

Camden Spark Creative Collaboration Fund 2023 Application Guidelines

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Deadline Friday 17 March 2023

About the Fund

Camden Spark has launched this term's Creative Collaboration Fund to enable creative projects between Camden's schools and cultural institutions.

The fund offers grants of up to £2000 to go towards a collaborative project for delivery in either the spring or summer term 2023.

We are inviting school and cultural sector partnerships to design a creative project together to benefit pupils from the partner school. Please see below for guidance about the scope and requirements for the application process.

If you have a project idea, but you don't yet have a partner school or organisation to work with - feel free to contact us and we will be happy to assist with introductions.

This fund is open for applications from Tuesday 24 January 2023 and will close on Friday 17 March. We will aim to notify successful applicants by Friday 24 March 2023.

If you would like to apply for a grant, please decide which organisation will be the lead applicant and fill out the [application form online](#)

Application FAQ

What kind of projects can I apply for?

The projects must have a strong creative/cultural element, and can include the following: In-school workshop, cultural visit off-site, exhibition, performance, online project, CPD. If your project does not fit into any of these categories, please feel free to contact us to discuss - we welcome all creative ideas!

When does it need to take place?

Your project can commence as soon as the funding is received, and may take place during spring or summer term 2023.

When does the project need to be completed?

All project scoping and development should be completed by Monday 13 March. Activity should be completed by the end of summer term 2023, with evaluation and monitoring submitted by the end of the summer term.

Is there a minimum or maximum amount of young people required to take part?

No, we will assess each proposal on the quality and level of impact, not solely on the number of participants. You are welcome to propose a project for a small, targeted cohort or for a wider group across the setting.

Do both organisations need to be involved in delivering the project?

Yes, we will only fund applications where the proposed project is a collaboration between the paired organisations.

Does the school applicant have to be Camden-based?

Yes. Only Camden-based schools are eligible to apply.

Does the cultural organisation have to be Camden-based?

Our preference is for the partnership to involve a cultural organisation either based in Camden or one with a track record of delivering work with Camden schools. If you are a school that is interested in working with an organisation from outside the borough, we would suggest contacting us for a chat to discuss further before applying.

Do young people need to be involved in planning the project?

We will require successful applications to reference how young people's guidance has been sought and reflected in developing the project idea and how the project will meet their stated needs.

If my application is unsuccessful, can I still apply in future rounds?

Yes, you will be able to apply with the same project proposal, or with a new one.

How much can I apply for?

We have set the upper limit at £2000.

Do I need to apply for the full grant amount?

No, you are welcome to apply for a lower amount if you think this is sufficient to deliver your project.

Can I source additional funds to supplement the project?

Yes.

Can I use the grant as match or seed funding to secure another source of project funding?

Yes. However you still will be required to complete our evaluation and monitoring alongside the requirements of the other funder.

Can either organisation be the lead partner?

Yes, you can decide whether the school or the cultural organisation is best placed to submit the application and to receive and manage the project funds if successful.

When will I know if my application is successful?

We will aim to notify you of the outcome by Friday 24 March 2023.

How will the applications be assessed?

The applications will be assessed and scored by a panel consisting of representatives from Camden Spark and Camden Council's Culture Service.

Which organisation will the funding be paid to?

The lead partner will receive the grant if your application is successful.

When will the funds be paid?

Successful applicants will receive 100% of the funds on receipt of a signed grant agreement.

What evaluation will be required?

We will require an evaluation form to be completed describing the outcomes of the project, plus monitoring statistics for the participants, quotes and evaluation data from a selection of young people involved, and a set of photographs (cleared for promotional use) evidencing the activity.

Please feel free to get in touch at info@camdenspark.com if you have any questions.