











Funding Review

Introduction

The tables below give an overview of live funds available to apply for between May and December 2024, as well as advance notice of a few potential funds to look out for in 2025. They are split into categories which aim to help schools, music and community organisations (including charities) and individuals easily find relevant funds.

We hope that you find this information useful and feel encouraged to apply for further resources that can enhance opportunities for making music together in Leeds. Please check the links to each website for further details of eligibility and how to apply, checking for any changes that may be made after publication of this report. Leeds Music Education Partnership cannot accept responsibility for any errors or changes made to the funds further to publication of this report.

Summary of Funds Available for Schools Only (Not including community organisations or individuals)

Fund Name & Organisation	What's Available?	How Much?	Who can apply?	Deadline and Where to Apply
UMUKSF School Funding Universal Music UK Sound Foundation	Financial support for students, schools and teachers to improve their access to music by purchasing or upgrading musical instruments and / or equipment	Up to £1,500	Schools, teaching the national curriculum, which are based in the UK and Ireland	Please check the website for details of when the next round of funding will be open. Trustees review applications and offers are made twice a year; March and October. Check the website for news https://www.umuksoundfoundation.com/umuksf-school-awards/
BBB Trust Award	Financial support for	Up to	Primary and Secondary State	Round 2 Now Open:
Music for All	established orchestras as well as those aspiring to set one up. For creating a self- sustaining environment enabling more pupils to access music making	£8,000	Schools, which are based in the UK	Deadline: 1st July 2024 Four funding rounds in total throughout the year. Please check the website for specific dates and details for future rounds announced as follows: https://www.musicforall.org.uk/apply-for-funding/application-process/

Summary of Funds Available for Organisations Only (Including schools and academies, but not individuals)

Fund Name & Organisation	What's Available?	How Much?	Who can apply?	Deadline and Where to Apply
The Community Fund National Lottery Community Fund	projects that benefit the community. This can include money towards musical development	£300 to £20,000	Constituted voluntary & community organisations, groups and clubs, charities, CIO's, Not for profit companies, CIC's, schools, statutory bodies, community benefit societies	Ongoing application process. Apply at least 16 weeks before the activity is hoped to start https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.u k/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-england#section-3
Reaching Communities National Lottery Community Fund	Financial support towards projects that benefit the community. This can include money towards musical development	£20,001 or more for up to 5 years	Constituted voluntary & community organisations, groups and clubs, charities, CIO's, not for profit companies, CIC's, schools, statutory bodies, community benefit societies, co-operative societies	Ongoing application process https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.u k/funding/programmes/reaching- communities-england#section-2
Partnerships National Lottery Community Fund	Financial support for organisations working together in partnership to help their community. This can include money towards musical development	£20,001 or more for up to 5 years	Constituted voluntary & community organisations, groups and clubs, charities, CIO's, not for profit companies, CIC's, schools, statutory bodies, community benefit societies, co-operative societies	Ongoing application process https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.u k/funding/programmes/partnerships- england#section-1

Play Enabling Grant, Child Friendly Leeds	Financial support towards inclusive, exciting and accessible play opportunities that support children's emotional, social and physical learning and development.	TBC (The last fund was up to £5,000)	Voluntary and community organisations who can enable the development of play opportunities for children from 0-18 years old, across the city that support local need.	This information is based on the most recent funding round, which has now closed. Please check the website Deadline: Noon, 3rd June 2024 https://wearechildfriendlyleeds.com/2024/05/03/peg-2024-25/ or contact childfriendlyleeds@leeds.gov.uk to be added to updates for future fund announcements.
Buttle Uk Chances for Children	One-off financial support to help improve wellbeing and educational engagement for children and young people aged 2-18, where they have experienced a crisis. This can include money towards musical activities	Up to £2,400	Frontline professionals working for a registered charity, housing association or public sector organisation (including schools) who are working directly with the children/young person	This grant is always open so eligible applicants can apply at any time. https://buttleuk.org/apply-for-a-grant/chances-for-children-grants/
Arts Council England National Lottery Project Grants	Financial support for projects up to 3 (sometimes 4) years. Including special activities like tours, major projects and place partnerships that reach and engage people and communities in England with high quality creativity and culture	£100,001 or more	Individuals and organisations doing projects related to arts and culture, including music. It can also include helping people to develop skills, research or organisational development that helps to develop and support creativity and culture	Project Grants is always open so eligible applicants can apply at any time. Setting up an applicant profile can take up to 10 days. https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/ProjectGrants/national-lottery-projectgrants-guidance-library#t-in-pagenav-3

Arts Council England National Lottery Project Grants	Financial support for creating and delivering creative and cultural activity and projects (including tours) that reach and engage people and communities in England with high quality creativity and culture	£30,001 to £100,000 including 10% match funding recomme- nded	Individuals and organisations doing projects related to arts and culture, including music. It can also include helping people to develop skills, research or organisational development that helps to develop and support creativity and culture	Project Grants is always open so eligible applicants can apply at any time. Setting up an applicant profile can take up to 10 days. Decisions may take up to 14 weeks https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/Project Grants/national-lottery-project-grants-guidance-library#t-in-page-nav-2
Arts Council England National Lottery Project Grants	Financial support for creating and delivering creative and cultural activity and projects that reach and engage people and communities in England with high quality creativity and culture	£1,000 to £30,000	Individuals and organisations doing projects related to arts and culture, including music. It can also include helping people to develop skills, research or organisational development that helps to develop and support creativity and culture	Project Grants is always open so eligible applicants can apply at any time. Setting up an applicant profile can take up to 10 days. Decisions may take up to 9 weeks https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/Project Grants/national-lottery-project-grants-guidance-library#t-in-page-nav-1

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Creative, Confident Communities Esmée Fairbairn	Financial support to strengthen bonds in communities, helping local people to build vibrant, confident places where they can fulfil their creative, human and economic potential	Unlimited	Constituted organisations including registered charities, social enterprises, CIC's and not for profit companies with an annual turnover of more than £100,000	Ongoing application process https://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/ap plications/
The UK Fund National Lottery Community Fund	Financial support towards activities that strengthens relationships between diverse communities, creates connections between online and offline worlds, helps ensure people from all backgrounds can shape the future of their communities	£500,000 to £5 million	Registered charities, CIO's, CIC's, community benefit societies, cooperative societies, constituted voluntary or community organisations, statutory bodies, companies ltd by guarantee, partnerships of organisations	Ongoing application process https://www.tnlcommunityfund.o rg.uk/funding/programmes/the- uk-fund

Providers of childcare / activities for 0-5, 6- 19 and training Seedlings Foundation	Financial support for equipment and resources, activities to support education and development of children and young people and training	Up to £1,500	Registered charities or voluntary organisations and some private organisations at the trustees discretion	Ongoing application process https://seedlings- foundation.org.uk
Pears Youth Fund Leeds Community Foundation	Financial support to support organisations to deliver youth work and promote youth voice, youth empowerment and youth activities. For people aged 5 to 20 (or up to 25 with additional needs).	Up to £20,000 over two years	Organisations with an income between £30k and £750k, who can clearly demonstrate how their work with young people is underpinned by Youth Work Values and Principles.	15th July 2024
Postcode Neighbourhood Trust People's Postcode Lottery	Financial support towards enabling participation in the arts. Prioritised for groups from communities experiencing racial inequity, disabled and LGBT+ people	£500 to £25,000	Formally constituted organisations operating over a year, requesting no more than 1/3 of total income	Round 2 Now Open: Deadline: Noon, 1 July 2024 Round 3 will Open on 24th September 2024 Deadline: Noon, 1 October 2024 https://www.postcodeneighbourhoodtrust.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant

Working with primary- school aged children Music for All	Financial support for providing opportunities to make music for children and young people aged between 4-11	Up to £2,000	Community based groups able to demonstrate ways in which they nurture underprivileged young talent. Including those operating in caring, as well as more formal educational settings. Choirs are welcome to apply.	Round 2 Now Open: Deadline: 1st July 2024 Four funding rounds in total throughout the year. Please check the website for specific dates and details for future rounds announced as follows: https://www.musicforall.org.uk /apply-for-funding/application- process/
Chronic diseases and conditions affecting quality of life Music for All	Financial support	Up to £2,000	Community based groups who can demonstrate how music is used within their project work and where possible, can illustrate previous examples of work as well as show how funds will support music-making	Round 2 Now Open: Deadline: 1st July 2024 Four funding rounds in total throughout the year. Please check the website for specific dates and details for future rounds announced as follows: https://www.musicforall.org.uk /apply-for-funding/application- process/
Working with groups with mental health challenges and / or affected by loneliness / isolation Music for All	Financial support	Up to £2,000	Community based groups who can demonstrate how music is used within their project and illustrate previous successful examples	Round 2 Now Open: Deadline: 1st July 2024 Four funding rounds in total throughout the year. Please check the website for specific dates and details for future rounds announced as follows: https://www.musicforall.org.uk/apply-for-funding/application-process/

Working with communities from the Global Majority, in collaboration with Black Lives in Music Music for All	Financial support	Up to £2,000	Community based groups who can demonstrate ways in which they nurture disadvantaged individuals through music-making opportunities	Round 2 Now Open: Deadline: 1st July 2024 Four funding rounds in total throughout the year. Please check the website for specific dates and details for future rounds announced as follows: https://www.musicforall.org.uk/apply-for-funding/application-process/
Arts Council England National Lottery Project Grants Supporting Grassroots Music Priority	Financial Support for rehearsal and recording studios, promoters, festivals, and venues for live and electronic music performance to help bring live and electronic music to the public and support the development of talent	£1,000 to £40,000	Grassroots music venues and club sector organisations including rehearsal and recording studios, promoters, festivals, and venues for live and electronic music performance	This is a listed priority within the general 'Project Grants' fund until at least Sept 2025. 'Project Grants' is always open so you can apply at any time
Trailblazer Fund Youth Music	Financial Support for organisations trialing first time work, testing a new way of working or disrupting the status quo for children and young people (25 or under) to make, learn and earn in music	£2,000 to £30,000	Small charities, arts venues, music businesses, youth clubs, music education hubs, housing associations, nurseries and more, working in at least theme including: Early Years - Disabled d/Deaf and neurodivergent young people - Youth justice system - Young people facing barriers - Young adults - Organisations and the workforce	Round 7 Deadline: 30 August 2024 Notification: 13 December 2024 Round 8 Deadline: 22 November 2024 Notification: 21 March 2025 https://youthmusic.org.uk/trailblazer-fund

Summary of Funds Available for Organisations, Bands & Individuals (Not including schools or academies)

Fund Name & Organisation	What's Available?	How Much?	Who Can Apply?	Deadline and Where to Apply
Inspire Leeds City Council, Culture Programmes	Financial support for new one off non profit creative and cultural projects over a 12 months period – stand alone or part of a recurring event eg. annual festival	£500 to £1,500 (with 10% match funding cash or in-kind)	Leeds based, individual artists, Culture & Creative Organisations, Community & Voluntary groups based in Leeds Commercial organisations to support discreet non-profit free to access cultural projects.	Deadlines: 12 noon, 3 June 2024 12 noon, 2 Sept 2024 12 noon, 2 Dec 2024 https://www.leedsculturepro grammes.org.uk/inspire
Physical mobility or accessibility needs Music for All	Financial Support to provide music making opportunities to those with physical mobility, coordination and/or accessibility needs	Up to £2,000 for community projects and £800 for individuals	Community groups who can demonstrate how music is used within their project work and where possible, be able to illustrate previous examples as well as illustrate how funds will be used to remove barriers to support music-making for the group	Round 2 Now Open: Deadline: 1st July 2024 Four funding rounds in total throughout the year. Please check the website for specific dates and details for future rounds announced as follows: https://www.musicforall.org.uk/apply-for-funding/application-process/

International Showcase Fund PRS Foundation	Financial support for music creators to attend industry facing showcases and writing camps to encourage international export opportunities	Up to £5,500	Artists, bands, songwriters and producers who have been invited to perform or create new music at international industry facing showcasing festivals, song writing camps or conferences	Rolling deadline https://prsfoundation.com/fu nding-support/funding-music- creators/international/internat ional-showcase- fund/international-showcase- fund-guidance-and-faqs/
PPL Momentum Music Fund PRS Foundation	Financial support towards recording and release, touring and live performances, online content, promotion, marketing, creation of new music, fees to collaborate, education / training, commissioning and some equipment, mentoring and showcase support	Up to £5,000	Artists and bands in Yorkshire with strong musical potential, who write and / or perform their own music and have had coverage in regional or national press and blogs, as well as an existing fan base.	Round 3 opens: 8 July 2024 Deadline: 5 August 2024 Round 4 opens: 7 October 2024 Deadline: 4 November 2024 https://prsfoundation.com/fu nding-support/funding-music- creators/next-steps/ppl- momentum-music-fund/
The Hitmaker Fund PRS Foundation	Financial support towards time to create, training, creative and professional development, studio hire, some equipment, tracking, maternity leave and childcare, international activity	£5,000 to £10,000	Songwriters and producers (with a professional track record) working in popular music genres to further develop their careers and writing / production	Round 2 opens: 29 July 2024 Deadline: 27 August 2024 https://prsfoundation.com/fu nding-support/funding-music- creators/next-steps/the- hitmaker-fund/

Women Make Music PRS Foundation	Financial support towards the creation of new music, covering fees, touring and live performances, recording and release, creative residencies, promotion, marketing and some equipment	Up to £5,000	Over 18 year old women, trans and non binary music creators including: songwriters, composers or artists, bands, producers and performers involved with the composition / writing process	Round 2 opens: 12 August 2024 Deadline: 9 September 2024 https://prsfoundation.com/funding-support/funding-music-creators/all-career-levels/women-make-music-2/
The Open Fund for Music Creators PRS Foundation	Financial support towards the creation of new music, covering fees, touring and live performances, recording and release, creative residencies, promotion, marketing and some equipment	Up to £5,000	Over 18 year old music creators not signed to a major record label or in full-time education (unless an exception is made by the Grants Team)	Round 3 opens: 2 September 2024 Deadline: 30 September 2024 https://prsfoundation.com/f unding-support/funding- music-creators/all-career- levels/the-open-fund-for- music-creators/
Composers' Fund PRS Foundation	Financial support as proposed by composers that would make a significant difference to their long term development	£8,000 to £15,000	Composers at a crucial tipping point in their careers, showing current progression and growth, with the potential to significantly develop their careers. Managers, publishers, lawyers and advisors can make an application on their behalf	September 2024 Deadline: 7 October 2024 https://prsfoundation.com/f unding-support/funding-

Grow, Project Funding Leeds City Council, Culture Programmes	Financial support for new one off artistically ambitious projects	£5,000 to £15,000 (25% cash match funding required up to £10k / 50% cash match funding required up to £15k)	disadvantaged areas	Deadline: 4 November 2024 https://www.leedsculturepr ogrammes.org.uk/grow- project
Peter Whittingham Jazz Award Help Musicians	Financial and business support for time to create, manufacture, distribute, access creative spaces, PR and Marketing, Mentoring, Touring and Live activity, recording and merchandise	Up to £5,000 One to one tailored business advice	Emerging or early career jazz musicians or groups over 18 years old. Applicants welcomed from underrepresented groups such as women, people with disabilities and individuals from minority ethnic backgrounds	Please sign up to the Help Musicians mailing list on their website for details of when next applications will open https://www.helpmusicians. org.uk/get- support/develop-as-a- musician/support-your- studies

Summary of Funds Available for Individuals Only

Fund Name & Organisation	What's Available?	How Much?	Who Can Apply?	Deadline and Where to Apply
Next Level awards Help Musicians	Financial and business support towards ambitious projects, for example recording and releasing an album, going on tour or joining a long-term course	Up to £3,000 Business advice Online meet ups Online peer drop-in spaces	Individual musicians over 18, with a track record of making 40% of income from music over the past two years or longer and no more than £10,000 savings or access to other related capital	Applications in 2024 can be made between: 22 April and 24 May 1 July and 2 August 16 September and 18 October https://www.helpmusicians.or g.uk/get-support/develop-as- a-musician/next-level-awards
Fast Track support Help Musicians	Financial support towards courses, purchase of musical equipment, production and composition software / hardware / performance related technology to enable improved income / costs to essential upgrades, repair or maintenance of musical equipment	Up to £500	Individual musicians over 18, with a track record of making 40% of income from music over the past two years or longer and no more than £10,000 savings or access to other related capital	Applications in 2024 can be made between: 20 May and 7 June 1 July and 19 July 26 August and 13 September 14 October and 1 November https://www.helpmusicians.or g.uk/get-support/develop-as- a-musician/advice/fast-track- awards-application-guidance

Amber Music Awards The Amber Trust	Financial support towards instrumental and singing lessons, purchase of musical instruments and technology, tickets and assistance, travel and accommodation	Funding up to three school terms or a maximum of 36 lessons or session across the school year	Parents and carers of blind or partially sighted children and young people up to 18 years old	Applications in 2024 to be made by End of June November 15th https://ambertrust.org/amber -music-awards/
The Knoydart Songwriting Retreat CIC Music for All	Two free places to 'The Knoydart Retreat' between 23-27 September 2024 with Boo Hewerdine	N/A	Individual experienced Songwriters aged 25 to 65+ seeking mentorship and inspiration; looking for collaborations; keen to develop writing skills; looking to increase their current catalogue of songs; and / or need guidance and support in understanding the music industry	Round 2 Now Open: Deadline: 1st July 2024 Four funding rounds in total throughout the year. Please check the website for specific dates and details for future rounds announced as follows: https://www.musicforall.org.u k/apply-for- funding/application-process/
Arts Council England Developing your Creative Practice	Financial support for for development activities related to our supported disciplines, for example undertaking a period of research, networking, or time to create new work. Up to one year in length	£2,000 to £12,000	Individual creative or cultural practitioners at an early to midpoint stage in practice, needing support to make a major change or carry out a period of focused development work	Round 21 Open: 25 July 2024 Deadline: 22 August 2024 Announced: 7 November 2024 Round 22 Open: 14 November 2024 Deadline: 12 December 2024 Announced: 6 March 2025

NextGen Fund Youth Music	Financial support for early- stage musicians and wider music adjacent creatives 18-25 year olds	Up to £2,500	Individual Musicians, Singers, Rappers, Songwriters, Producers, DJs, A&Rs, Managers, Promoters, Agents, Activists, Campaigners and roles yet to be defined	Round 9 Deadline: 28 June 2024 Notification: September 2024 Round 10 Deadline: 15 November 2024 Notification: February 2025 https://youthmusic.org.uk/nextgen
Support your studies Help Musicians	Financial support towards study and living costs on specific courses in Musical Performance, Musical Theatre, Opera and Composition	Up to £5,000	Individual Musicians on postgraduate and in some cases undergraduate studies	Please sign up to the Help Musicians mailing list on their website for details of when applications will open for 2025 https://www.helpmusicians.o rg.uk/get-support/develop- as-a-musician/support-your- studies

Summary of Potential Future Funds Subject to changes – please sign up to mailing lists and see individual websites for information nearer the time

Fund Name & Organisation	What's Available?	How Much?	Who Can Apply?	Deadline and Where to Apply
Various Funds available Music for All	Financial support to help people of all ages and social backgrounds access music making	Variable	Organisations including but not limited to: schools or any form of educational establishment, community projects, charities, organisations, companies and individuals	Four funding rounds in total throughout the year. Please check the website for specific dates and details for future rounds announced as follows: Round 4: October 2024-January 2025 https://www.musicforall.org.uk/apply-for-funding/application-process/
Grow, Revenue Funding Leeds City Council, Culture Programmes	Financial support for ongoing core costs, inc. salaries and overheads to enable delivery of funded programme of activity	£5,000 to £15,000	Leeds based organisations that enable engagement and demonstrate benefit across the city	This information is based on the most recent funding round, which has now closed. A new application process is expected to open in Autumn 2025 for funding from April 2026. https://www.leedscultureprogrammes.org.uk/grow-revenue
Thrive Leeds City Council, Culture Programmes	Financial support for organisations who have previously received Arts@Leeds funding and been in operation for at least 5 year, delivering on Best City ambition, demonstrating positive, creative and social impact on communities they work with	£20,000 to £60,000 for 2 years	Leeds based organisations who have previously received Arts@Leeds funding, delivering on Best City ambition and been in operation for at least 5 year	This information is based on the most recent funding round, which has now closed. A new application process is expected to open in Autumn 2025 for funding from April 2026. https://www.leedscultureprogrammes.org.uk/leeds-thrive