**City Council Arts Office Artist Bursary 2026**

Applications to the Cork City Council Artist Bursary award must be in respect of the professional development of the individual practicing artist.

**Examples of professional development include:**

* Further educational or training opportunities.
* Development opportunities in other countries.
* Opportunities to be professionally mentored.
* Opportunities to facilitate a significant shift in direction of work.

Cork City Council may offer amounts of grant aid less than the amount sought. Grant assistance will be awarded only where applications meet the criteria set down by Cork City Council. Applicants can apply for a maximum of €5,000.

**Submission Information**

**Deadline for receipt of applications is 4pm Thursday 20th November 2025**

Detailed information about the award criteria is provided in this document. Guidelines for applications are provided in a separate document with Frequently Asked Questions. These documents are available in MS Word format which is screenreader-friendly. The content of all documents can be listened to via the ‘Recite Me’ app on Cork City Council’s website or your preferred text-to-speech app.

For step-by-step video instructions on completing the online application form, follow this link <https://www.corkcity.ie/en/council-services/services/arts-culture-heritage/arts-office/arts-funding/>

To submit your application in any other format, please contact [artsgrants@corkcity.ie](mailto:artsgrants@corkcity.ie) or phone (021) 492 4000.

**Assessment of Applications**

All applications are assessed by an independent peer panel 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:

* Applicant must be a resident within Cork City Council’s 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 artistic in nature.

**Assessment Criteria**

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

**Artistic**

* Artistic ambition of the proposal.
* Quality of artistic work demonstrated in the support materials.
* Quality of the proposed artistic activities.
* Potential impact on artistic practice development.

**Strategic**

* Potential for the applicant’s practice to benefit from, and be developed as, a result of the proposed activity.

**Operational**

* Evidence regarding planned activities (e.g. acceptance from symposium, contract with mentor) if relevant.
* Activities must take place in 2026.
* Feasibility of proposed budget.

**Supporting Materials**

* Artist/s C.V. and other key personnel as relevant.
* Examples of previous work.
* Evidence of support / partnerships where relevant.

**Freedom of Information**

Cork City Council proposes that the following information relating to this grant application 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.

**Contact**

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