were engaged in the delivery of the project.

Projects we do not fund

- Political and religious events and projects, excluding arts and cultural events that promote religious or racial harmony, or equality and diversity
- Political projects to raise funding for charitable purposes
- Projects principally for individual or professional development.

How to apply

To make an application to Hastings Arts and Cultural Development Match Funding, applicants must send an email with a copy of the major funder application to Hastings Borough Council at culture@hastings.gov.uk stating clearly how much they are applying for from Hastings Borough Council and the proposed dates of the duration of the project.