



Craft Makers' Awards Scheme

Purpose of Fund

This fund has been established with funding from Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) and the Scottish Arts Council (SAC). Its purpose is to support craftworkers and makers based in Skye and Wester Ross by helping to meet the costs of a range of activities which can assist the development of an individual maker's professional practice.

Scope of Fund

Grants of **up to £1000** are available to support the following initiatives which will assist you to develop and extend your own professional practice:

- Applications for items of equipment.
- Applications for short courses (less than 6 months in duration) to further develop practice.
- Applications for travel costs for attending events, conferences, galleries or shows with a view to future exhibiting opportunities for applicants work.
- Applications for research and development work for a new project.
- Applications for the costs of preparation for an exhibition.
- Finally, all applications **must be** for the development of **new** areas of your work or practice.

This is not an exhaustive list. If you are unsure if your project may be eligible, please consult An Tuireann before submitting your application.

Applicants are encouraged to request the appropriate funds required for their project and will not automatically be awarded the maximum grant available. An Tuireann reserves the right to offer an amount different from that requested.

Note: applications for projects costing more than £1000 must indicate how the balance of the costs will be funded (e.g. sponsorship; applicant's own contribution, Local Authority grant, etc.). In such cases it will be a condition of the award that you demonstrate that the balance of funding has been confirmed.

Who is eligible

Makers who have been resident in Skye and Wester Ross (defined by the area for which HIE Skye and Wester Ross has a remit) for at least 12 months prior to the date of application to the Fund. This scheme is not open to Visual Artists who would normally apply to the Visual Arts Department of the Scottish Arts Council; they should apply instead to the Visual Artists Awards scheme run by HI~Arts Inverness – www.HI~Arts.co.uk.

Criteria for decision making

- the extent to which your application meets the scope and purpose of the fund
- the relationship of your application to your own work as an artist
- the quality of your work
- the extent to which your proposal will benefit the development of your professional practice

Decisions will be based entirely on the quality of the applicant's work, and on how this will benefit the development of their practice.

Exclusions to eligibility

- Funding cannot be given towards the costs of undertaking major courses of study (i.e. lasting 6 months or more), whether part-time or full-time
- Funding is not available, for any purpose, if you are currently undertaking a full-time course of study
- Funding is not available for marketing costs (e.g. production of posters, brochures, promotional websites, etc.)
- Applications will not be considered for projects already started, or planned to start before a decision on funding can be made
- Applications cannot be made simultaneously to this scheme, and to SAC Professional Development schemes, for the same project. It is however possible to apply subsequently to this scheme for a project which has been the subject of an unsuccessful application to the SAC Professional Development scheme.
- Successful applicants cannot reapply for an additional award from this scheme for a period of not less than one year from receipt of the award. **Please note that successful applicants can only receive a maximum of three awards in any five-year period.** They are however eligible to apply to other Scottish Arts Council or Highlands and Islands Enterprise schemes during this period but only for a different project.
- This scheme cannot be used to gain additional funds for any project which has already received funding from the Scottish Arts Council, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, or any Local Enterprise Company within the HIE Network. That is, this scheme cannot be used to 'top up' grants already received from these agencies.

How to submit a proposal

Applications should be made to An Tuireann using the appropriate application form. The form should be accompanied by supporting visual material, where appropriate, in the form of CD/DVD 35mm slides, photographs, videos, or publications, all clearly labeled and accompanied by an itemised list. **Please note** that without supporting material, your application will be incomplete and cannot be properly considered for funding.

All visual material will be returned. Please note that An Tuireann and the Scottish Arts Council cannot accept responsibility for damage or loss of submitted material.

When to apply

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis throughout the year 2006/7, but should not be submitted less than four weeks before the start of any specific project or event. The budget for the scheme is however fixed for the year, and applications submitted towards the end of the year may not be able to be funded

Your application will be acknowledged on receipt by An Tuireann. Applications will then be considered **within four weeks** by a Panel consisting of the arts team of An Tuireann, and an independent assessor. You will be informed of the decision by An Tuireann immediately after the panel meeting.

Equal Opportunities

This scheme is open to any maker based within the catchment area, regardless of race, colour, gender, disability or sexual orientation. Decisions will be based entirely on the quality of the applicant's work and on how the proposal will benefit the development of practice.

Appeals

You can appeal against a funding decision only if there was additional information which existed but was not made available at the time the grant was considered, which would have materially altered the decision, or if the applicant considers there has been malpractice. Information on SAC's and HIE's appeals procedures is available from the officer contacts given below.

Publicity

You should note that it is SAC's and HIE's policy to publicise the award of grants. All grants may be announced by either An Tuireann, the SAC or HIE Skye and Wester Ross through the media or other means.

Officer contact:

Applications should be submitted to Hazel Rae, Craft Development Officer, at the address below, and marked 'makers awards'. Information on the scheme, and on other SAC funding for makers, is available from the SAC Head of Crafts at 12 Manor Place, Edinburgh EH3 7DD (Tel. 0131 226 6051).

An Tuireann Arts Centre, Struan Road, Portree, IV51 9EG
tel: 01478 613306 e-mail: hazel@antuireann.org.uk



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Application for Funding

Please read the guidelines before completing this form

Name

Address

Daytime telephone number

E-mail

Please summarise in no more than 30 words the purpose of this application

Please describe in no more than 300 words the project that you are seeking support for, detailing how it meets the purpose of this scheme: to develop your own practice as a maker

Please provide a budget for your project, indicating where costs are confirmed, or only estimated. If the total cost exceeds £1000, please include all other possible sources of income and funding, showing which have been confirmed at the time of application.

Please state if you have received any funding from the Scottish Arts Council, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, or a Local Enterprise Company, in the past twelve months, and describe the purpose of the funding.

Please submit with this form:

- A CV, or other description of your art education, training, previous work, etc.
- Examples of your work in the form of slides, photographs, videos or publications
- An itemised list of all material submitted.

Return to:

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