



## **The ScotRail Cultural and Arts Fund Background**

As part of the 'ScotRail in the Community' initiative, a £60,000 annual Cultural and Arts Fund will enable communities to flourish.

The ScotRail Foundation can provide grants of between £500 and £5,000.

### **Aim**

To fund arts, community recreation, and sports activities in the vicinity of a train station or with a travel or safety theme may be given a higher priority than those without a rail connection.

### **Making A Difference**

The application must fit within at least one of the following themes to be eligible for funding:

- Promotion of performing arts, visual arts, literature, community arts, and cultural traditions
- Support for artists and artistic organisations to work with communities
- Public art e.g. sculptures in open spaces engaging with communities
- Play areas for children
- Provision of local activity programmes (including local festivals, civic weeks and galas)
- Increasing participation in sport and physical activity
- Sports events
- Sport outreach programmes

### **Who can apply?**

The fund welcomes applications from individuals and constituted community groups working in Scotland with an income of no more than £100,000 per year. You/your group's most recent accounts, or in the case of very new groups, a projection of income and expenditure must be provided with your application.

## Eligibility Checklist

**Before you proceed, please ensure that you can answer YES to the following questions:**

- Do you have a child and vulnerable adult policy? (If you work/intend to work with vulnerable adults/children you will need to provide this with your application.)
- Will your activity benefit a Scottish community?

**If you are you a constituted group:**

- Have you provided a signed copy of your constitution or other governing document alongside your application?
- Do you have at least three members on your management committee or board?
- Do you have independently examined and verified annual accounts or a projection of income and expenditure? (a projection is only appropriate if you are in your first year of operation)
- Is your income less than £100,000 in your most recent annual accounts?
- Do you have a bank account in the name of your group?
- Do you have at least two unrelated cheque signatories required to sign your group's cheques

**If you are you an individual:**

- Will you be working with a community (we define "community" as a group sharing a common interest or geography)?
- • Is there genuine community involvement (participation rather than just as an audience)?

## Exclusions

The fund will not support applications from/for:

Organisations with an annual income of more than £100,000

Statutory organisations

Work in schools, during school/lesson hours

Work which does not genuinely engage with communities (beyond just being an audience)

## Timescales

Applications with all required supporting documents must be received by **4pm** on the date below to be considered for the round.

### Deadlines

Monday 29th October 2018

### Decisions communicated

by

Friday 21st December 2018

### Project start date

On or after 1st January 2019

**Please note your project will not be considered if it commences before the project start date above. Applications or supporting documents received after the 4pm deadline will not be considered.**

**For more information and how to apply [click here](#)**