
LAUNCH OF FUNDING PROGRAMME 2023/24
Invitation to apply for grants for individuals and projects

MyCool Music Foundation (MCMF) believes strongly in the therapeutic power of singing and music (collectively and individually) as a vehicle for enhancing the well being of groups and individuals and their sense of personal achievement. The experience of being involved in music – in its various aspects, can be both life affirming and empowering. This is especially important for people who experience disadvantage or discrimination, for whatever reason – be it youth, age, physical or sensory disability, physical or mental ill health, financial hardship or any other disadvantage.

MyCool Music Foundation is, therefore, proud to announce the launch of its fourth funding programme and to invite applications for grants for individuals and projects as follows:

1. Music related projects and initiatives working with disadvantaged people
2. Individual small grants for young people aged 12 – 18 years (nominated by an adult)
3. Individual small grants for people over 18 years for music related initiatives.

Music related can be interpreted as involving instrumental, vocal, composition and singing activities/projects.

MUSIC RELATED PROJECTS:

Applications are invited to support projects involving music related initiatives that will enhance the lives and experiences of groups and communities and support them to improve their health and wellbeing.

The Foundation will accept applications made by individuals or existing organisations seeking financial support to work with groups or communities of people (large and small) to enable them to engage in specific music related education or activities.

Examples of activities that project related grants might support:

- Choir/singing workshops for those experiencing/recovering from life crises, bereavement or life changing experiences
- Music/singing activities for communities and organisations working with people in specialist units and those experiencing challenging life events
- Using song writing skills as a way of self expression for those experiencing challenges.

INDIVIDUAL SMALL GRANT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 12 – 18 YEARS:

Small grants are available to support young people between 12 and 18 years of age who wish to undertake music related initiatives that will enhance their musical education and support them to achieve their full potential – in terms of both musical and/or personal development and wellbeing. **For those under 18 applications should be made by a nominating adult, on behalf of the young person.** The young person, must, however, be fully involved with and supportive of the proposal and application.

INDIVIDUAL SMALL GRANT FOR PEOPLE OVER 18 YEARS:

Small grants are also available to support people over 18 years of age who wish to undertake music related initiatives that will enhance their musical education and support them to achieve their full potential – either musically or as part of personal development and well being.

Examples of activities that individual grants might be used to provide are:

- Mentoring in music related activities
- Singing coaching
- Music lessons
- Performance development
- Development of song writing skills
- Musical composition
- Involvement in community or other singing
- Some other music related activity

APPLICATIONS SHOULD MEET AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. Enable individuals to express themselves, improve their health and promote well being.
2. Through access to choirs and/or music workshops or activities provide benefits from the therapeutic value of singing or musical engagement.
3. Provide support for talented young people from disadvantaged/less privileged backgrounds to develop their musical and associated aspirations.
4. Advance music related education and support disadvantaged people in various location by offering opportunities to engage in music and singing related activities.

HOW TO APPLY:

Complete the application form available <https://www.mycoolmusicfoundatiom.org/funding> or enquiries@mycoolmusicfoundation.org (hard copy can be requested – phone 0300 365 4566) and return to enquiries@mycoolmusicfoundation.org

If you require further information contact: info@mycoolmusicfoundation.org or phone 0300 365 4566

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: Friday 1st December 2023
