



Arts Office
Kilkenny County Council



EDI Artist Bursary

Deadline for receipt of applications is 4pm April 30th

Information for Applicants

The Kilkenny County Council Arts Office is pleased to offer a financial support bursary of €5,000 for artists across all art forms. This opportunity is specific to individuals from underrepresented backgrounds, including those based on age, civil or family status, disability, gender, membership of the Traveller Community, race, religion, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status.

The bursary aligns with The Arts Council's Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Implementation Plan, recognising the challenges faced by such artists who are striving to advance their careers and enhance their artistic practice. By providing an element of financial relief, the bursary will allow the successful applicant the freedom to focus on the development of their practice and if relevant a specific project.

To maximize the impact of the bursary, recipients are encouraged to allocate a portion of the funds toward engaging a mentor, a coach, or participating in a short professional development course or retreat of their choice. The Arts Office is prepared to provide guidance and signpost available options within the artist's specific artform.

Eligibility

- Artist must be from an underrepresented background (see [here](#) for further information on The Arts Councils EDI Implementation Plan)
- A professional artist for at least 3 years
- An artist residing in Kilkenny for a minimum of 2 years
- Applicants cannot be an undergraduate student at the time this bursary is offered
- Applicants must be over the age of 18 years

Applications will be assessed based on the following:

- Comprehensiveness of application form
- Tangible benefits of the bursary to the development and progression of your practice, or if relevant a specific project
- If project based, demonstration of capacity to successfully plan and execute the project
- Budget management
- Quality of supporting material (images of work, short writing samples, music samples etc. relevant research information on your proposed project)
- Artists CV

Supporting Documentation

- You are required to include **supporting material within your application form**. Online applications only are accepted (max 10 MB per application). This may include images, pamphlets, brochures, texts, sound bites, transcripts (4 pages max), video links

- Please compile all support material onto **one PDF or Word Doc.**
- Max of 12 still images– clearly labelled
- Video Show reel (You Tube or Vimeo) links max 6 minutes accepted- if links are password protected please ensure you have included the password to view
- A **Contents List** of the supporting material clearly labelled must be included in supporting application

Conditions

- The funding offered must only be used for the purposes specified in the application
- The award must be spent within a twelve-month period of receipt of the award
- Where a grant is allocated for a specific project, Kilkenny County Council will not be responsible for the insurance of that project. KCC recommends that adequate insurance is in place prior to the commencement of any project
- If the project is altered, postponed or cancelled – in whole or in part – Kilkenny Arts Officer must be contacted in order to discuss the matter
- Kilkenny County Council must be acknowledged on all publicity, press and marketing material including social media produced in connection with the project. Logos and relevant hashtags will be sent to the successful applicant
- Copies of all material produced must be sent to Kilkenny Arts Office
- An evaluation report regarding the project must be submitted to the Arts Office within one month of the completion of the project. A report form will be provided

Before you submit your application:

- Read all questions thoroughly before you answer them
- Make your application clear, concise and unambiguous
- Be selective with material submitted. It is better to submit less than to include work you do not consider to be your best
- Do not assume that those assessing know your work - treat the application as if it were your first
- Remember your application is assessed based on the information supplied within a competitive context of many other applications
- Get someone, perhaps working in your discipline, to look over your application before you send it in
- Provide good examples and reproductions of your work and/or relevant online links
- Have a clear and realistic idea of what you want to achieve
- Provide a project timeline if appropriate
- Plan your application well in advance
- Keep a copy of your application for reference purposes
- Canvassing in any form will disqualify you from the process

Common Mistakes

- No application form submitted, or blank form submitted
- Incomplete budget or insufficient breakdown of costs in the budget (please itemise all costs)
- Blank sections on application form - if a question is not appropriate to you, it should be marked 'N/A'
- No examples of your own work. An application cannot be assessed without examples of your work
- Not enough information - we will have no basis on which to make a recommendation
- Poor examples / poorly presented work / poor documentation

- Badly photographed work (e.g. artwork photographed under poor lighting, particularly installations)
- No list of supporting documentation: For example, when assessing visual artists' work, a lack of a List of supporting documentation can lead to confusion over dimensions, media and context. Not identifying tracks to listen to on music CD's, film DVD's can also lead to confusion for the assessors reviewing your work etc

Other

- Please note there is no guarantee of funding for individuals who nonetheless may have achieved the minimum criteria. The funding available is limited and eligible applications will be evaluated on a competitive basis
- Submitted applications will undergo an eligibility review before being presented to an independent selection committee. This committee will include a professional with expertise in Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) considerations
- Kilkenny County Council reserves the right not to award bursaries at its discretion

