



SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ARTS GRANTS SCHEME FUNDING POLICY, CRITERIA, TERMS & CONDITIONS 2020

Arts Venues & Organisations

The objective of the Scheme is to support the professional arts sector in Sligo to play a distinctive role in developing a vibrant and sustainable arts environment at a local, regional, national and international level in partnership with Sligo County Council.

An annual programme of events and activities should present new ideas and ways of working that can have far reaching effects for artists and audiences.

Arts Festivals & Events

The Objective of the Scheme is to support Festivals and Events that promote public engagement with the arts as their core aim.

A festival may represent one art form or may include a wide variety of different art forms. Festivals or events may also be programmed over a number of months (e.g. a concert series).

Sligo County Council recognises the valuable contribution made by active voluntary committees in developing and sustaining festivals and events.

Eligible for funding:

- Artist Fees (this includes performance fees).
- Audience development (activity carried out to help organisations develop ongoing relationships with existing and new audiences).
- Travel Costs and Expenses for artists/performers.
- Venue Hire and related expenses.

Organisations, Events and Activities ineligible for funding

- Commercial organisations which share out profits to members.
- Annual running costs of a voluntary arts organisation.
- Competitive events e.g. where the competition is the dominant element of the programme, with the exception of Feis Ceoil, Feis Shligigh, Sligo County Fleadh and the Fiddler of Dooney competition.
- Once-off academic conferences/symposia with no wider public benefit.
- Charity/fund-raising events.
- Festivals or events that have taken place before mid March 2020.
- Events/Activities that are not arts-related (e.g. heritage, commercial, crafts, sport, food fairs).
- Individual artist's projects, exhibitions, performances etc.
- Group artists' projects, exhibitions, performances etc.
- Activities taking place in a formal education setting where the activity does not primarily engage with the wider community.
- Training programmes for individuals.
- Marketing and Publicity.
- Duplication of activities carried out by Sligo County Council.

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CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT

Venues and Organisations

- All previous conditions of funding are fully and satisfactorily met.
- Professionally operated on a full-time basis.
- Quality of artistic programme.
- Evidence of strategic development.
- Accessibility for diverse audiences and participants in terms of location, cost, people with additional needs and young people.
- Demonstrated commitment to growing and diversifying audiences and deepening public engagement.
- Significant contribution to artistic and professional development of artists.
- Contribution to the professional development of local artists.

Festival and Events

- All previous conditions of funding are fully and satisfactorily met.
- Festivals and events for which arts activities are at the core of their programme.
- The potential for the project to stimulate public interest in the arts; promote the knowledge, appreciation and practice of the arts or assist in improving the standards of the arts.
- Supports the festival or event to engage professional artists (all artforms) including local artists where appropriate.
- The applicant can demonstrate that there is a need and demand for the festival or event.
- The applicant can demonstrate that the festival or event has clear aims and objectives, is well planned, publicised and managed and represents value for money.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Governance:
 - If the organisation is a Company Limited by Guarantee it must be in compliance with the Companies Act 2014.
 - If the organisation is a charity, it must be registered with the Charities Regulatory Authority.
- Demonstrate sound financial management. Audited accounts must be provided where grants are in excess of €10,000.
- Assistance will be given only in respect of specific activities commencing after mid March 2020 and not towards retrospective activities or the payment of past debts. Payment of grant aid will be made on receipt of written acceptance of a grant offer and on agreement of a Memorandum of Understanding if this is required as a condition of funding.
- Grant aid provided by Sligo County Council must be acknowledged in all publicity material associated with the project/organisation. We reserve the right to publicise the awarding of the Contributions to the Arts Grants. Successful recipients will receive details regarding use of logos and acknowledgement.
- All funding applications are considered on an annual basis.
- All recipients of grant assistance for projects involving children or young people must have appropriate policies in place in relation to Child Protection.
- All projects must have evidence of adequate and comprehensive Public Liability Insurance. Sligo County Council accepts no responsibility and concedes no liability in respect of any accident, injury or damage to property or person however arising regarding any incident, occurrence or claim which may take place.

- Applicants in receipt of public funds must provide a tax registration number. The Tax Clearance Access Number and Tax Reference number must be submitted to the local authority for verification purposes when funds are being drawn down. See <https://www.revenue.ie/en/starting-a-business/documents/reg-form-voluntary-non-profit-org.pdf>
- All applicants will be advised of the Council's decision in writing.

DISCLAIMER

It will be a condition of any application for funding under the terms and conditions that the applicant has read, understood and accepted the following:

- Sligo County Council shall not be liable to the applicant or any other party, in respect of any loss, damage or costs of any nature arising directly or indirectly from:
 - The application or the subject matter of the application.
 - The rejection for any reason of any application.
- Sligo County Council shall not be held responsible or liable, at any time in any circumstances, in relation to any matter whatsoever arising in connection with the administration of activities. In respect of monies provided by Sligo County Council, the council does not undertake the role of 'Client' or 'Employer' as defined in the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005.
- By submitting an application, applicants agree to the processing and disclosure of the applicant's information by Sligo County Council, and to other third parties if required, for fund administration, reporting, evaluation and audit purposes; and successful applicants further consent to the disclosure of this information (e.g. name of successful applicant, amount of award, event details, etc.) by these parties in connection with the marketing or promotion of the Fund. Sligo County Council agrees to employ appropriate measures to keep applicants' data safe and secure; to prevent its unauthorised or accidental disclosure, access or alteration; and to ensure that personal data will be processed only in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Data Protection legislation.
- Sligo County Council is subject to provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2014. If you consider that any information supplied by you is either commercially sensitive or confidential in nature, this should be highlighted and the reasons for sensitivity specified. In such cases, the relevant material will, in response to an FOI request, be examined in the light of the exemptions provided for in the Acts.

CLOSING DATE: THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2020, 5PM

LATE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE CONSIDERED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

Appeals

Feedback will be provided only on written request. Requests for feedback and appeals must be made in writing no later than 14 days subsequent to an offer or rejection of the application.