

The Granada Foundation

The Granada Foundation exists to encourage and support the study, practice and appreciation of the fine arts and sciences and the methods and means of their dissemination. Our focus is on activity in the North West of England and the High Peak. If you would like to see examples of what we have funded recently please check our website www.granadafoundation.org

The Advisory Council normally meets twice a year at regular intervals, usually in Spring and Autumn. Each year we award grants based on the Foundation's income. In 2024, we received 110 applications and gave 46 grants totalling £111,500.

The Advisory Council does its best to allocate its limited funds to a range of activity and across a wide geographical area. The Council considers the context of each application and endeavours to make grants in areas where the benefit will be most widely felt.

Your application should meet the following three essential criteria:

- Your project or activity is happening in 'our region' defined as: Greater Manchester, Liverpool City Region, Lancashire, Cheshire, High Peak, Westmorland and Furness and Cumberland.
- You are a charitable or not-for-profit organisation
- Your project has already secured some committed match funding or can demonstrate credible plans to apply for other grants

We are looking for:

- Activity in locations where involvement in creative and cultural activity is low.
- Proposals that are well planned with clear outcomes and involve professional artists or scientists in their development and/or delivery and are made in our region.
- Projects which demonstrate outstanding merit, originality or significance that encourage the production of creative work or public understanding of the arts or sciences and that reflect the lived experience of the people of our region.
- Proposals that support the public presentation or the development of the work of artists or scientists working in our region.
- Projects which leave a legacy of skills, knowledge or experience.

We are unlikely to fund

- Projects where the Granada Foundation is expected to be the sole external funder
- Organisations based outside our region
- Projects where only very small numbers of people will benefit.
- Organisations that are not primarily concerned with the study, practice or appreciation of the arts or sciences

We do not fund

- Non-constituted or commercial organisations
- Individuals
- General funding appeals
- Activity taking place in educational or care settings with no benefit for the wider public or involvement of artists or scientists

How we fund

- At present we cannot accept applications for capital projects
- We may offer multi-year grants in exceptional circumstances
- Generally, our maximum grant is £10k and most of our grants are under £5k
- Our funds are always oversubscribed. Sometimes, to demonstrate our support, we will offer amounts that are less than the sum applied for and recognise that this may affect the scale or delivery of your project

Please note:

- We can provide pre-application advice but we are unable to provide feedback on unsuccessful applications.
- Organisations can only apply to the Granada Foundation once in any 12 month period.

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