

Arts and Cultural Enabling Grants

What is the Cultural Enabling Grant Scheme for?

The scheme has been set up to help groups and organisations to part-fund creative arts and cultural projects and initiatives in Amber Valley.
(individual applications are sometimes eligible – but please use our Grants to Individuals application form)

What type of projects will it fund?

We can fund all types of arts and cultural projects and initiatives from arts festivals to training workshops to classical music performances; from public art to poetry evenings. We are pleased to discuss any ideas you may have but priority will be given to projects in line with local and regional strategic objectives.

Who is eligible?

Any group or organisation can apply, as long as they are either:

- based in Amber Valley
- the project they are applying for takes place in Amber Valley.

We welcome joint applications from groups working together on the same project.

How often can groups and organisations apply?

Groups and organisations may apply once in any one financial year i.e. from April to March. We will not normally fund the same project twice unless it demonstrates an area of development from the previous project.

How much funding can be applied for?

The Enabling Grant will, normally, only fund part of your shortfall between Income and Expenditure. Organisations can fund the remainder of their shortfall from other sources such as their own funds, lottery awards, other grants or income generated by the project itself.

Who makes the decisions?

Once your application has been received you will receive an acknowledgement. The application will be assessed by the Arts Development Officer to ensure that it meets the conditions and criteria required. Officers will then prepare a short report and make a recommendation to the relevant Council Cabinet Member who will then make the final decision.

How long will it take for decisions to be made?

Applications are accepted at any time but are only submitted to the Cabinet Member three times a year – usually in early Spring, late Summer and late Autumn/Winter so they can take at least 8 weeks to process. So please ensure that you apply well in advance of your project.

Please note that grants cannot be awarded retrospectively.

How can I get help?

If you have any queries regarding the Enabling Grant please do not hesitate to contact us at the address below.

How can I claim the grant?

Once the project is complete you will need to send us a short written report plus proof of income and expenditure (i.e. copies of invoices paid, evidence of income etc) plus copies of all publicity and any press coverage. Funding will be released within 1 month of receiving this information.

If your project hopes to generate income (i.e. through ticket sales) then you will normally only be awarded underwriting. In this case you will need to provide detailed evidence of the difference between your income and expenditure.

What are the Grant Conditions?

- Amber Valley Borough Council's support must be mentioned in all publicity
- All Environmental, Legal, Financial, Planning and Health and Safety requirements must be met.
- Grants must be claimed within one year of being awarded unless otherwise agreed
- Where necessary sufficient match funding must be secured
- Times and dates of your project or event must be provided
- A short report about how your project met its aims and objectives plus any audience or participant feedback must be provided
- Contact details for your group will be put onto our Database
- A balance sheet, detailing all income and expenditure for the project must be provided together with evidence of expenditure i.e. copies of invoices, receipts etc. Where underwriting is awarded you must also provide us with proof of income e.g. ticket sales and statements, receipts and offer letters.
- Grant cheques can only be made out to your group not to an individual member of it.