



Artist and the Community Award Criteria

Award Information

The Artist and the Community Award was previously called the Arts in Context award. The title has been updated to reflect the purpose of the award more clearly. The value of this award has also been augmented.

The Artist and the Community Award supports artistic proposals involving professional artists working with community groups. The artists may practice community arts, socially engaged arts, collaborative arts, youth arts, and/or participatory arts.

Cork City Council may offer amounts of grant aid less than the amount sought. Funding will be awarded only where applications meet the criteria set down by Cork City Council.

Submission Information

Deadline for receipt of applications is 4pm Thursday 21st November 2024

Assessment Information

Applications are peer assessed by an independent panel of practitioners from the arts sector and one elected member of Cork City Council.

Eligibility Criteria

Only applications that meet the following criteria will qualify for assessment:

- All Artist and the Community proposals must be developed and realised with specified community groups located within the Cork City Council administrative area.
- Applications must be fully completed, signed and submitted before the stated deadline.
- Requested supporting material must be submitted.
- Proposed activities must be carried out on a not-for-profit basis.
- Proposed activities must be carried out in in the funding year.



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- Proposed activities must be artistic in nature.
- Where relevant, organisations must have up-to-date child and vulnerable persons safeguarding policies that are compliant with the Children First Act 2015.
- Match funding of 30% is required for Project Realisation Artist and the Community Awards. Benefit-in-kind in-kind is eligible as match funding.

Assessment Criteria

Applications will be assessed according to how well they meet the criteria below.

Artistic Criteria

- Artistic ambition of project proposal.
- Involvement of professional artists and arts workers in the planning and implementation of the project/ activity.
- Track record of the lead artist relevant to the nature of the proposed project.
- Quality of artistic samples.
- Relevance of artistic project to the specified community group.
- Impact on professional development of the artist in their area of practice.

Strategic Criteria

- Potential to contribute to relevant objectives in the Cork City Council Arts & Culture Strategy, 2022 - 2026.
- Ethical considerations in line with the Arts Council of Ireland Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policy.
- Relevance to the needs of the specified Community Group and, if applicable the audience for the project.
- Capacity to animate target community setting(s).
- Recognition and accommodation of the diverse cultures and demographics in the city.
- Participation / partnership proposed is appropriate, inclusive and of depth and quality.



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Operational Criteria

- Accessible to all – thought should be given to venue, cost and access requirements.
- Evidence of feasibility (objectives should be achievable, budgets should balance, timelines should be realistic and input into activities by all involved as appropriate should be demonstrated).
- Evidence of equitable and fair remuneration for professional artists /arts workers in accordance with professional practice.
- Evidence of appropriate reflection and/or evaluation of activities.
- Evidence of collaboration and co-operation with specified Community Group in project planning and presentation.
- Evidence of organisational capacity of specified Community Group especially with regard to managing Garda Vetting, monitoring participant experience and resolving emerging issues.
- Evidence of planning towards appropriate format for presentation or sharing of outcomes, as applicable.
- Fulfillment of proposal activities in the funding year.

Essential Enclosures

- C.V. of Lead Artist and other key personnel as relevant.
- Examples of previous artistic work.
- Evidence of support e.g. written commitments of financial support such as match funding or benefit-in-kind, letters of support as applicable from a representative of the specified Community Group, any partners involved etc.

Conditions of Award

If successful, the following conditions will apply:

- If working with under 18 year old's, you must have suitable child safeguarding policies and procedures. For guidance, go to [Child Safeguarding Statement-HSE.ie](https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/childsafeguarding/Child_Safeguarding_Statement-HSE.ie)
- If working with vulnerable people, you must have policies and procedures for safeguarding vulnerable people in place. For guidance, go to [Safeguarding](#)



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[Vulnerable Persons at Risk of Abuse \(2014\) National Policy & Procedures-Corporate \(hse.ie\)](#)

- If working with animals, you must have up-to-date animal welfare protection policies and procedures in place. For guidance, go to [Animal Welfare Strategy \(www.gov.ie\)](#)

Freedom of Information

Cork City Council proposes that the following information relating to this grant application competition will be made available on request:

- Name of the successful applicants.
- Reasons an applicant did not qualify for grant consideration.

Cork City Council undertakes to use its best endeavours to hold confidential any information provided by applicants subject to its obligations under law, including the Freedom of Information Act 2014. Applicants are requested to consider if any of the information supplied should not be disclosed because of its sensitivity. If this is the case, candidates should, when providing the information, identify same and specify the reasons for its sensitivity. If such information is not identified as sensitive and Cork City Council on consideration does not deem it sensitive, then such information is liable to be released in response to a Freedom of Information request without further consultation with the applicants. Cork City Council will consult with any candidates about sensitive information before making a decision on any Freedom of Information Act request received.

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