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Cultural Awards Recommendations table: Over £5,000 through to £10,000

Applicant	Project	Amount Requested	Project Total Value	Awarded	Award Recommended	Award Terms
University of Aberdeen	Director's Cut Series 7	£6,000	£12,305	Y	£6,000	Conditional
Aberdeen Arts Coalition	Inclusive Arts Festival	£6,000	£27,000	N	£0	
Trendypr & Media	Trendy Africa	£7,190	£15,000	N	£0	
SSW	Granite Slow Prototype	£7,750	£15,860	Y	£7,750	Conditional
Scottish Opera	Bringing opera to the children of Aberdeen	£8,100	£16,100	N	£0	
AAG	Lunchtime concert series	£8,400	£21,400	Y	£8,400	Conditional
Aberdeen Art Gallery and Museums	WALK ON/Soul Lines	£8,500	£17,000	Y	£8,500	Conditional
Scottish Ballet	Woodlands Performance Project	£9,960	£17,335	Y	£9,960	Conditional
Aberdeen Sinfonietta	Music Hall Concert Series	£10,000	£33,775	Y	£10,000	Conditional
Scottish Ensemble	Concert Series 2014	£10,000	£35,000	Y	£10,000	Conditional
Total Recommend					£60,610	

Total Allocated funds for Cultural Investment 2013/14	£315,000
Recommend for Cultural Awards under £5,000	£53,932
Recommended for Cultural Awards £5,000 - £10,000	£60,610
Recommended for Cultural Awards Over £10,000	TBC 30th May 2013
Cultural Awards: Second Round	TBC 30 th May 2013
Identified Cultural Services and Support Requirements	TBC 30 th May 2013

Cultural Award – Please see below for frequent reasons for resubmissions, deferral or rejection of funding applications.

- No match funding
- Applications not fully completed or illegible
- Projects with no or limited cultural component
- Projects do not have clear outputs or outcomes
- The group is not constituted as required by the grants criteria
- Projects which were of limited value to the residents of the City, or primarily benefited those out with the City
- The organisation has outstanding debt with Aberdeen City Council
- The group cannot meet FPPP (Following the Public Pound) guidance and/or has not submitted the required reports against previous grant applications
- No clear evidence of need and/or duplication of existing initiatives
- Projects which included unrealistic costs or which were either over ambitious or unachievable
- Projects with recurring costs which were not sustainable (i.e., staffing)
- Funding requested to cover a shortfall in previous revenue without demonstrating any benefits.
- Evidence that the projects can be delivered without requiring additional financial support from Aberdeen City Council.
- Inadequate or no monitoring or evaluation plans.

Council officers from a variety of backgrounds and knowledge work together to assess the wider value to the cultural sector of each application. All organisations who have been rejected for funding are contacted with individual feedback and supported, where necessary, to resubmit.

Feedback and additional support

Where time allows, Aberdeen City Council officers will contact organisations on receipt of their applications to seek further clarification or further information when appropriate. This is not always possible when applications are received close to the deadline for Committee reports. Applicants are offered a telephone call or face to face meetings to help improve their applications. In addition, officers provide advice and support to arts organisations with applications to Awards for All, Creative Scotland and other small grant funding streams.