EUROPE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM2024 MUSEUM GRANTS

Funding opportunities to support your collections goals





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Grants for European museums, heritage institutions, and industry professionals

Museums across Europe and the United Kingdom steward much of our world's most invaluable art and heritage objects. Grant funding—delivered through international and country-specific programs—helps alleviate barriers towards these collections' preservation and continued care.

By pairing current and upcoming projects to relevant grants, museums and industry professionals can achieve more with their existing resources.

The **2024 Grants Guide for Europe and the United Kingdom** by Gallery Systems is an entryway into your grant research. Discover regional grants, cultural funds, awards, fellowships, and related programmes to support institutional projects and development.



Missed the deadline for a funding opportunity? Most grants in the 2024 Grants Guide for Europe and the United Kingdom are annual or biannual. Be sure to visit the granting websites for details on future admission periods.

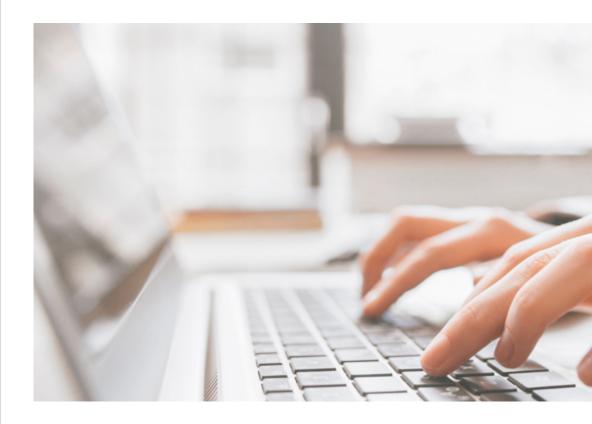
WHICH PROJECTS QUALIFY FOR A MUSEUM GRANT?

Understanding if your project is a strong candidate for grant funding requires careful thought before you begin an application. Within Europe and the UK, many programmes offer grants towards developing new initiatives and expanding existing ones. Make sure to read the eligibility criteria—and browse past awardee lists when possible—prior to starting the process.

Granting patterns tend to shift yearly. Which grant applications are successful depends, to a certain extent, on the current focus areas within European museums and public interest. It's imperative to ensure your project is timely and topical when requesting funding.



Keep an eye out for new grants emerging in response to current events and industry trends.



WHICH PROJECTS QUALIFY FOR A MUSEUM GRANT?

With that in mind, grant programmes often finance the following types of projects:

○ COLLECTIONS MANAGEMENT

Apply for funding to improve the collections management activities at your museum. European and British granting bodies will fund projects focused on:

- Increasing operational efficiency and best practices
- Streamlining workflows for collections care, conservation, DAM, and other departments
- Implementing a new collections management system

Grants: **⇒ Creative Europe**, **⇒ Arts Council National Lottery Project Grants**

→ DIGITISATION PROJECTS

Providing online access to objects and collections is often a grant-worthy project, especially when focused on upholding an institution's DEIA mandate. Many grants exist to help:

- Offset the prohibitive costs of web cataloguing and publishing
- Share archival materials online from historically marginalized groups
- Support the implementation of online collections software

Grants: **○ Open Society Foundations**, **○ The Wolfson Foundation – Funding**

→ CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION

Grants offer valuable departmental funding for museum conservators, archaeologists, and their institutions in Europe and the United Kingdom. Eligible projects include:

- Art and object preservation
- Field studies, research, and professional development
- Acquisition of technology or conservation software

Grants: ⊃ European Heritage Awards / Europa Nostra Awards, ⊃ EEA and Norway Grants

→ CULTURAL COLLABORATION AND EXCHANGE

Embark on joint projects with institutions in other European nations. Many foundations offer grants for museums to collaborate across borders, promoting cultural exchange through such initiatives as:

- New exhibitions
- Special events
- Artistic creation

Grants:

→ Baltic Culture Fund.

→ Nordic Culture Point

EUROPE



Bank of AmericaArt Conservation Project

The **Bank of America**'s Art Conservation Project is a unique program that provides grants to museums throughout the world. These grants support projects that conserve historically or culturally significant works of art in danger of degeneration, including works that have been designated as national treasures.

Deadline: Visit the website for upcoming due dates.



Barakat Trust Barakat Trust Grant Programme

Museums, archives, and libraries that promote and preserve Islamic culture are welcome to apply to the **Barakat Trust Grant Programme**. Several grants are available for heritage institutions and professionals—including the **Barakat Major Awards**, which funds larger projects in such areas as conservation, digitization, and professional development.

Deadline: March 31, 2024



Creative EuropeEuropean Heritage Awards / Europa Nostra Awards

Non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for conservation-related funding through the European Heritage Awards / Europa Nostra Awards, supported by **Creative Europe**. Outstanding achievements in the conservation, enhancement, and adaptation to new uses of cultural heritage are awarded.

Deadline: Visit the website for upcoming due dates.



EEA and Norway GrantsFunding Programmes

The value of Europe's cultural heritage is undisputed. The cultural sector is also a significant contributor to economic growth and job creation. However, decades of neglect have left many cultural sites in need of restoration and modernisation. **EEA and Norway Grants** support cultural heritage programmes in 15 beneficiary countries* focused on conserving and revitalising cultural and natural heritage and improving public accessibility.

Deadline: Visit the **Topics & Programmes** page to view available grants and their respective deadlines.

*Beneficiary countries include Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia.



FUROPF

European Union (EU) Creative Europe

Creative Europe, a flagship programme by the **EU**'s **European Commission**, operates three funding strands: **Culture**, **Media**, and **Cross-sectoral**. EU museums are eligible to apply, provided their objectives feature the promotion of European cultural diversity and heritage.

Deadline: Visit the **Funding opportunities** page to view the open calls and their respective deadlines.

Erasmus+

With an operating budget of €14.7 billion, Erasmus+ is the **European Union**'s programme to support education and training across Europe. EU museums are eligible to receive Erasmus funding to develop educational programming or initiatives that support the teaching of cultural heritage.

Deadline: Visit the **Opportunities for organisations** page for full programme details.

GlobalGiving Assistance for Non-profits

Though not a traditional way to secure funding, **GlobalGiving** allows you to initiate a fundraising campaign online. GlobalGiving makes it easy and safe for donors to give to projects anywhere in the world, while providing non-profit institutions with the tools, training, and support they need to become more effective. Museums already using this resource include the **Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History** and **The Children's Museum Jordan**.

Deadline: Visit the **Non-profits** page for full programme details.

Open Society Foundations Grants and Fellowships

Founded by George Soros, the **Open Society Foundations** awards grants and fellowships internationally, mostly to organizations. Funding varies in allocation and support expenses related to specific projects or operating budgets. Interested museums can apply through the **Culture and Arts** program, which strives to strengthen diverse artistic practices and cultural spaces.

Deadline: Visit the **Grants and Fellowships** page to view the grants and their respective deadlines.

EUROPE



Rothschild Foundation Hanadiv Europe Collections Management Grant

The **Rothschild Hanadiv Foundation Europe** supports the preservation of Jewish culture around the world. The Collections Management Grant supports projects in various areas of collection management, such as conservation and preservation, inventory and cataloguing, and research and documentation. Areas of conservation include purchasing supplies and equipment—such as temperature and humidity control devices—and hiring conservation professionals.

Deadline: February 15, 2024



Stantec Community Engagement

Stantec funds community initiatives globally through its Community Engagement programme. Museums and arts organisations can request funding through the Arts division for projects focused on strengthening and engaging diverse communities. Only non-profit institutions are eligible to apply.

Deadline: Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.



Stavros Niarchos Foundation Arts & Culture Grants

Supporting initiatives in Greece and internationally, the **Stavros Niarchos Foundation** awards grants to non-profit organizations within the arts and culture sector. Eligible projects must deliver long-lasting, positive benefit for global society and demonstrate strong thought leadership. To see previously funded projects, refer to the Foundation's list of previous **Arts & Culture grant recipients**.

Deadline: Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.



Visegrad Fund Grants

The **Visegrad Fund** oversees four granting programmes, intended to increase innovation and collaboration in the Visegrad Group (V4) countries and throughout Europe. To qualify for funding, projects must include the participation of V4 members: the Czech Republic (Czechia), Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia. These region-based guidelines should be noted when preparing to apply.

Deadline: February 1, June 1, and October 1, 2024

EUROPE



International Fund for Cultural Diversity (IFCD)

Within developing nations, **UNESCO**'s International Fund for Cultural Diversity supports projects that aim to deliver structural change. Public institutions and NGOs-including museums and heritage organisationscan access funding for projects that promote cultural diversity through services and activities. Many countries in Europe are eligible for funding and proposals may be submitted in English or French.

Deadline: Visit the website for upcoming due dates.

ALBANIA



U.S. Embassy in Albania Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation (AFCP)

Overseen by the **U.S. Embassy in Albania**, the AFCP looks to preserve Albania's rich cultural heritage. Through its funding initiatives, the programme supports the preservation of museum collections, historical sites and buildings, and forms of cultural expression (including indigenous crafts and languages).

Deadline: Visit the website for upcoming due dates.

ARMENIA



Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation Grants

Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation sponsors several grants, including the Project Grants for Armenian Themes, which are awarded throughout the year. Areas of priority include promoting Armenian language and culture, furthering academic support, supporting intellectual creativity, and contributing to the improvement of Armenian-Turkish relations through culture and education.

Deadline: Visit the **Grants** page for all open programmes and their respective due dates.

AUSTRIA



Federal Ministry Republic of Austria Arts and Culture Funding

Several grants are offered by the Federal Ministry Republic of Austria to strengthen Austria's culture and institutions. Funding programmes are available for museums, libraries, and cultural collections to facilitate the needs of Austrian regional culture.

Deadlines: Visit the **Funding** page for open programmes and their respective due dates.

BELARUS



Administered by the **U.S. Embassy in Belarus**, the Small Grants Program serves the development of civil society in Belarus. Museums who apply must show full project details and a commitment to the preservation of cultural and natural heritage.

Deadline: Visit the website for upcoming due dates.

BELGIUM



Belgian non-profit museums and cultural institutions can access support through the **King Baudouin Foundation**. Annually, the Foundation opens 200 calls for projects to deliver this support. Interested organisations and individuals should browse the Heritage and culture calls for opportunities towards funding collections care, preservation, research, and professional development.

Deadline: Visit the Call for Projects page for open programmes and their respective due dates.

CROATIA



Face Croatia is a fund for Croation arts and cultural exchange, overseen by CEC ArtsLink. Arts organisations, such as museums, can apply to the Croatian Arts and Culture Projects Grants programme. Supported initiatives should spotlight Croatia's art scene and cultural vibrancy, encourage transnational collaboration, and engage the broader public.

Deadline: Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

CZECH REPUBLIC (CZECHIA)



U.S. Embassy in The Czech Republic Small Grants Program

Administered by the **U.S. Embassy in The Czech Republic**, the Small Grants Program offers funding towards strengthening cultural ties between the Czech Republic and the United States. Projects should appeal to Czech audiences. Museums who apply must show full project details and a commitment to the preservation of cultural and natural heritage.

Deadline: January 15, March 19, and May 14, 2024

DENMARK



VELUX FONDEN, one philanthropic half of **The Velux Foundations**, delivers funding to museums across Denmark. The Museums Programme works twofold to further an institution's research and broaden its public outreach. Eligible projects must drive research efforts, increase collaboration between Danish museums and universities, or further the publication of research through its presentation to museum visitors.

Deadline: Visit the website for upcoming due dates.

ESTONIA, LATVIA, AND LITHUANIA



State Culture Capital Foundation (SCCF) Baltic Culture Fund

Overseen by the State Culture Capital Foundation of Latvia, the Baltic Culture Fund enables collaboration between Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania in jointly developing cultural projects and events. The Fund's objective is to facilitate cultural cooperation within the Baltics, as well as increase international recognition of the region's heritage contributions.

Deadline: Visit the website for upcoming due dates.

FINLAND



Finnish Cultural Foundation Grants

Registered museums and arts organisations in Finland are eligible for funding from the Finnish Cultural Foundation. The Foundation's Central Fund and 17 regional funds award annual project grants, ranging from small-scale initiatives to multi-year undertakings.

Deadline: Applications are assessed in January, March, August, and October. Visit the **Grants** page for all open programmes and their respective due dates.

FRANCE



Ministry of Culture Museum Funding for Development Projects

France's Ministry of Culture (la ministère de la Culture) offers funding to support the development and national influence of French museums. The programme supports and promotes projects that improves an institution's regulatory standards, engages and grows its public audience, and anchors its cultural importance in France. Before submitting your application, contact the DRAC (les directions régionales des affaires culturelles) in your region.

Deadline: Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

FRANCE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM



Fluxus Art Projects supports cultural exchange between France and the United Kingdom. Funding is available to exhibitions and projects by French artists in the UK and British artists in France, and curatorial research trips in the UK by French curators and in France by British curators. Eligible projects must focus on contemporary visual art and promote collaboration between the two countries.

Deadline: Visit the website for upcoming due dates.

GERMANY



Deutsche Bank Stiftung supports projects in Germany's culture, education, and social affairs sectors. To support emerging artists and arts professionals, its granting programme places a strong focus on the potential and development of young people. Arts and culture initiatives that promote diversity and offer opportunities to disadvantaged groups are also prioritized for funding.

Deadline: Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

Ernst von Siemens Art Foundation Funding

German museums may apply for **Ernst von Siemens Art Foundation** funding toward a variety of projects. Grants can be used for artwork acquisition, restoration, exhibitions, cataloguing, and related endeavours. Projects related to living artists, or deceased artists whose estates are not settled, are not typically funded. Special funding for museums affected by the current situation in Ukraine is also available.

Deadline: Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

German Federal Cultural Foundation General Project Funding

General Project Funding, offered by the **German Federal Cultural Foundation**, supports a wide array of projects in the arts and culture sector. Every year, millions of Euros are allocated to fund large-scale initiatives by German artists and arts organisations that deliver innovation in an international context.

Deadline: January 31, 2024

GERMANY



Germany's Goethe-Institut promotes the arts and culture within the country and abroad. Throughout the year, a variety of different funding opportunities are offered-including grants, scholarships, prizes, and fellowships. Relevant programmes include the Franco-German Cultural Fund, Stabilisation Fund for Culture and Education in Ukraine, and Travel **Grants for Curatorial Research**

Deadline: Visit the **Arts Funding** page for all open programmes and their respective due dates.

State of North Rhine-Westphalia RKP - Regional Culture Programme NRW

The RKP - Regional Culture Programme NRW, an initiative by State of North Rhine-Westphalia, aims to strengthen this German region's cultural identity and national presence. Projects must showcase the culture at its best through public programming, arts events and exhibitions, and collaborative projects with other sectors, including urban development, tourism, and youth work.

Deadline: September 30, 2024.



Stiftung Niedersachsen Lower Saxony Foundation grants

Museums in Germany's Lower Saxony state can apply for funding through **Stiftung Niedersachsen**. The Foundation provides grant funding in six different areas of project creation. Learn more about the funding **opportunities** for arts organisations and museums.

Deadline: Application deadlines depend on the requested amount. Visit the Antragsfristen page for full details.

GREECE



Onassis Foundation Grants

Greece's **Onassis Foundation** offers grants to organisations looking to enact social change through large-scale projects. Through their funding, Greek non-profit museums have completed site renovations, upgraded their equipment, and built new infrastructure, plus also received operational support.

Deadline: Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

ICELAND



Through its Municipal Treasures, the **City of Reykjavik** delivers funding to projects, events, and initiatives aligned the city's strategic objectives. Museums operating in the Icelandic capital can apply through the Culture or Education and Leisure areas of this granting programme.

Deadline: Visit the My Pages portal for full programme details.

IRELAND



Through its Arts Grant Funding programme, the **Arts Council of Ireland** awards yearly grants to Irish artists and arts organisations. Funding can be used towards developing public programming, improving sustainability within arts institutions, and offering services, resources, and facilities that support artists and the arts and culture sector.

Deadline: March 14, 2024

LUXEMBOURG



The **City of Luxembourg** supports artistic endeavours through its Aid for Cultural Projects programme. Museums, arts collectives, and cultural events organisers operating in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg can submit project proposals for consideration. Support is offered as financial aid, subsidies, and logistical support.

Deadline: Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

NETHERLANDS



DutchCulture supports artists and organisations on obtaining funding for international projects in the areas of culture, media, and heritage. Funding for international activities includes foundations, schemes, and programmes to which cultural organisations can apply directly, provided one participating individual or institution has registered ties to the Netherlands.

Deadline: Visit the **Open Calls** page for current initiatives.

NETHERLANDS



The **Elise Mathilde Foundation** provides support to non-profit institutions pursue social, cultural, or idealistic goals that strengthen the community. Occasionally, funding can be used toward the purchase and acquisition of artwork. Awarded grants vary between €500 and €5,000 per project. The Elise Mathilde Fund Foundation does not provide operational funding.

Deadline: Applications are reviewed five times per year. Please visit the Foundation's site for full details.



Netherland-America Foundation Cultural Grant Program

Awarded by the **Netherland-America Foundation**, the Cultural Grant Program supports organisations looking to promote artistic exchange between the Netherlands and United States of America. Exhibitions, performances, and research endeavours are all eligible areas for funding.

Deadline: Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

NORDIC COUNTRIES



Nordic Culture Point Culture and Art Programme

The Culture and Art Programme, a Nordic Culture Point initiative, facilitates artistic and cultural collaboration between Nordic countries. Grant funding supports a wide range of regional projects to create, develop, and share new works, initiatives, and research. Eligible projects must include a minimum of three nations, from which at least two are Nordic (Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Iceland, Finland, the Åland Islands, the Faroe Islands, and/or Greenland).

Deadline: May 3 and December 9, 2024

SWITZERLAND



Ernst Göhner Stiftung Fine Arts, Exhibitions, and Museums grants

The **Ernst Göhner Foundation** offers funding for exhibition and installation projects in Switzerland that further the national and regional visibility of Swiss art and artists. Non-profit museums are welcome to apply. Projects with a commercial objective, or that centre foreign artists or themes without a direct link to Switzerland, are ineligible.

Deadline: Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis, but must be submitted at least four months before the opening date or vernissage.

SWITZERLAND



Collaborative projects between museums and cultural institutions in Switzerland may be eligible for **Stiftung Corymbo** grants. Through its Cultural creation programme, the Foundation funds initiatives increasing collaboration and exchange between institutions. Exhibition projects must be contemporary or demonstrate a future-looking approach if purely historical in nature.

Deadline: Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

TURKEY



Turkish Cultural Foundation Grant Programme

Both in Turkey and internationally, the **Turkish Cultural Foundation** supports international organisations that preserve Turkish culture, build cultural bridges between Turkey and other nations, and support their youth education programme. Grants have been awarded to museums with mandates and/or projects tied to Turkish culture.

Deadline: Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

UKRAINE



Heritage Research Hub Emergency Assistance for Researchers

The **Heritage Research Hub** is maintained by The Joint Programming Initiative on Cultural Heritage and Global Change (JPI CH), an initiative by the European Commission. To deliver timely support to Ukrainian researchers and heritage professionals, the Hub offers a regularly updated list of grants and funding opportunities. More support resources can be found on the NEMO (Network of European Museum Organisations) and ScienceforUkraine websites.

Deadline: Visit the **Emergency Assistance** page for details on the funding opportunities and their respective due dates.

UNITED KINGDOM



Art Fund Funding Programmes

Art Fund offers funding to UK museums, galleries, and cultural institutions to assist in collections management, audience-building, and professional development. Current funding initiatives include acquisition grants, networking grants, small project grants, professional development, funding for curators, and other opportunities.

Deadlines: Visit the **Get Funding** page for open programmes and their respective due dates.

UNITED KINGDOM



Every year, the **Arts Council England** distributes strategic funds and grants through their National Lottery Project Grants programme to museums, libraries, and cultural institutions that promote arts and culture in England.

Deadline: Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.



Arts Council of Northern Ireland Arts Funding

The Arts Council of Northern Ireland offers grants and strategic funding opportunities for museums and other cultural institutions through Exchequer and National Lottery funds. Every year, the Arts Council supports hundreds of artists and arts organisations across Northern Ireland.

Deadline: Visit the **Funding for Organisations** page for open programmes and their respective due dates.



Arts Council of Wales **Arts Funding**

Welsh museums and arts organisations are eligible to apply for funding through the Arts Council of Wales. The Arts Council offers a variety of strategic funding programmes and grants for local and international projects.

Deadline: Visit the **Funding for Organisations** page for open programmes and their respective due dates.



Association of Independent Museums (AIM) **AIM Grants**

Members of the UK's Association of Independent Museums (AIM) are invited to apply for AIM grants, designed to help the development and growth of museums, galleries, and cultural facilities. Grants are offered to assist in conservation, collections care, and professional development of staff, among other areas.

Deadline: Visit the AIM Grants page for open programmes and their respective due dates.

UNITED KINGDOM



Through its granting programme, the **Clore Duffield Foundation** supports arts, culture, and heritage within the UK. The programme funds initiatives related to engaging children and young people, enhancing Jewish life, creating learning spaces, and promoting leadership training.

Deadline: Grant applications are currently invitation-only. **Contact the Foundation** with your queries.



The **Daiwa Foundation** contributes small grants of £2,000-£9,000 to projects looking to create partnerships and support between the UK and Japan. Funding can cover exhibitions, research travel, events and conferences, and projects related to educational exchanges.

Deadline: March 31 and September 30, 2024

Foyle Foundation Main Grants Scheme – Arts

British museums and arts institutions with designated charity status are eligible for the **Foyle Foundation**'s grant programme. The Foundation provides one-year grants towards operational costs, project revenue costs, digitisation, and equipment acquisition. Preferred areas of support include increasing public accessibility, artistic creation among new and emerging artists, and projects rooted in sustainability.

Deadline: Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

Garfield Weston Foundation Grants

Small to large-scale grants are available through the **Garfield Weston Foundation**. Open to UK-based charity arts organisations, funding can support operational costs, development and creation, and for capital projects. Visit the **Organisations we have funded** page for previous examples of successful applicants.

Deadline: Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

UNITED KINGDOM

Heritage Lottery Fund National Lottery Grants for Heritage

The Heritage Lottery Fund awards grants to all kinds of museums and institutions in the UK, giving over £2.2 billion to more than 5,000 museum, archive, library, and collections-based projects since 1994. Grants-ranging from £3,000 to millions of pounds—can be used to revitalize museum buildings, develop collections, support acquisitions, enable new exhibitions, and more.

Deadline: Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.



Museums Galleries Scotland Funding for Museums

Scottish museums are invited to apply for funding from Museums Galleries Scotland. Funds can be used to build organisational resilience, engage audiences, improve sustainability, and build community initiatives.

Deadlines: Visit the **Funding** page to view open programmes and their respective deadlines.



The Wolfson Foundation Funding for Museums & Galleries

The Wolfson Foundation provides annual grants for museums and galleries in the UK. With the overarching goal of improving public access to collections, funding is aimed at creating or refurbishing galleries and educational spaces. Other aims include increasing engagement with collections, boosting visitor traffic, improving institutional sustainability, and conserving the architectural heritage of museums.

Deadline: Visit the Funding for museums & galleries page to view open programmes and their respective deadlines.

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