

Docklands Arts Fund: Small Grants 2017

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**Deadline: Thursday 29th June 2017 at 5pm sharp, via the online link on:
www.businessstoarts.ie/artsfund**

Background

Docklands Arts Fund Purpose Statement

“The purpose of the partnership between Dublin City Council and Business to Arts is to enhance develop and grow the practice, appreciation and development of quality arts experiences in the Docklands Area. Fostering a partnership with artists, businesses, residents, educators and appropriate agencies, we support the ongoing investment in this unique area by securing new financial and other resources.”

The Docklands Arts Fund was established in 2015 to create Ireland’s first Arts Fund supported by companies, organisations and individuals located in the Docklands Area. It is a collaboration initiated by *Business to Arts* and Dublin City Council. Together with corporate and organisational partners, we plan to enhance the practice, appreciation and development of quality arts experiences in the Dublin Docklands Area.

In 2016, three Small Grants were awarded. To learn more about these projects, see: www.businessstoarts.ie/artsfund/ This year, we are seeking applications from a variety of artists and not-for-profit/charitable/voluntary arts organisations. We expect to issue approximately three grants, of up to €5,000, to projects by September 2017.

Objective of the Grant Round

The objective of the grant round is to contribute funds to a range of artists and arts organisations working in the Dublin Docklands Area. For the purposes of this application, the Dublin Docklands area is defined as the area/s incorporating the five neighbourhoods of East Wall, North Wall/Sheriff Street, City Quay/Westland Row, Grand Canal Docks, Ringsend/Irishtown.

Deadline

Applications will be accepted until Thursday 29th June 2017. The deadline will be 5pm GMT and late applications will not be accepted for any reason. All projects must be submitted online ONLY, via the link on www.businessstoarts.ie/artsfund/ Projects will be notified of decision via email by early September 2017. Decisions are final and correspondence will not be entered into.

Eligibility and Rules

- Only artists and not-for-profit/charitable/voluntary arts organisations can apply to the Docklands Arts Fund Small Grants.
- Only one application can be submitted by each artist, or not-for-profit/charitable/voluntary arts organisation.
- Applications must only be submitted electronically via: www.businessstoarts.ie/artsfund/
- Hard copy or emailed applications will not be accepted.
- Only artists or not-for-profit/charitable/voluntary arts organisations based and delivering services in the Dublin Docklands Area OR projects/activities which will take place within the Dublin Docklands Area should apply.
- Grants will not be made for projects which have been completed.
- Applicants must be able to supply a copy of their most recent set of audited accounts, if applicable, or bank statements.

- A specific sum of money must be sought (**up to a maximum of €5,000**)
- Applications requiring additional funds must have secured other funding partners for their proposed project.
- Application forms not completed fully will not be considered. If you are unsure as to whether your online application has been submitted, please contact eileen@businessstoarts.ie before the deadline of Thursday 29th June 2017.
- Applications must be received by the deadline. Late applications will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Size of Awards

The maximum amount you may request is **€5,000**. Projects seeking larger grant amounts will not be considered. Projects with larger budgets that have secured funds elsewhere are welcome. Applicants must demonstrate proof of other funds.

Evaluation

Applications will be evaluated and presented for consideration by the panel of judges. Any lobbying will lead to the disqualification of the application. The decision of the judges is final and we regret that we are unable to enter into conversations or correspondence regarding the decision of the judges. We do encourage applicants who are not awarded a grant to request feedback on your proposal.

Types of Projects – Selection will be graded on the quality of the submission with regard to the Brief below:

Below, we have provided a description of the types of activities the Docklands Arts Fund aims to support. Please review the list carefully and ensure that your proposed application fits at least one of these categories.

We support activities that enhance the practice, appreciation and development of quality arts experiences in the Dublin Docklands Area. These include:

- New/innovative art commissions/projects
- Projects that are delivered by OR involve professional artists
- Projects that involve partnerships with other cultural providers (show evidence)
- Projects that widen access to participation to arts activities and arts education for under-represented groups, such as persons from low-income background, those with disabilities, older people etc.
- Projects that provide opportunities to engage in safe and productive out-of-school arts activities for young people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities
- Projects that promote arts/cultural awareness and understanding and develop new audiences
- Once-off arts events (performances/productions, festivals) that will occur in the Docklands Area
- Projects that will take place between September 2017 and June 2018.

The Docklands Arts Fund Small Grants will not provide support for organisations based outside of the island of Ireland or for any of the following:

- General fundraising appeals
- Completed projects
- Repayment of debt
- Tuition or course fees
- Medical expenses
- Purchase of buildings or land
- Salaries (Note: project management fees are permissible. Max 40% of total cost)
- Purchase of vehicles
- Consultancy fees

When assessing the merits of each application, we will consider the following:

- Is the application form fully completed?
- Is it clear what the applicant is proposing?
- Does the application clearly describe the intended impact or outcomes?
- Has the applicant secured other sources of funding for the project? If not, can the project proceed with partial funding?
- Are the financial figures provided accurate?
- Is the application offering good value for money?
- Is the timeframe for delivery within guidelines?
- Does the applicant demonstrate that they are a leader in their field?

How to get involved with the Docklands Arts Fund

The Docklands Arts Fund is in its pilot phase. We have big plans to be an important part of linking business to artistic activity in the Dublin Area. We have a long-term vision and will need the energy and resources of businesses, individuals and the communities of Dublin Docklands to be a success.

To help us achieve this:

- Share with us the resources you can put towards artistic projects in the Dublin Docklands Area. Resources can include funds, staff time and other in-kind sponsorship e.g. design, print, marketing and promotion.
- If you are already engaged in funding artistic activities in the Dublin Docklands area or would like to explore possibilities for collaboration, please contact jackie@businessstoarts.ie and/or andrew@businessstoarts.ie

About Business to Arts

Business to Arts brokers, enables and supports creative partnerships between businesses, individuals and the arts. We are a membership-based, charitable organisation (CHY 9871), working with our corporate and individual members to develop solutions in areas such as sponsorship, commissioning, brand development, training, leadership development, internal and external communications and events.

We work exclusively with our members who support our mission to strengthen relationships between businesses and the arts in Ireland, and to build capacity in the cultural sector to develop more sustainable cultural organisations.

For more information see www.businessstoarts.ie

Docklands Arts Fund: Small Grants 2017 – Online Form

Artist/Organisation Name:

Contact Person:

Full Postal Address:

Telephone/Mobile:

Location of Proposed Project:

Email:

Website:

Please state briefly what your (your organisation's) aims and objectives are (less than 800 characters – approx. 120 words please).

Please describe a summary of your (your organisation's) cultural activities in the past 3 years (less than 1200 characters – approx. 180 words please).

Please describe your project or activity in Dublin's Docklands, for which you seek the grant (less than 800 characters – approx. 120 words please).

When is the activity/event/project to take place? (It must commence by September 2017 and have an element of conclusion/presentation by June 2018).

Who are your target audience for the project?

Will you be working with professional artists?

Please note if you have further information you want to add in support of your application, there is an option to submit ONE supporting PDF file of less than eight pages in length and no larger than 1MB to eileen@businessstoarts.ie by 5pm, Thursday 29th June 2017.

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Please Complete an Income and Expenditure Form Here:

Income	Amount
Docklands Arts Fund Grant Sought	
Other Funds Granted	
Income from Project	
TOTAL INCOME	
Expenditure	Amount
Programme Costs	
Artist Fees	
Other Fees	
Materials	
Equipment	
Insurances	
Light/Heat	
Office Supplies	
Travel & Accommodation	
Photography/filming/documentation	
Other (please list)	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	
NB – Your income and expenditure should match.	

Deadline for all forms 5pm, on Thursday 29th June 2017 – via the Application Form on the link:

www.businessstoarts.ie/artsfund/

Shortlisted projects and organisations will be contacted by early September 2017.

For assistance with the Docklands Arts Fund Small Grants application process, please contact the Docklands Arts Fund by email at eileen@businessstoarts.ie

Thank you for your time.