**Cow House Studios Visual Artist Bursary 2026**

The Cork City Council Arts Office Cow House Studios Visual Artist Bursary Award, supports practitioners working in visual arts seeking a residency opportunity. Applications must be in respect of the professional development of the practicing artist.

This bursary is supported through a partnership between Cow House Studios and Cork City Council where all costs are subsidised by both partners. Cow House Studios will provide a nurturing artistic environment that includes private accommodation, meals and studio access on one week-long residency. The value of the residency is €1,000, this includes a stipend of €440 towards travel and expenses, paid directly to the artist by Cork City Council.

**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 in the form of Frequently Asked Questions. 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.
* Applicant must be a professional practicing artist.

**Assessment Criteria**

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

**Artistic**

* Quality of artistic work demonstrated in the supporting materials.
* Potential impact on individual’s artistic practice development.

**Strategic**

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

**Operational**

* Indication by the applicant that they can undertake the residency in one of the weeks identified in the Award Guidelines.

**Supporting Materials**

* Artist’s C.V.
* Examples of previous work.

**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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