

Grant Writing Toolkit for Museums

Appendix 7

Most common funds museums apply to

	Arts Council England National Lottery Project Grants (ACE)	National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF)	South East Museum Development (SEMD)	Museums Association Esmée Fairbairn Collections Fund	Association of Independent Museums Hallmarks Grant (AIM)	Association of Independent Museums Pilgrim Trust Collections and Conservations Grants	Association of Independent Museums New Stories New Audiences (AIM)
Grant range	Usually £1,000 - £100,000	£3,000 to over £5 million	Up to £3000	Between £20,000 - £90,000	Up to £10,000	Up to £10,000	Up to £15,000
Purpose	Supports museums (including non-accredited). To engage people in England with Creativity and culture	Supports not-for-profit and private owners (will weigh up public benefit) of heritage To support projects that connect people and communities to heritage in the UK	Range of grants offered responding to identified need and priorities in the South East Region. Accredited Museums (or working towards). Not open to national museums or NPOs.	Applications based on Accredited Museums (or working towards). Museums must be a member of Museums Association. With a focus on 'new, ambitious and creative work' that bring collections closer to people	Members of the Association of Independent Museums. Accredited Museums (or working towards). No NPOs. Grants available to help members develop and grow their organisations and underpin key areas of activity.	Members of the Association of Independent Museums. Accredited Museums (or working towards). Must have less than 50,000 visitors or turnover of less than £300,000 pa Grants available to help members develop and grow their organisations and underpin	Members of the Association of Independent Museums. Accredited Museums (or working towards). Must have less than 20,000 visitors. Can be not-for-profit organisations or private owners of heritage. Grants available to help members develop and grow their organisations

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Duration	Projects are time-specific – three years max.	From 1 to 5 years	Up to 1 year	Up to 2 years	Completed within 12 months of formal offer letter.	None specified in guidance.	Up to 1 year
Funding agreement	Payments are conditional on receipt and approval of any additional info (Payment conditions)	Payments are conditional on receipt and approval of any additional info (Payment conditions)	Offer letter detailing any conditions. 90% paid on receipt of financial supplier form.	Funds drawn down annually at start of project. Completed Grant Acceptance form details conditions.	Applicants receive 80% of grant up front with the balance paid on completion of the project.	50% on award and 50% on completion	Grant offer letter. Applicants receive 80% of grant up front with the balance paid on completion of the project.
Monitoring	Application data captured at application stage	Data specified in grant conditions. Evaluation report required	Required to provide details of how project will be evaluated.	No information in guidance	Outcomes identified in application, feedback required on how met outcomes, project went, achievements and lessons learnt.	May need to provide information to the scheme external evaluator.	Required to take part in project evaluation.
Reporting	10% of grant withheld until final report submitted	10% of grant withheld until final report and evaluation report submitted	Final reported required and claim remaining 10% of grant.	After year 1, progress report supported by approved annual accounts, and a budget for coming year.	Mid-term monitoring report form 6 months after the start project. A report on completion and a case study.	A report with photographs within 1 month of completion of the project.	Mid-term and end of project report.