BackstageTrust

Thank you for your request for information on how to apply to Backstage Trust.

Backstage is a small trust that offers financial support with a focus on the performing arts, particularly theatre and music. As with all charitable trusts Backstage can only make grants to registered charities or Community Interest Companies. Please note that the trust cannot directly fund individuals or pay training fees.

In addition, Backstage Trust is only able to support organisations with a robust safeguarding policy in place and we will request a copy of this documentation if your application is successful.

Areas for which the trust has provided support include:

- Encouraging the involvement of young people in the performing arts
- Assisting live arts projects (not all in the UK) which encourage community participation, and equality, particularly in under-represented areas
- Providing help with professional development of small and medium-scale arts organisations, helping to encourage diversity and remove barriers to access
- Providing advice on fundraising and helping to create a fundraising strategy
- Giving advice on feasibility studies for capital projects, and guidance on project management
- Funding elements (particularly the less appealing items) of capital projects
- Providing support to the performing arts' freelance community
- Encouraging new writing

If you think, your project fits one of the categories above and you would like to apply, please do so in writing and submit your application by email. Your application should be no more than four sides of A4: applications longer than this, or accompanied by other documentation, will not be considered for support. If we require additional information we will ask for it.

Please give us:

- your contact details
- brief details of your organisation explaining its charitable aims and objectives, and why you think they fit the criteria set down for Backstage
- a short summary of your project proposal, including its full cost, planned completion date (if relevant) and budget breakdown

Please also include:

- a "shopping list" of different aspects of the project – Backstage is often able to fund a small section of a much larger project
- details of your fundraising plans and how much is currently pledged
- how the project will be monitored and how it will be evaluated after completion

If you do apply, we would hope to let you know within twelve weeks of receipt of your application if the Trustees are able to consider your project.

Whether you apply or not we wish you every success with your project.

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