

Creative Scotland announce funding awards

Creative Scotland (CS) has announced today that a record number of cultural organisations will receive “stable, year on year funding” in the culture and creative sectors, with an overall increase in funding for 2026/27.

More than half of the organisations which CS supports are to be offered multi-year funding for the first time.

The body is able to offer more funding as a result of significantly more budget made available from The Scottish Government. Creative Scotland say they now have the “largest budget ever available” for Grant-in-Aid funding with more than £200 million in support for 251 organisations in the next three years.

A £3.2 million Development Fund will support 13 other organisations which will then be able to join the Multi-Year funding portfolio next year.

All the organisations which currently are funded will receive a “significant uplift”.

An additional 141 organisations will receive a multi year funding commitment for the first time.

The funding body says it has increased the number of community

focused organisations supported.

Robert Wilson, Chair of Creative Scotland said: “This is an extremely positive moment for culture in Scotland, bringing with it a renewed sense of stability and certainty to Scotland’s culture sector.

“Thanks to the vote of confidence in the culture sector, demonstrated by the recently announced budget from the Scottish Government, Creative Scotland can offer stable, year-on-year funding to more organisations than ever before.

“I’m particularly pleased that this funding will increase further from next year, enabling even more fantastic artistic and creative work to be developed here in Scotland.

“Stable, long-term funding for as many organisations as possible is the underlying principle of the Multi-Year Funding programme, and we are delighted to be able to bring it to fruition.

“This funding means that we are able to bring so many new, community focused organisations into the portfolio, while also providing significant increases to those more established organisations which have been on standstill, regular funding for so many years.

“I’m also very pleased to be able to offer 13 further organisations significant amounts of development funding, to enable them to come into the portfolio in its second year.

“This signals a significant moment of positive change for Scotland’s cultural community, and I hope that, after the deeply challenging time of the pandemic, and the difficulties that have faced the sector in the subsequent years, that now is the time that we can look forward with confidence and the Scottish culture sector can get on with what it does best, producing outstanding art and creativity for everyone to enjoy.”

Angus Robertson, Cabinet Secretary for Culture said: “This is a foundational moment for culture and the arts in Scotland. More organisations than ever, in more parts of the country will benefit from the stability of Multi-Year Funding with the number of funded organisations more than doubling, from 119 to 251.

“Funded as part of a record £34 million increase for culture in the draft 2025-26 Scottish Budget, this significant increase in both the number of funded organisations, and the level of grant funding they will receive, has the potential to be truly transformational. It secures the future of key cultural organisations of all sizes across Scotland, which are major assets to our communities and our economy, supporting thousands of jobs and creating new opportunities for freelancers, artists and other creative practitioners.

“It means 251 culture organisations across Scotland, from Argyll and Bute to Shetland, Na h-Eileanan Siar, and the Borders, will receive Multi-Year Funding from April this year and a further 13 have the possibility of doing so from 2026-27. I am also reassured that the remaining unsuccessful applicants will all be offered bespoke support from Creative Scotland to adapt their business models.”

This is the list of Edinburgh organisations which have been given Multi-Year funding:

All or Nothing Aerial Dance Theatre*	Multi-disciplinary	162,500	212,500	212,500	587,500	City of Edinburgh	www.aerialdance.co.uk
Applied Arts Scotland*	Craft	82,334	98,800	98,800	279,934	City of Edinburgh	www.appliedartsscotland.org.uk
Arika (Arika Heavy Industries CIC)	Multi-disciplinary	260,000	325,975	325,975	911,950	City of Edinburgh	www.arika.org.uk
Art in Healthcare*	Visual Arts	61,534	80,467	80,467	222,467	City of Edinburgh	www.artinhealthcare.org.uk

Art Walk Projects CIC*	Multi-disciplinary	80,489	83,300	83,300	247,089	City of Edinburgh	www.artwalkparty.co.uk
Art27 CIC*	Theatre	186,007	202,916	202,916	591,840	City of Edinburgh	www.art27scotland.org
Artlink Edinburgh and The Lothians*	Multi-disciplinary	213,000	213,000	213,000	639,000	City of Edinburgh	www.artlinkedinburgh.co.uk
Be United*	Multi-disciplinary	186,610	186,610	186,610	559,829	City of Edinburgh	www.be-united.org.uk
The Benedetti Foundation*	Music	62,400	81,600	81,600	225,600	City of Edinburgh	www.benedettifoundation.org
Capital Theatres*	Theatre	445,250	582,250	582,250	1,609,750	City of Edinburgh	www.capitaltheatres.com
Civic Digits CIC*	Theatre	130,000	170,000	170,000	470,000	City of Edinburgh	www.civicedigits.com
Collective (The Artists Collective Gallery Ltd)	Visual Arts	368,333	447,575	447,575	1,263,483	City of Edinburgh	www.collective-edinburgh.art
Craft Scotland	Craft	433,333	433,333	433,333	1,299,999	City of Edinburgh	www.craftscotland.org
Craigmillar Now*	Visual Arts	50,000	50,000	50,000	150,000	City of Edinburgh	www.craigmillarnow.com
Creative Edinburgh Ltd	Multi-disciplinary	105,000	105,000	105,000	315,000	City of Edinburgh	www.creative-edinburgh.com
Curious Seed	Dance	172,013	215,390	215,390	602,793	City of Edinburgh	www.curious-seed.com
Cutting Edge Theatre LTD.*	Theatre	135,531	174,254	174,254	484,039	City of Edinburgh	www.cuttingedgetheatre.co.uk
Dance Base	Dance	536,900	591,682	591,682	1,720,263	City of Edinburgh	www.dancebase.co.uk
Deaf Action*	Multi-disciplinary	136,474	232,006	232,006	600,486	City of Edinburgh	www.deafaction.org
Dirliebane Theatre Company*	Theatre	61,999	81,076	81,076	224,150	City of Edinburgh	www.dirliebane.org.uk
Door In The Wall Arts Access C.I.C.*	Visual Arts	77,097	100,819	100,819	278,736	City of Edinburgh	www.doorinthewall.co.uk
The Dovecot Foundation*	Multi-disciplinary	175,500	229,500	229,500	634,500	City of Edinburgh	www.dovecotstudios.com
Drake Music Scotland	Music	224,848	224,848	224,848	674,543	City of Edinburgh	www.drakemusicscotland.org
Dunedin Consort	Music	130,000	170,000	170,000	470,000	City of Edinburgh	www.dunedin-consort.org.uk
Edinburgh Art Festival	Visual Arts	130,000	170,000	170,000	470,000	City of Edinburgh	www.edinburghartfestival.com
Edinburgh International Book Festival	Literature	520,000	680,000	680,000	1,880,000	City of Edinburgh	www.edbookfest.co.uk
Edinburgh International Festival	Multi-disciplinary	3,250,000	4,250,000	4,250,000	11,750,000	City of Edinburgh	www.eif.co.uk
Edinburgh International Film Festival (Edinburgh Development Company Ltd)*	Screen	650,000	650,000	650,000	1,950,000	City of Edinburgh	www.edfilmfest.org

Edinburgh International Jazz and Blues Festival Ltd*	Music	260,000	340,000	340,000	940,000	City of Edinburgh	ejbf.co.uk
Edinburgh Printmakers	Visual Arts	260,000	358,060	358,060	976,120	City of Edinburgh	www.edinburghprintmakers.co.uk
Edinburgh Sculpture Workshop	Visual Arts	374,551	515,814	515,814	1,406,179	City of Edinburgh	www.edinburghsculpture.org
The Embassy Gallery*	Visual Arts	83,079	83,079	83,079	249,237	City of Edinburgh	www.embassygallery.org
Federation of Scottish Theatre	Theatre	320,000	320,000	320,000	960,000	City of Edinburgh	www.scottishtheatre.org
Filmhouse (Edinburgh) Ltd*	Screen	343,312	450,000	450,000	1,243,312	City of Edinburgh	www.filmhousecinema.com
Fruitmarket Gallery	Visual Arts	866,667	1,133,333	1,133,333	3,133,333	City of Edinburgh	www.fruitmarket.co.uk
Grid Iron Theatre Company Ltd	Theatre	291,720	291,720	291,720	875,160	City of Edinburgh	www.gridiron.org.uk
I Am Loud CIC*	Literature	116,154	151,894	151,894	419,943	City of Edinburgh	www.iamloud.co
Iberodocs CIC*	Screen	52,000	68,000	68,000	188,000	City of Edinburgh	www.iberodocs.org
Imagineate	Theatre	474,500	526,887	526,887	1,528,274	City of Edinburgh	www.imagineate.org.uk
Independent Arts Projects Ltd*	Multi-disciplinary	201,723	259,250	259,250	720,223	City of Edinburgh	www.independentartsprojects.com
Jazz Scotland*	Music	140,765	184,077	184,077	508,918	City of Edinburgh	www.jazzscotland.com
Live Music Now Scotland*	Music	136,667	136,667	136,667	410,001	City of Edinburgh	www.livemusicnow.scot
Love Music Productions Ltd*	Music	162,689	212,747	212,747	588,182	City of Edinburgh	www.lovemusic.org.uk
Luminate	Multi-disciplinary	173,223	212,500	212,500	598,223	City of Edinburgh	www.luminatescotland.org
Lung Ha Theatre Company	Theatre	190,864	190,864	190,864	572,591	City of Edinburgh	www.lungha.com
Lyra	Multi-disciplinary	189,600	284,400	284,400	758,400	City of Edinburgh	www.lyra.co.uk
Magnetic North Theatre Production	Theatre	208,047	225,250	225,250	658,547	City of Edinburgh	www.magneticnorth.org.uk
Manipulate Arts (Puppet Animation Scotland)	Multi-disciplinary	238,767	259,250	259,250	757,267	City of Edinburgh	www.manipulatearts.co.uk
Media Education Scotland CIC*	Screen	72,221	94,443	94,443	261,106	City of Edinburgh	www.mediaeducation.co.uk
Music in Hospitals and Care*	Music	112,154	146,663	146,663	405,481	City of Edinburgh	www.mihc.org.uk
North Edinburgh Arts*	Multi-disciplinary	82,501	113,615	113,615	309,731	City of Edinburgh	www.northedinburgharts.co.uk
Open Book*	Literature	83,252	93,021	93,021	269,293	City of Edinburgh	www.openbookreading.com

Pianodrome Community Interest Company*	Multi-disciplinary	50,000	63,750	63,750	177,500	City of Edinburgh	www.pianodrome.org
Publishing Scotland	Literature	467,003	467,003	467,003	1,401,009	City of Edinburgh	www.publishingscotland.org
Push The Boat Out Ltd*	Literature	94,500	94,500	94,500	283,500	City of Edinburgh	www.pushtheboatout.org
Red Note Ensemble Ltd	Music	279,500	289,000	289,000	857,500	City of Edinburgh	www.rednoteensemble.com
Regional Screen Scotland	Screen	410,000	410,000	410,000	1,230,000	City of Edinburgh	www.regionalscreenscotland.org
Royal Lyceum Theatre Company	Theatre	1,573,000	1,700,785	1,700,785	4,974,570	City of Edinburgh	www.lyceum.org.uk
Scottish Book Trust	Literature	1,280,752	1,280,752	1,280,752	3,842,256	City of Edinburgh	www.scottishbooktrust.com
Scottish BPOC Writers Network*	Literature	146,800	171,267	171,267	489,334	City of Edinburgh	www.scottishbpocwritersnetwork.org
Scottish National Jazz Orchestra	Music	251,550	328,950	328,950	909,450	City of Edinburgh	www.snjo.co.uk
Screen Education Edinburgh*	Screen	160,467	209,841	209,841	580,149	City of Edinburgh	www.screen-ed.org
Starcatchers Productions Ltd	Multi-disciplinary	276,451	306,000	306,000	888,451	City of Edinburgh	www.starcatchers.org.uk
Stills Ltd	Visual Arts	191,100	246,166	246,166	683,432	City of Edinburgh	www.stills.org
Summerhall Arts*	Multi-disciplinary	168,254	220,024	220,024	608,302	City of Edinburgh	www.summerhall.co.uk
Talbot Rice Gallery, the University of Edinburgh*	Visual Arts	135,980	143,022	143,022	422,024	City of Edinburgh	www.trg.ed.ac.uk
Theiya Arts*	Dance	101,400	132,600	132,600	366,600	City of Edinburgh	www.theiya.org
Think Circus C.I.C.*	Multi-disciplinary	50,000	50,000	50,000	150,000	City of Edinburgh	www.thinkcircus.co.uk
Tinderbox Collective	Music	227,500	297,500	297,500	822,500	City of Edinburgh	www.tinderboxcollective.org
Tortoise in a Nutshell*	Theatre	142,350	186,150	186,150	514,650	City of Edinburgh	www.tortoiseinanutshell.com
Traditional Arts and Culture Scotland / Ealain is Cultar Traidiseanta Alba	Multi-disciplinary	486,000	635,538	635,538	1,757,076	City of Edinburgh	www.tracscotland.org
Travelling Gallery (City of Edinburgh Council)	Visual Arts	164,667	170,000	170,000	504,667	City of Edinburgh	www.travellinggallery.com
Visual Arts Scotland*	Multi-disciplinary	50,000	50,000	50,000	150,000	City of Edinburgh	www.visualartsscotland.org
WHALE, The Arts Agency*	Multi-disciplinary	83,325	89,515	89,515	262,355	City of Edinburgh	www.whalearts.co.uk
Wide Events CIC*	Music	173,997	205,633	205,633	585,262	City of Edinburgh	www.widedays.com

Youth Theatre Arts Scotland	Theatre	191,533	225,250	225,250	642,033	City of Edinburgh	www.ytas.org.uk
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These are the organisations in Edinburgh offered development funding

Bothy Project*	Multi-disciplinary	65,000	85,000	85,000	235,000	City of Edinburgh	www.bothyproject.com
Creative Lives Charity Ltd	Inter-disciplinary	150,000	150,000	150,000	450,000	City of Edinburgh	www.creative-lives.org
Culture and Business Scotland	Other	285,480	285,480	285,480	856,440	City of Edinburgh	www.cultureandbusiness.scot
Hebrides Ensemble*	Music	125,110	148,750	148,750	422,610	City of Edinburgh	www.hebridesensemble.com
Hidden Door Charitable Company Ltd*	Multi-disciplinary	116,626	123,250	123,250	363,126	City of Edinburgh	hiddendoorarts.org
The Scottish Poetry Library	Literature	391,083	391,083	391,083	1,173,249	City of Edinburgh	www.scottishpoetrylibrary.org.uk
Traverse Theatre (Scotland) Ltd	Theatre	1,141,400	1,275,000	1,275,000	3,691,400	City of Edinburgh	www.traverse.co.uk