



EXTERNAL CHARITY GRANTS 2026 APPLICATION FORM OVERVIEW

We believe in the power of the arts to enrich lives, inspire learning and bring people together.

That's why we proudly support arts organisations, museums, heritage projects and community initiatives through our grants programmes, helping to preserve and share culture, creativity and heritage for future generations.

Applications are now open for projects relating to this year's theme of **Community Engagement**.

We welcome applications from organisations seeking funding for up to £3,000 for projects that meet all of the following criteria:

- Focus on public arts or heritage events and festivals.
- Centre on community participation and cohesion.
- Bring the arts or heritage into shared public places.

The deadline to apply is Wednesday 30 September 2026 at 23:59.

Before you begin

Please ensure you have read the information and FAQs on the [External Charity Grants website](#) before starting your application.

We recommend reviewing the application questions before you start, so you can gather the information you will need to complete your application. We suggest drafting your responses in a separate document, then copying and pasting them into the form.

[View the application form questions.](#)

If you have any accessibility requirements that may affect your ability to complete this application, please contact us at grants@theartsociety.org and we will be happy to discuss how we can support you.

For any further questions, please email grants@theartsociety.org.

Your details

1. Your full name
2. Job title
3. Email address
4. Phone number
5. Alternative point of contact name
6. Alternative point of contact email address

Organisation details

7. Name of organisation
8. Website
9. Charity number
10. Region
11. Please give us an overview of your organisation.
Your response should be no more than 1,500 characters (approximately 250 words).
12. Please provide a link to your organisation's record on the [Charity Commission website](#).

Project summary

13. Project title
14. How many people will benefit from your project?
 - ☐ 1-25
 - ☐ 26-50
 - ☐ 51-100
 - ☐ 101-250
 - ☐ 251-500
 - ☐ 500+
15. Please provide a summary of your community engagement project.
You should include:
 - Project overview - what you plan to deliver, target audience and how it will benefit them.
 - How your project:

- Focuses on public arts or heritage events and festivals.
- Centres on community participation and cohesion.
- Brings the arts or heritage into shared public places.

Your response should be no more than 4,000 characters (approximately 700 words).

16. Please tell us more about your project's approach to access, inclusion and wellbeing.

You could include:

- How the project will create opportunities for people who may not otherwise engage with arts and/or heritage.
- How the project will improve wellbeing or reduce isolation.

This question is optional. Your response should be no more than 2,000 characters (approximately 350 words).

Project dates

17. When does your project start?

18. Please provide a timeline for your project, including the key activities, milestones and dates.

For example:

- January 2027 - Project planning and community outreach
- February-April 2027 - Workshops and community engagement
- May 2027 - Final activity

Project costs

19. What are the total costs of the project?

20. What amount are you requesting from The Arts Society?

21. What other sources of funding is your project seeking or currently receiving from other organisations?

22. Please provide a breakdown of project costs.

For example:

- Venue hire - £1,000
- Materials and equipment - £500
- Marketing and promotion - £250
- Total project costs - £1,750

Promotion, evaluation and reporting

23. How will you publicise your project?

Your response should be no more than 1,500 characters (approximately 250 words).

24. How and when will you measure the success of your project?

Your response should be no more than 1,500 characters (approximately 250 words).

25. Can you commit to featuring The Arts Society's Grant Recipient Logo on your website and project materials?

☐ Yes

☐ No

26. Do you agree to complete The Arts Society's External Charity Grants feedback form after your project has finished, providing feedback on its outcomes and impact?

We will ask you to include information about:

- What was delivered and who participated.
- The outcomes and impact achieved.
- Any challenges or learning.
- Examples or evidence of impact, such as photographs, feedback or case studies.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Privacy notice

The information you provide in this application will be used by The Arts Society to assess and administer your application and, where applicable, to monitor and report on funded projects.

What we collect: Names, contact details, organisation details, financial information and project plans.

Why we use it: To assess your application and, where applicable, manage and monitor the grant.

Who sees it: The Arts Society staff involved in administering the fund and our Grants Committee.

How long we keep it: Successful applications will be retained for six years after the grant ends. Unsuccessful applications will be deleted after one year, except for the organisation name, date of application and amount requested, which will be retained for six years.

Your rights: You have rights in relation to your personal data, including the right to request access to, or correction or deletion of, your information where applicable.

For more information about how we use and protect your personal data, and your data protection rights, please see our [Privacy Policy](#).

Thank you for your application

Thank you for taking the time to share your project with us. We look forward to learning more about your work and the difference it will make in your community.

Please note that your completed form **will not be automatically emailed to you**. Once you submit the form, you will have the option to **save or print** a copy of your responses.

Your application will be reviewed by The Arts Society following the closing date of Wednesday 30 September 2026 at 23:59.