

Funding to Help Young Musicians Fulfil Their Creative Potential

Small grants to support the UK's most talented young instrumentalists who because of financial need may be prevented from fulfilling their creative potential.

This annual programme is aimed at families that are struggling to pay for the next key step in their child's musical progression. The grants aim to help with many of the major costs of music education for instrumentalists between the ages of 5 and 17 years.

Support is available for instrumentalists making music in any genre.

The young musician must satisfy one of the following residency conditions:

- The young person has been resident in the British Islands for the past three years.
- The young person is a national of a member state of the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland and is the child of a migrant worker.
- The young person is a refugee or the child of a refugee who has not been ordinarily resident outside the British Islands since being recognised as a refugee or granted leave to enter or remain in the British Islands.

The funding is intended to help with many of the major costs of music education, including the following:

- Instrumental tuition costs.
- Purchasing or hiring of an instrument or computer.
- Access to suitable rehearsal space or making alterations to practise at home.
- Purchasing instrumental accessories such as cases, bows, reeds, light-weight instrument case, etc.
- Fees for long-term music courses such as Saturday school fees.
- Travel for attending long-term music courses (where the young musician has a long journey).
- Purchasing sheet music.
- Exam entry fees.
- Audition fees and associated travel costs.

Up to £100,000 is awarded each year. Although the average grant awarded is £500, applicants can request a maximum of £2,000. All awards are made to institutions, music organisations, music teachers and other suppliers and not directly to students or their families.

The closing date for applications is 27 April 2020.

<https://www.a-y-m.org.uk/who-we-are/>

Funding to Support Mental Health and Wellbeing of UK Veterans – Last Call

Armed Forces charities have until early March to submit their funding application for projects and activities that support the mental health and wellbeing of veterans throughout the UK.

Armed Forced charities and Community Interest Companies (CICs) as well as charities and CICs that have substantial experience in working with veterans have one last opportunity to apply for fixed one-year grants of £35,000 or two-year grants of £70,000 before the programme ends.

The funding is for activity-based projects (such as sports, arts, culture, heritage or getting outside) that will have a positive impact on the mental health and wellbeing of veterans throughout the UK. Priority will be given to applications from small and local (rather than national) organisations, and those whose projects are led or partly led by veterans.

The final closing date for applications is 5pm on 6 March 2020.

Separately, groups that would like to have a say on a new local funding programme that will support UK veterans can complete a short questionnaire on the Armed Forces Covenant Trust [website](#). The consultation closes at midnight on 6 March 2020.

<http://www.covenantfund.org.uk/positive-pathways-programme/>

Armed Forces Day Grant Scheme - Application Deadline Changed to 1 March

Grants are available to help organisations and individuals in the UK to host an Armed Forces Day event which can take place within two weeks of the Armed Forces Day event.

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) provides funding each year to help organisations and individuals in the UK host an Armed Forces Day event to show support for the UK's servicemen and women, past and present.

Armed Forces Day has been marked annually since 2009 with events large and small throughout the UK.

Local councils, voluntary and community organisations, schools, ex-service organisations and individuals in the UK are eligible to apply.

A maximum grant of £10,000 is available per application, provided that MOD funding accounts for no more than 50% of the total cost.

In the past grants have ranged from a few hundred pounds for a street party to thousands of pounds for larger events.

The 2020 event should:

- Be held within two weeks of the Armed Forces Day, including the weekends (the 2020 Armed Forces Day will be held on Saturday 27 June 2020). The two weeks would run from Saturday 20 June to Sunday 5 July 2020.
- Have 'Armed Forces' in the event title.
- Be relevant to today's serving Armed Forces.

- Have free access to members of the 'Armed Forces Family'.
- Not be centred around fundraising or recruitment.

The deadline for applications is 1 March 2020.

<https://www.armedforcesday.org.uk/get-involved/organise-your-own-event/>