

Guidance for Funding for Cambridgeshire Culture Projects

Aim

The aim of Cambridgeshire Culture is to resource cultural activities (as defined in the Cambridgeshire Culture document) http://c99.e2bn.net/e2bn/leas/c99/database/p2/goto.php?res_id=4283 for children and young people who would not otherwise take place.

The fund supports the localism agenda in East Cambridgeshire & Fenland, South Cambridgeshire & Cambridge City and Huntingdonshire.

Roles and responsibility of Area Culture Groups

Area based culture groups have been established to oversee the allocation of funding. Each area is allocated £15k annually to support cultural activities in their area. The application should be led by a school or group of schools. This may be in partnership with cultural organisations (e.g. arts, sports and museums).

Criteria for applications

Essential

The application must be school or schools led.

Applications must demonstrate they will deliver high quality cultural opportunities.

Applications must demonstrate enhanced cultural provision for children and young people.

Applications must show they are financially viable.

All projects must be completed within 18 months of decision date.

Desirable

Applications will be considered favourably if :

Applicants involve relevant partner organisations (see Cambridgeshire Culture Strategy).

Appropriate evidence of consultation with or advice from relevant cultural organisations is provided.

Applications demonstrate good value for money. This will include match funding, support in kind, sponsorship and working with volunteers.

Applications have involved consultation with children and young people in the planning process.

Applications can demonstrate that the project may become self sustaining after the initial injection of funding.

Projects address the priorities for young people and children who might not otherwise have access to cultural opportunities.

Applications include the involvement of local youth organisations.

Applications include the involvement of families.

Conditions for applicants

Applications of up to £5000 will be considered but we would expect the average to be approximately £2000.

Successful applicants will receive 80% of the grant immediately and the final 20% on submission of a project report which will include an evaluative case study and a financial breakdown.

It is the responsibility of the applicant(s) to ensure that all appropriate health and safety checks (including CRB) have been completed.

Applications will be considered at three key points during the year:

Mid November
End of February
Mid June

In order to be considered application forms must be submitted electronically to the Chair of the Area Culture Group by:

4th November
1st February
15th May

Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified by email.

Reports of completed projects should be provided for the Area Cambridgeshire Culture Group by the appropriate date above so they can be reviewed at the next meeting (e.g. a project completed in December should be written up and submitted by February 1st).

Should a school or a group of schools want to submit an application for:

- funding in excess of £5000.
- a project which crosses area boundaries or is countywide and is in excess of £5000.

The bid should be sent to the Cambridgeshire Culture Steering Group.

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