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# Introduction to Arts Council England

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## 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.’



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# Arts Council England:

What can you  
apply for

**Combined  
arts**

(including  
festivals and  
carnivals)

**Dance**

**Libraries**

**Literature**

**Museums**

**Music**

**Theatre**

**Visual  
arts**

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## Our strategy, Let's Create

**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**

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## Main funding opportunities

\*Access support available

### National Lottery Project Grants

- Grants of £1,000 to over £100,000
- Open access, rolling programme
- 2 strands: Under £30,000 & Over £30,000
- Projects for up to three years
  
- Touring strand
- Time limited priorities
- Match funding



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### Developing Your Creative Practice

- Grant of £2,000 - £12,000
- Focused on supporting individual creative development
- 4 rounds a year
- **Round 17**
  - opens 28 March 2023
  - deadline 27 April 2023 midday



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## Recent changes to DYCP

We will now provide unsuccessful applicants with a **reason** to help with development

From March, applicants who have made either 2 unsuccessful applications or 1 successful application since **17 April 2019** will not be eligible for round 17

From July we will publish the number of applications we received and number that have been successful in each are and artform/discipline

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# DYCP or National Lottery Project Grants?

## Developing your Creative Practice

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Only open to individuals

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You are at an early to mid-point stage in your practice and you need support to make a major change or carry out a period of focused development work

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The immediate beneficiary is you, and people will be able to engage with your work at a later date as a result of your grant

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Grants of £2,000 to £12,000

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For activities up to one year in length

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There are up to four deadlines per year

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Decisions on applications usually take up to 10 weeks from the relevant deadline

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There are some restrictions on applying – see the 'When You Can Apply' [section](#) of this guidance

## Arts Council National Lottery Project Grants

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Open to individuals and organisations

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For individuals, arts and cultural organisations, and other people and organisations who use the arts and creativity and culture in their work.

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The main beneficiaries are usually the people engaging with the project

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Grants of £1,000 to £100,000

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For projects up to three years in length

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You can apply at any time. There are no deadlines

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Decisions on applications for £30,000 or less take eight weeks. Decisions on applications for over £30,000 take 12 weeks.

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You can apply at any time (unless you are waiting for a decision on a previous application)

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## Advice



Project Grants pages of our **website**:

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



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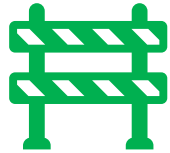
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**Access  
Support:**  
before you apply



We want to make Project Grants & DYCP 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](https://arts council.org.uk/contact)



Read our **Access Support information sheet** [arts council.org.uk/NLPGInfoSheets](https://arts council.org.uk/NLPGInfoSheets)

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# Any questions?

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