

## FUNDING SOURCES – GENERAL CREATIVE

This factsheet aims to highlight key sources of funding available to support any self-employed person or business working in the creative industries in Scotland. The funds listed include those to support professional development, business start-up, as well as activities such as skills training.

Sources of funding available to those working across the general business sector can be found within our 'Funding Sources – General Business' factsheet. Funding sources specific to your art form are listed separately; see factsheet 'Funding Sources – Literature', for example.

### Funding Directories

We do not intend to replicate the content of already existing and comprehensive funding databases, and suggest you consult those for broader insight into the fundraising landscape. These are directories we regularly signpost to:

#### Free Access

- **Artquest** – list of funding sources available for 'Creative Business', 'Research and Development', 'International Funding' and 'Funding to Train' across art form: [www.artquest.org.uk/money](http://www.artquest.org.uk/money) (click 'Funding')
- **Culture.Info** – directory of UK and International awards, foundations, competitions and sponsorship for 'Heritage', 'Media', 'Performing', 'Visual' and 'Words': [funding.culture.info](http://funding.culture.info). Search by UK and EU deadlines for funding schemes: [deadline.culture.info](http://deadline.culture.info)
- **LabforCulture** – directory of UK and EU foundations, mobility schemes, grants, bursaries, corporate sponsorship, alternative sources of support and philanthropy: [www.labforculture.org](http://www.labforculture.org) (click 'Funding')
- **NYFA Interactive** – directory of grants and resources for international artists: [www.nyfa.org](http://www.nyfa.org) (click 'For Artists' > 'NYFA Source...')
- **Scottish Arts Council** – brief list of trusts and grants, particularly for postgraduate study, available upon request from the Helpdesk. Email contact details and what you are specifically looking for funding for to: [help.desk@scottisharts.org.uk](mailto:help.desk@scottisharts.org.uk) or call 0845 603 6000. Also view list of UK / International Funding Sources for the Arts: [www.scottisharts.org.uk](http://www.scottisharts.org.uk) (go to 'Information' > 'Publications' > 'International' > International Funding Sources for the Arts)
- **Skillset** – directory of public and private funding available for professional training and development projects in the creative industries in Scotland: <http://www.skillset.org/training>
- **Voluntary Arts Network** – extensive list of trusts, foundations and public funders for the voluntary sector: [www.voluntaryarts.org](http://www.voluntaryarts.org) (click 'Funding')

## Public Funding

The following links are a selection of the types of funds you can access nationally and regionally to support your business or project:

### National

- **Arts & Humanities Research Council (AHRC)** – research grants and fellowships available for all post-doctoral researchers in arts and humanities disciplines but only for research that is practice-led or applied in its approach: [www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities](http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities)
- **BBC Performing Arts Fund** – helps aspiring music-makers and performers looking for a way to get ahead who for reasons of lack of existing opportunity, personal background or circumstance, would not have been able to achieve their most ambitious goals, or their talent's greatest potential without the Fund's support or intervention: [www.bbc.co.uk/performingartsfund](http://www.bbc.co.uk/performingartsfund)
- **National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (NESTA)** – Venture and Capital funds available for innovative start-ups that match the strict arts / technology criteria: [www.nesta.org.uk/investments](http://www.nesta.org.uk/investments)
- **Scottish Arts Council** – the principal channel of public funding for the arts in Scotland and main source of creative professional development funding for individuals and organisations: [www.scottisharts.org.uk](http://www.scottisharts.org.uk) (click 'Funding').

### Regional

Grant provision differs considerably per region therefore it is essential that you check directly with your own local authority for details of actual schemes provided:

- **Aberdeenshire Arts** – 'Arts in the Community Grant Scheme' funded by Aberdeenshire Council to help groups undertake challenging new work, especially that which encourages art made by and for the local community, involving multimedia collaborations: [www.aberdeenshirearts.org.uk](http://www.aberdeenshirearts.org.uk) (click 'Funding' > 'Arts in the Community')
- **Culture & Sport Glasgow** – Arts Development Cultural Grant Schemes 2009/2010 for professional organisations and projects developing arts activity for the benefit of the citizens of Glasgow: [www.glasgow.gov.uk](http://www.glasgow.gov.uk) (click 'Residents' > 'Arts Development' > 'Cultural Grants') or [www.csghlasgow.org](http://www.csghlasgow.org) (click 'Services' > 'Arts Development' > 'Cultural Grants')
- **Dundee City Council** – 'Grant Aid' for the Leisure & Communities Department, including Voluntary Organisation Training Funds, Youth Arts Grant Fund etc: [www.dundee.gov.uk/leisurecomms/grantaid/](http://www.dundee.gov.uk/leisurecomms/grantaid/)
- **Orkney Island Council** – 'Arts Grants' available to individuals, arts organisations, festivals (and crafts businesses): [www.orkney.gov.uk](http://www.orkney.gov.uk) (click 'Service Directory > 'Community life and leisure' > 'Arts Development')
- **Shetland Arts Trust** – 'Capital Grants to Voluntary Organisations' undertaking capital projects including arts facilities: [www.shetland.gov.uk/community](http://www.shetland.gov.uk/community) (click 'Grant Aid')
- **Western Isles Council** – 'Arts Grants' and 'Arts Capital Grants' for development of arts by not for profit, fully constituted groups based in the Western Isles: <http://www.w-isles.gov.uk/artsandculture/funding.asp>

## Fundraising, Foundations and Trusts

Routes to finance for not-for-profit individuals and organisations essentially:

- **Arts & Business Scotland (& UK)** – ‘New Arts Sponsorship Grants 2009/2010’ outlines new government spend for arts & business sponsorship:  
<http://www.aandb.org.uk/Scotland/Arts-services/New%20Arts%20Sponsorship.aspx>
- **Clore Duffield Foundation** – ‘Main Grants Programme’ funds for registered charities or companies limited by guarantee towards innovative projects, but also practical, straightforward proposals that will make a difference to an organisation or a particular group of people: [www.cloreduffield.org.uk](http://www.cloreduffield.org.uk)
- **Dewar Art Awards** – awards for exceptionally talented artists up to the age of 30 towards fulfilling their potential in any branch of the arts:  
[www.dewarawards.org](http://www.dewarawards.org)
- **Esmée Fairbairn Foundation** – one of the largest independent grant-making foundations in the UK. Funds the charitable activities of organisations that have the ideas and ability to achieve change for the better. One of its primary interests is in the UK's cultural life. [www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk](http://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk)
- **Lankelly Chase Foundation** – funds available for projects that have a recognisable charitable purpose. It encourages access to the arts especially for those in rural areas. Support for work with focus on dance, arts and special needs, transgenerational work with communities: [www.lankellychase.org.uk](http://www.lankellychase.org.uk)
- **Oppenheim-John Downes Memorial Trust** – financial assistance to deserving artists of any kind, whether writers, painters, sculptors, musicians, dancers, actors, craftsmen or artists of any comparable nature or description who are unable effectively to pursue their vocation by reason of their financial difficulties. As a general guide the maximum award would be £1,000 but, in exceptional circumstances, the Trustees may consider making a larger award. Awards are made in December of each year with the closing date for applications being 15 October: [www.oppenheimdownestrust.org](http://www.oppenheimdownestrust.org)
- **The Ashden Trust** – funds for community arts organisations that encourages creative projects for children, especially the very young, and for young people living in remote rural areas: [www.ashdentrust.org.uk/](http://www.ashdentrust.org.uk/)
- **The Baring Foundation** – grants programme to strengthen the voluntary sector, the arts and international development: [www.baringfoundation.org.uk](http://www.baringfoundation.org.uk) (click ‘Grants Programme’)
- **The Fenton Arts Trust** – grant support to those actively contributing to the creative arts in the UK, giving scholarships and bursaries for final year or postgraduate students, grants for individuals early in their careers to support or reward work or performances, and grants for institutions or organisations which have the same aims: [www.fentonartstrust.org.uk](http://www.fentonartstrust.org.uk)
- **The Garfield Weston Foundation** – funding to help UK registered charities set up arts, community or education projects and more: [www.garfieldweston.org](http://www.garfieldweston.org)
- **The Paul Hamlyn Foundation** – ‘Open Grants Scheme’ for registered charities or not-for-profit organisations to support innovative ways of increasing people's enjoyment, experience and involvement in the arts. Grants are for specific activities including running costs, overheads or core costs of running your organisation: [www.phf.org.uk](http://www.phf.org.uk)

- **The Ragdoll Foundation** – supports those dedicated to developing the power of imaginative responses in children through the arts:  
[www.ragdollfoundation.org.uk](http://www.ragdollfoundation.org.uk)
- **The Robertson Trust** – grants available for registered Scottish charities working in community arts (cross art form): [www.therobertsontrust.org.uk](http://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk)

## International Funding

Key sources of funds to support international working:

- **Culture.Info** – EU Trans-national funds for co-operation projects and exchange activities involving organisations or individuals from several EU countries:  
[eufunds.culture.info](http://eufunds.culture.info)
- **EUCLID / EU Culture Programme** – funding for cultural projects that offer genuine cultural collaboration between at least three cultural organisations from at least three different eligible European countries: [www.culturefund.eu](http://www.culturefund.eu) (scroll to '2. Support for Cultural Bodies')
- **European Cultural Foundation** – grants for SMEs and independent cultural organisations that work on cross-border and inter-regional projects. Includes 'Step Beyond Mobility Fund' and 'ECF Princess Margriet Award' for outstanding contributions to cultural diversity : [www.eurocult.org](http://www.eurocult.org) (click 'We Support' > 'Grants' and 'Programmes')

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