

TRADITIONAL ARTS & CULTURE FUND

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1. THE FUND

The Tradeitonal Airts an Cultur Fund (TACF) is a fund devolvit fae Creative Scotland, leukit efter bi TRACS (Tradeitonal Airts an Cultur Scotland) and open tae organisations and indiveeduals.

TACF ettles tae forder tradeitonal airtists, craftsfolk an organisations tae mak, pit on, tour an shawcase wark, an professional skills an lairnin opportunities forby. Fowerty echt thoosand poond (£48,000) is available in 2026-27.

Tho the fund is leukit efter bi TRACS, grants is decidit bi a panel o advisers wi projecks owerseen and evaluatit bi staff fae baith TRACS an Creative Scotland.

2. WHA CAN PIT IN?

[Click here tae mak shair ye can pit in afore ye gang forrit](#)

Eligibility fur TACF is in keepin wi Creative Scotland's general priorities fur fundin, set oot in the guidance in the link abune. Maistlins, indiveeduals ower 18, groups and organisations, aither bidin in Scotland, or cairryin oot wark in Scotland, can pit in, but mak shair o yer eligibility afore fillin oot the application form.

Tak tent that

- **TACF funds canna** be uised tae eik til ither Creative Scotland siller - e.g. Open Fund, Maoin nan Ealain Gàidhlig, VACMA

N.B. Multi-Year Funded Organisations can pit in, as lang's the projeck isna pairt o their ongaein MYF programme.

- **TACF disna** disna prioritise aither international traivel costs or activity takkin place furth o Scotland.

N.B. Gin yer application is fur professional development or trainin, consideration can be gien tae necessar traivel costs within the wider UK and Ireland

Fowk applyin haes tae shaw a guid track record in and/or professional commitment tae ane or mair o the follaein tradeitonal airtforms cairried oot in Scotland the day:

- Tradeitonal Craft
- Tradeitonal Dance
- Tradeitonal Music
- Tradeitonal Storytellin

Applicants shuid think aboot whit their projeck can dae tae help explore, growe an forder their creative potential, help susteen airtistic practice, and address onie personal development needs tae build resilience.

A puckle exaimples o successfu applications fae past roonds o TACF (formerly Tasgadh) is available [here](#) as a guide.

Gin ye need onie mair clarification on eligibility, please email tacf@tracscotland.org

2.1. Whit ye can an canna uise TACF funds fur

TACF CAN FUND: • The creation, performance, tourin an shawcasin o tradeitional airts an crafts practised in Scotland the day • Professional development an lairnin projecks	TACF CANNA FUND: • Buyin graith • Album or EP recordin, or pittin sic things thegither, unless recordins is fur promotional uiss whaur it's nae tae be selt. • Film / video projecks unless the benefit tae tradeitional airts, or airtists, is gey clear laid oot. • Wark bi students in eddication at the meenit. • Competeitions • International traivel or projeck activity takkin place furth o Scotland.
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Mind that TACF siller canna be eikit til ither Creative Scotland fundin.

3. ACCESS

Applications is walcome fae indiveeduals wi access requirements. Gin ye need oniethin adaptit or want a haund wi pittin in yer application, email us at tacf@tracscotland.org tae lat us ken hou we can help.

Financial support micht be available tae help wi sic needs forby.

4. PITTIN IN YER APPLICATION

- Details o whan fundin roonds opens an feenishes, along wi links tae the application form and ither supportin documents, is publisht on oor [wabsteid](#).
- Ilka body can pit in fir a grant o atween £250 (minimum) an £1,200 (maximum). Fowk needin mair siller nor thon shuid think aboot pittin in tae the [Creative Scotland Open Fund for Individuals](#).
- Gin ye want some general wittins on pittin thegither a successfu fundin application, ye micht fin this [briefin fae Creative Lives](#) uissfu. Mind an bide concise but mak shair ye gie us eneuch information tae lat us assess yer application richt-like.
- Tho TACF ettles tae be a lichtsome fundin scheme, the panel will tak forrit thae applications shawin airtistic mense, a weel thocht oot projeck plan, wi clear benefits an legacy fur the sector.

Gin ye hae onie questions anent pittin yer application thegither, please email tacf@tracscotland.org.

4.1. Uiss o Airtificial Intelligence (AI)

We ken that AI can be gey uissfu fur inspiration or reddin yer ideas up, but we div ask that ye scribe the application in yer ain unique vyce.

The panel wants tae see applications whaur yer personality, virr an belief in yer projeck comes ower. We ken AI is gettin better aa the time, but it's aisy tae ken whaur applications haes uised it ower muckle.

4.2. Sample Budgets

Sample budgets is available tae [doonload fae oor wabsteid](#).

Tak tent o pynts [8.3 tae 8.8 in the Terms & Conditions](#) ablow, an mind that the nummers in the sample budgets is juist exaimples, an no tae be taen as recommendit fees, ticket costs or sic like.

5. ASSESSMENT

The 2026-27 TACF Assessment Panel is made up o sax specialists taen fae the tradeitional airts an crafts sector, wi ilka body selectit fur their specific kennin in their ain fields.

Fur transparency, the names an specialisms o the panel memmers is publisht ablow, and on the [TACF page o the TRACS wabsteid](#) forby:

Nemm	Specialism	Organisation
Alison Carlyle	Dance	Freelance
Brian Ó hEadhra	Gaelic / Music	• TRACS • Traditional Music Forum of Scotland
Catriona Hawksworth	Tradeitional Airts Officer / Music	Creative Scotland
Helen Voce	Craft	Freelance
Joanne Urwin	Storytelling	• TRACS • Scottish Storytelling Forum
Steve Byrne	Convener / Scots / ICH	TRACS

5.1. Lattin us ken about a Conflict o Interest

The tradeitional airts warld is sma, and it's mair nor likely that some o the applicants will be kent tae ane or mair o the panel memmers personally and / or professionally.

Gin ye feel ye micht hae a conflict o interest wi ane or mair memmers o the panel, please [lat us ken](#) in confidence, tellin us the naitur o it, an whit memmer(s) o the panel it haes tae dae wi.

We are committit tae managin onie conflicts o interest in line wi oor ain internal conflict management framework.

5.2. Register o Panel Interests

Panel members maun fill oot an annual Register o Interests form, declarin onie o the follaein professional or personal interests:

- Onie freelance wark taen on in the public, private, an voluntar sectors; buird memmership(s); company directorships; trusteeships etc. held ower the past five year tae dae wi the tradeitional airts sector.
- Details o onie significant consultancies taen on ower the last five year.

- Onie financial stake in relevant organisations, or as a beneficiary o sic an organisation.
- Onie spouse, pairtner or ither personal connection in TRACS or ither relevant organisations, or as a beneficiary o sic an organisation.
- Onie graith or services gotten fae TRACS, includin grant fundin.
- Onie ither interest that micht reasonably be thocht o as bein a conflict o interest.

Ye can get a haud o the register [here](#)

5.3. Successfu Applicants

TRACS will lat aa successfu applicants ken within **2 weeks** o the assessment panel meetin, that taks place within **6 weeks** o the closin date.

Successfu applicants will get an offer letter settin oot hou funds is tae be peyed oot and onie conditions eikit til the award.

Onie cheenges tae yer projeck plans maun be pit in writin tae TRACS. The submission o a final report in the richt form maun be pit in within **two month** o the projeck feenishin. TRACS micht pick oot some projecks fur evaluation tae mak shair they are bein cairried oot as planned. We micht pit some o the feenisht projecks on oor wabsteid as case studies tae shaw the kinds o projecks the fund can help wi.

5.4. Unsuccessfu Applicants

We ken fine that there will be mair eligible applications than the siller at haund. Unsuccessfu applicants will get feedback on their application within **2 weeks** o the assessment panel meetin, wi the reasons fur the ootcome.

Wi the routh o applications we get, we winna manage tae provide onie mair feedback ayont this.

6. EQUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

TRACS is committit tae uphaudin equality in aa its activities an we maun tak tent o thon as pairt o wir ain fundin. We maun gaither information on defined protectit characteristics in the Equality Act 2010, alang wi Scots an Gaelic language uiss an socio-economic status.

Please help us bi fillin oot the survey linkit ablow. The information ye gie us - which isna personally kenable, winna be shared wi onie third pairty, and is leukit efter confidentially in keepin wi oor Privacy Notice - will be uised fur statistical reportin an tae help us mak oor services better - nocht else.

Fillin this form oot is up tae yersel, but yer answers help us impruive oor wey o daein an hou we rax oot tae fowk. Tho aa questions needs a response (*), ilka question haes

a 'Prefer not to answer' option. (At the meenit, the form is juist available in Inglis or Gaelic - Scots disna hae a routh o words fur EDI terms yet).

Traditional Arts and Culture Fund EDI Monitoring Form

7. ITHIR KINDS O FUNDIN

Gin yer project isna eligible fur the Tradeitional Airts an Cultur Fund, or yer application isna successfu, ye micht want tae think aboot pittin in tae ane o the funds listit ablow.

Mind that onie fund aither delivered direct, or delegatit bi, Creative Scotland canna be eikit til anither sic fund.

7.1. General

7.1.1. Creative Scotland

[Open Fund](#): Ane o Creative Scotland's main kinds o fundin, supportin the braid reenge o activity cairried oot bi organisations, airtists, scribevers, producers and ither creative fowk in Scotland.

7.2. Crafts

7.2.1. Heritage Crafts

- [Endangered Crafts Fund](#): Sma grants fur craft practioners and organisations in the UK fur projects tae dae wi endangered crafts.
- [Training Bursaries](#): Trainin bursaries is available fur fowk stertin oot and early-career practioners in the UK needin financial support tae gaither the skeels needit tae set thaimself on the road. **(N.B. this fund is closed the noo)**

7.2.2. Creative Scotland

[VACMA \(Visual Artist and Craft Maker Awards\)](#): Programme o sma grants delivered in pairtnership wi local cooncils and airt organisations in monie airts o Scotland an leukit efter locally bi thir pairtners. Bursaries tae support visual airtists an craft makkers wi creative an professional development. Can assist wi the purchase o "*Essential equipment [...] that clearly helps you experiment or develop your practice*". **(N.B. this fund is closed til the neist financial year)**

7.3. Gaelic Language Projects

7.3.1. Bòrd na Gàidhlig

- [General Grants](#): Projects ootwith its ordinar fundin schemes that fit wi the priorities o Bòrd na Gàidhlig's Corporate Plan.
- [Maoin nan Ealan Gàidhlig \(Gaelic Arts Fund\)](#): Fund tae help wi Gaelic airts projects.

7.4. Scots Language Projects

7.4.1. Creative Scotland

[Wee Grants for Creativity in the Scots Leid](#) (leukit efter bi Hands up for Trad):
Fund tae support new creative wark in Scots tae bring tae audiences in 2026.

7.4.2. Scottish Book Trust

[Scots Language Publication Grant](#): Fund tae support publishers tae publish an
heeze up wark scrievit in Scots.

7.5. Film

7.5.1. Creative Scotland

[Screen Scotland](#): A wheen funds tae drive the development o aa aspects of
Scotland's film an TV industry.

8. TERMS & CONDITIONS

- 8.1. Ye maun leave **echt** weeks atween the application closin date an the stert o yer projeck.
- 8.2. Gin ye ken, please gie us the nemms o airtists or tutors ye want tae wirk wi - even if thaim takkin pairt lippens on their availability and/or gettin a haud o yer fundin. Thon helps us assess the airtistic an creative quality o yer projeck.
- 8.3. Yer application an budget can hae elements that pits the delivery o yer projeck in context. Houiver, whan thinkin about the amoont o siller tae pit in fur, mind that the TACF ettles tae forder the **creation, performance, tourin or shawcasin o Scottish tradeitional airts**, or **professional development in the Scottish tradeitional airts**. The panel will gie mair priority tae thon pairs o yer application.
- 8.4. TRACS (Tradeitional Airts an Culture Scotland) and Creative Scotland is committit tae **fair pey** fur airtists. Ye can hae a leuk at the [Creative Scotland guidance here](#) that relates til TACF applications. Industry staundart rates ([Musicians Union](#), [Equity](#), [Scottish Artists Union](#) etc) **maun** be offered tae tutors/performers, an the costs reflectit in yer budget. We ken that some fowk micht want tae wirk fur less / contribute free o chairge. If thon's the case, ye shuid mak this clear in yer application - yer budget shuid shaw sic contributions o airtists / practitioners as 'in-kind support' bi pittin in the difference atween the industry staundart rate, an whit ye'll be peyin thaim. See oor [sample budget 4](#).
- 8.5. Caa cannie wi yer budget an think gin the costs and income ye want tae include maks sense. Gie as much detail as ye can, an mak shair ye pit in a **balanced budget** - i.e. income (includin the expectit grant award fae TACF) shuid match yer ootgangs. See [sample budgets 3 an 4](#).

N.B. Applications wi incomplete budgets whaur income and ootgangs disna balance winna be taen forrit tae the assessment panel.
- 8.6. Ye maun gie details o aa matchin funds, an gin they are confirmt or no, alang wi **evidence o 10% generatit income**. Generatit income can be fae ticket sales, pairtnership income fae ither funders, or yer ain contribution.
- 8.7. Be **mensefu about onie sales** an mak shair they reflect the wirth o the event or product. We widna be likely tae fund the prentin o 1,000 beuks gin ye expect tae sell juist 25. We widna be likely tae fund the production an promotion o a performance if ye expect tae attract 20 fowk peyin juist £2 a heid. Be mensefu aboot prices an pit a realistic wirth on whit ye're daein.

- 8.8. Tho **£1,200** is the **maximum** ye can pit in fur, please juist ask fur whit ye need: thon wey mair fowk gets a shottie at TACF funds. Mind, the **minimum** ye can pit in fur is **£250**.
- 8.9. **Environmental Susteenability** is ane o wir priorities. We dinna expect projecks tae hae an environmental focus, but we div ask that abody thinks about the environmental impact o their activity an tells us hou they wad ettle tae ease sic impact within their bids. We will tak tent o this whan pittin applications forrit; gin there's unco demand, projecks wi mair o their environmental impact micht be gien priority.
- 8.10. Fowk can pit in mair nor ae projeck fur consideration but competeition for TACF funds means we likely canna offer mair nor ae grant in a financial twalmont; we micht bring applicants forrit that haesna been fundit afore.
- 8.11. Applicants can pit in fur an annual event, or a siclike event ilka year, but there is nae guarantee that a projeck fundit ae time can be fundit again. TACF shuidna be lippent on as regular or core fundin.
- 8.12. The applicant thaimself maun gie eneuch information tae allou the panel tae assess their application. Whaur mair information micht be needit tae mak a decision, applicants micht be asked tae pit in a new application tae the neist roond. Gin the panel thinks it appropriate, in giein feedback tae applicants, they micht be airtit til ither kinds o fundin.