



**ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND**

# Developing your Creative Practice

**Guidance for applicants**

**Easy read version**

We can make grants to individuals for opportunities to develop their work

This guide can help you think about your project and our application form

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## DYCP - Developing your creative practice

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DYCP is our fund for individuals who want to develop their work



It is aimed at artists, writers, producers, museum curators, choreographers or other creative people



If you're a small group who regularly work together, you can apply too, but this fund is not for organisations



We can make awards of between £2,000 and £10,000



If you need any extra money for [Access Support](#) you can include this too.

## What's it all about?

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The aim of the fund is to help individuals at a key point in their practice get better at what they do



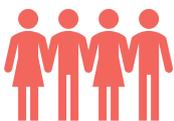
It's about taking the right opportunity at the right time



We want you to tell us how a grant could help you make a '**step change**'



That means when you've finished, you'll be working at a new level or in a new way



DYCP is one of our most popular funding programmes. We won't be able to fund most people who apply.

## Applying

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There are four rounds in each year.  
These are listed on our [website](#)



If you're not successful, you can apply  
once more in a twelve-month period



If you are successful, you won't be  
able to apply for another 3 years



So, think about the best time to apply



The next few pages show the questions  
we will ask you if you apply, as well as  
what we want to know.



The more you tell us about your project,  
the easier it will be for us to imagine and  
understand it.

## Basic questions about your project

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### **What is the name of your project?**

This can be anything you want it to be



### **When will your project start and end?**

This should be no longer than one year

## Your work

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### **Tell us about you and your work**

Tell us about any projects and work you have done in the past



Tell us the good things people have said about your work, or any awards you have had



Tell us why now is the right time to make a **step change**

## Your development

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### **Tell us about your development opportunity**

- What will you do?
  - How will you do it?
  - How have you planned it?
  - Who will you work with?
  - How ambitious is what you want to do?
  - Why is this the right opportunity for you?
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### **Tell us how this opportunity will make you better at what you do in the future**

- What do you want to get out of it?
- What will this lead to afterwards?
- How will you be better at what you do?
- Why is now the right time?

## How you'll make it happen

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### The budget



What will you spend the money on?  
How much will each bit cost?



How have you worked out the numbers  
in your budget?

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### The Plan



What are the different parts of your  
project and when will they happen?

Include things like:

- meetings
- research
- travel
- workshops
- time for evaluation

## Need help?

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Our friendly **Customer Services** team can help you with the form or talk about other ways we can help you.



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## More information:



<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/dydp>



More help on answering the questions is in the [Guidance for applicants](#).