

FUNDING GUIDELINES

1. This fund is to produce live-action short films or documentaries to be shot exclusively on the Isle of Man.
2. The creative team (director, writer, producer) must all be based within the British Isles (UK, Ireland, Isle of Man, Channel Islands), and you must have at least two people covering the three roles.
3. The creative team will need to show a track record in creative arts, be it at student or amateur level, in film, television, theatre or another creative art form.
4. All creative team members must be over the age of 18 and not in full-time education.
5. The Isle of Man Arts Council is committed to increasing diversity in the arts and the people who it funds. As the Manx people as a group and the island as a region are under-represented in the creative output of the British Isles, the Arts Council does not mandate diversity criteria. However, diversity among characters, the subject matter of your film and the crew will be taken into consideration when a funding decision is made.
6. As part of your application, you'll be required to submit a budget for your film in which everyone involved is required to be paid at least minimum wage for their time; you may budget up to £500 towards festival submission fees.
7. The maximum amount that can be funded for any project is £15,000, and this must be match-funded from other sources (e.g. if your budget is £20,000, you can apply for £10,000, with £10,000 of your own funds). In your budget, in-kind donations can be applied to match funding (e.g. the cost of hiring equipment if you already own it yourself, supported by quotes of what it would have cost to hire; individual fees cannot be gifted to achieve match funding as it contradicts guideline 6).
8. Arts Council funding is preferred to be a last place fund, meaning all other funds should have been agreed before application. However, if you wish to crowdfund the matching funds for your budget, we will still consider your application; if successful, we will issue a Letter of Intent valid for six months on the condition that you consult with a crowdfunding platform, such as GreenLit, Kickstarter and Indiegogo on how best to raise the remaining funds.
9. We will fund films up to about 15 minutes in length that have not previously been started; we do not fund post-production of completed films.
10. Films that are relevant to Manx culture will be judged more favourably than those that have no connection to the island or its culture.

APPLICATION

For your application, you will need to supply:

- A pitch deck that includes a synopsis, character breakdown, director's statement of execution and style, and a mood board visually describing the tone of the film
- A shooting script
- A statement on the practicalities of producing the film, including, if necessary, travel to the island and locations
- A statement on the diversity of the subject matter, characters you intend to cast and the crew
- A statement on the environmental sustainability of the project
- A budget with evidenced costs
- CVs of the creative team
- Examples of your previous work

The fund is open all year and applications are assessed at quarterly meetings. You can apply only via the Arts Council online portal. Once submitted, you'll receive a confirmation, and we'll check that your application is complete and eligible for funding.



ACCESS

If any members of your team have personal access needs that will incur a cost during the production of your film, you can apply for additional funding that will not form part of your budget. We define such needs as specific support required under the protected characteristics of the Isle of Man Equality Act 2017. Access costs can include, but are not limited to, the following:

- personal assistance support
- transport
- accommodation
- equipment, including adaptations
- communication support such as BSL interpreter, note taker, speech to text reporter, lip speaker, translation of documents into other formats/language, translation of documents into Easy Read or other formats such as large print or audio, translation support if English is not your first language