

CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL



# GUIDANCE AND CRITERIA

## ARTS DEVELOPMENT GRANTS



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## I. Introduction

The Arts Development Grant scheme is intended to help community and voluntary groups within Charnwood that further the Council's aims and that actively assist the community to enjoy a better quality of life.

### **Arts and Public Art Strategy – Aims and Objectives**

#### **To develop and strengthen the arts infrastructure, networks and partnerships**

1. We will develop a cohesive framework of arts organisations, agencies and groups across the Borough.
2. We will attract, foster and retain skilled artists, arts managers, and other creative practitioners.

#### **To encourage and support enjoyment, participation and equal access to the arts and promote cultural diversity**

3. We will actively encourage the participation of current and non-users and hard to reach groups in arts activities and events.
4. We will initiate and promote arts programmes activities and events to non-arts venues and places.

#### **To celebrate community, promote cohesion and contribute to the regeneration of the area, encouraging a positive image of the Borough through the arts.**

5. We will increase opportunities for the celebration of creativity and community in Charnwood
6. We will maximise and regenerate the use of existing facilities and resources, improve the environment, cultivate a sense of place and project a positive image of Charnwood

#### **To utilise the arts as a vehicle for the enhancement of the education, lifelong learning and healthy living of children, young and older people.**

7. We will increase the range and quality of opportunities for children and young and older people to be creative and enjoy the arts.
8. We will foster a healthy living approach using the arts to raise awareness and transform lives.

#### **This guidance includes:**

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## **Please Read these Notes Carefully**

These notes are to help you understand the process of applying for an Arts Development Grant and for you to decide whether you are eligible to apply. If your project is not eligible the Council's Arts Officer may be able to offer advice about other sources of funding.

## **1. How to Apply**

Complete the application form in as much detail as possible and return it using the contact details on the front page of these guidance notes.

## **2. When to Apply**

You are advised to make an application as soon as possible, and at least two months before your project starts. There is no closing date, applications will be accepted throughout the year and considered at the first Grants Panel once assessments are completed. Please note that grants cannot be awarded in retrospect.

## **3. Payment of Grants**

Grants are normally issued on completion of the project on production of relevant invoices. In cases where a retrospective payment would cause severe financial difficulties it may be possible to arrange payment prior to the event, or periodic payments.

## **4. What will be Funded?**

The Arts Development Grant Scheme aims to provide funding and support for projects which encompass all areas of the arts. We have particular interest in supporting projects that meet the stated aims and objectives of Charnwood Borough Councils Arts and Public Arts Strategy (see page 2). Grants are awarded on average £500 however other amounts will be considered if the project warrants it.

## **5. Conditions of Funding**

**The following will apply to all applications:**

- Grants will be made to groups and organisations rather than individuals.
- Grants are primarily for new initiatives, projects, or activities above and beyond the organisation's normal activity.
- Grants will not be made to cover the normal running costs of an organisation, but grants can be used to fund distinct projects and their related costs.
- The project must benefit people who live within the boundaries of the Borough of Charnwood.
- The proposed project must not be profit making.
- No event or activity which has been funded by the Arts Development Grant Scheme shall exclude anyone on the grounds of race, colour, creed, sexual, political or religious persuasion, in line with Charnwood Borough Council's Equal Opportunities Policy.

- If a grant is issued to a religious organisation for the development of an arts project, then it must be clearly stated on all publicity material that the event is open to people of all faiths.
- Grants for arts projects which take place in school premises, as part of core curriculum activity, will be only be considered in exceptional circumstances.
- Generally, only events which are open to the public will be funded.
- Each application will be considered on its own merit, and with regard to the current priority areas.
- The Council retains the right to refuse any grant for any particular purpose.
- All publicity material for the event must carry the Charnwood Borough Council logo, which will be provided.
- All groups who receive an Arts Development Grant will be expected to complete a report on the outcomes and success of the project, within one month of its completion.
- It should not be assumed that a successful application in one year will automatically guarantee funding for successive years.

## 6. Other Sources of Funding

- Charnwood Borough Council, Charnwood Grants  
Contact – [www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/charnwoodgrants](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/charnwoodgrants) or email [grants@charnwood.gov.uk](mailto:grants@charnwood.gov.uk) or telephone 01509 634710.
- Arts Council – Do not fund curriculum led projects. Grants range from small to large sums, dependant on the project.  
Contact – [www.artscouncil.org.uk](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk) or email [enquiries@artscouncil.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@artscouncil.org.uk) or telephone 0845 300 6200.
- Awards For All – Art, Sport, Heritage and Community activities. A lottery grant scheme aimed at local communities. Awards range from £300 - £10,000  
Contact – [www.awardsforall.org.uk](http://www.awardsforall.org.uk) or for existing applications telephone 0115 934 9304, for new applications telephone 0845 410 2030 or write to Ground Floor, St Nicholas Court, 25-27 Castle Gate, Nottingham. NG1 7AR.
- East Midlands Airport - Application forms for the Community Fund can be obtained from: The Nottingham East Midlands Airport, Community Fund Secretary, Building 34, Nottingham East Midlands Airport, Castle Donington, Derby, East Midlands, DE74 2SA.  
Contact – [www.eastmidlandsairport.com/emaweb.nsf/Content/Community](http://www.eastmidlandsairport.com/emaweb.nsf/Content/Community).
- Esmee Fairburn Foundation – Arts and Heritage, Supporting Artists, Visual Arts until 2008, Performing arts until 2008 awards are considered if they exceed £100,000.  
Contact – [info@esmeefairbairn.org.uk](mailto:info@esmeefairbairn.org.uk) or [www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk](http://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk) or telephone 0207 297 4719.

- Shire Grants – Pots range from Village Halls, Small grants, Historic Buildings, Arts Development, Community Safety, Independent Museums, Environmental Improvement, Voluntary Youth Organisations, Sport and Recreational Facilities, Individuals and Sports Governing Bodies.  
Contact – [www.leics.gov.uk/shire](http://www.leics.gov.uk/shire) or email [shiregrants@leics.gov.uk](mailto:shiregrants@leics.gov.uk)  
Arts Grants – telephone 0116 305 4115.
- Youth Music (National Foundation for Youth Music) – Grants between £1,000 and £20,000 to work with children and young people between the ages of 5 and 18 over a period of 3 to 18 months.
- For general information about lottery funding contact [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk) or telephone Big Advice Line on 0845 410 2030.
- The Joanies Trust (UK) – Grants to the arts for community based arts events, charities wishing to take arts to rural areas, and those using art forms for therapeutic properties. Grants awarded will not exceed £3,000 with most averaging £1,000.  
Contact – [www.joaniestrust.org.uk](http://www.joaniestrust.org.uk) or telephone 01531 633345.