

# Local Arts Grant Scheme 2010 - 2011

## Application notes and criteria

Tamworth Borough Council wishes to support local arts initiatives as a means of improving the quality of life for the people of Tamworth.

Applications are therefore invited from any group or individual living within the Borough of Tamworth who requires financial support to pursue arts activities.

### Application Guidelines

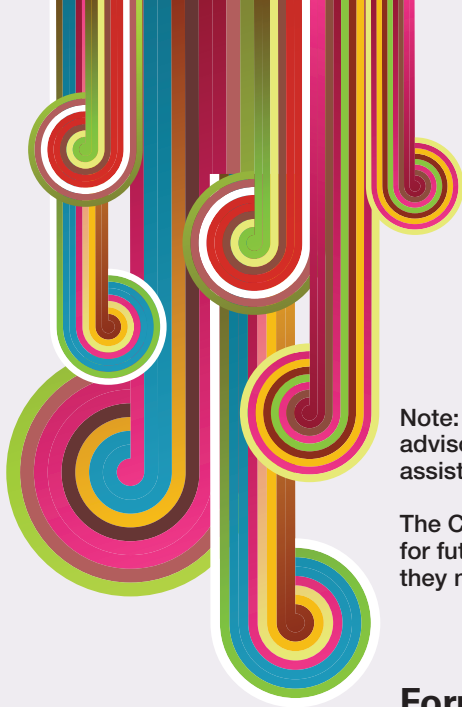
#### Who can apply?

1. Any group within the Borough involved in arts activity.
2. Any individual who seeks support in an arts activity. The application can be made by the individual, parent, guardian, or tutor/referee.

### Criteria

#### What sort of projects and costs will the fund cover?

1. Consideration will be given to any planned arts activity that complies with the stated Arts Policy of the council and represents good value for money for the people of Tamworth. A maximum award of £500 per application is allowed although figures exceeding this amount will be considered in exceptional circumstances\*. In particular, the committee will look favourably upon those proposals that demonstrate one or more of the following qualities:
  - a) Community emphasis – the project should substantially involve or have special relevance to the people of Tamworth and should have a social, artistic and/or economic benefit to the borough.
  - b) Increased access and participation – the project will encourage wider interest and opportunities for involvement arts activities.
  - c) Originality and creativity – the project will offer something distinctive to Tamworth's arts provision and will represent a development of existing practice for the people involved.
2. A grant can be awarded towards the costs of materials, equipment, instruments, productions, training courses or tuition costs.
3. Grants will not be given for:-
  - Work and projects of a party political nature
  - Travel and subsistence costs
  - Guarantee against loss
  - Work and projects which discriminate against ethnicity, race, gender or religion
  - Projects operated on a commercial or for profit basis.
4. Applications are encouraged from new applicants. Not more than one application from the same source will be considered in any 12 month period.



Note: Activities or promotions where the Community Arts Officer is acting as the facilitator and advisor to a group but does not form part of the Council's identified programme can qualify for assistance.

The Committee's decision will be final. However, unsuccessful applicants will be able to resubmit for future consideration. The Committee may defer a decision pending further information and they may set conditions and provisos.

## Form of application

1. Applications can be made by completing the form supplied with this pack and returning it to the Partnership Funding Officer.
2. Applicants shall, in the case of established clubs or groups:
  - provide their latest audited accounts
  - provide a current bank statement
  - provide evidence of clear CRB for anyone working with children or vulnerable adults
  - provide a copy of protection policy if working with children or vulnerable adults

In the case of individuals:

- show clear evidence of the costs involved in their work
- be prepared to have their application supported by someone directly involved in their work.
- provide evidence of clear CRB for anyone working with children or vulnerable adults
- provide a copy of protection policy if working with children or vulnerable adults

## Payment

In most cases grants will be paid against receipt of a completed acceptance form.

\*Exceptional circumstances here refer to receipt of an application of exceptional merit which the Committee could justify as a special case for support. This would obviously depend upon the availability of funds at a particular time.

**Robert Mitchell**

Deputy Director (Communities, Planning & Partnerships)

Please ask for: Karen Clancy

Direct dial: 01827 709565 Fax: 01827 709310

E-mail: karen-clancy@tamworth.gov.uk

Please return to: Karen Clancy, Partnership Funding Officer, Communities, Planning & Partnerships, Tamworth Borough Council, Marmion House, Lichfield Street, Tamworth, Staffordshire B79 7BZ.