

GRANTS FOR EUROPE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP SUPPORT YOUR COLLECTION GOALS

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GRANTS FOR INSTITUTIONS IN EUROPE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM

Cultural heritage organizations can sometimes experience challenges meeting the deficits in their funding, stalling their ability to preserve collections and fulfill their cultural missions. By using every resource possible, institutions can maximize their collection's potential and serve their audiences better. Help everyone to achieve their collections goals and support your institution with a boost in funding with this list of grants for Europe and the United Kingdom.

Many of the grants on this list are annual. So if a due date for a grant your institution is interested in is listed as passed due, it's important to check the granting website regularly for updates. Good luck in your grant search.

BANK OF AMERICA ART CONSERVATION PROJECT

International; Conservation

<https://about.bankofamerica.com/en-us/what-guides-us/arts-and-culture.html>

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

DUTCH CULTURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION

International; Netherlands

<https://dutchculture.nl/en/funding>

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

GLOBAL GIVING

International

<https://www.globalgiving.org>

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 nonprofit 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 in Jordan.

KRESS FOUNDATION GRANTS

International

<http://www.kressfoundation.org/>

The Kress Foundation provides grant programs that support the conservation, exhibition, and study of European art, including the integration of new technologies. Visit them [here](#) for more information on their digital funding programs.

OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATION

International

<https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/>

Open Society Foundation awards grants internationally, mostly to organizations. These grants can vary in allocation, sometimes supporting specific projects and sometimes supporting operating budgets. Applications should focus on social issues and preserving local cultural heritage. Visit their [grants page](#) to see the list of available funding opportunities.

ROTHSCHILD FOUNDATION

International

<http://rothschildfoundation.eu/grants/museums/>

The Rothschild Foundation supports the preservation of Jewish culture around the world. Through multiple annual museum grants, Rothschild funds both traveling and permanent exhibitions, collections management, professional development, and multi-museum exhibition planning.

TURKISH CULTURAL FOUNDATION

International

<http://www.turkishculturalfoundation.org/pages.php?ID=27>

The Turkish Cultural Foundation supports international organizations that preserve Turkish culture, both in Turkey and abroad, building cultural bridges between Turkey and other countries, and supporting their youth education program. Their grants have been awarded to museums related to Turkish culture.

CREATIVE EUROPE

Europe

<http://www.europeanheritageawards.eu/>

Nonprofit organizations looking to conserve their museum collections or actively working on conservation are eligible to apply for conservation-related funding through the Europa Nostra Award.

ERASMUS+

Europe

https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node_en

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

EUROPEAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION

Europe

http://www.welcomeurope.com/european-funds/european-cultural-foundation-ecf-246+146.html#tab=onglet_details

The European Cultural Foundation Grant is a program specifically for organizations using their creative potential to generate new social, environmental, economic, and democratic models through their cultural practices, including through museum programming, digitization projects, and so forth. To learn more about the grant, visit this [page](#).

HORIZON 2020

Europe

<https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/how-get-funding>

Offering over €80B in funding over a 7-year period, Horizon 2020 is the European Union's largest programme devoted to research and innovation to date. Designed to fuel the economies of European nations, this multifaceted programme includes granting opportunities for museums, such as the new [European Museum Collaboration and Innovation Space](#) initiative. Open for applications until January 12, 2021, this funding opportunity supports the further development of museums' digital initiatives.

WELCOME EUROPE

Europe

<http://www.welcomeurope.com/>

The CREATIVE EUROPE program for European culture and linguistic diversity targets the cultural and creative sectors looking to operate beyond their country's borders. Nonprofits are eligible to apply, provided their objectives feature the promotion of cultural diversity.

CONSERVATION AND REVITALISATION OF CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE

Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Spain, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia

<http://eeagrants.org/What-we-do/Programme-areas/Protecting-cultural-heritage/Conservation-and-revitalisation-of-cultural-and-natural-heritage>

The historical 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 the beneficiary countries in need of restoration and modernisation. The EEA and Norway Grants, funded by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, support cultural heritage programmes in 14 beneficiary countries, contributing to the conservation and revitalisation of cultural and natural heritage and improving public accessibility.

PROMOTION OF DIVERSITY IN CULTURE AND ARTS WITHIN EUROPEAN CULTURAL HERITAGE

**Bulgaria, Spain, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Czech Republic,
Hungary, Latvia, Portugal, Slovakia**

<https://eeagrants.org/topics-programmes/protecting-cultural-heritage/promotion-diversity-culture-and-arts-within-european>

As a result of centuries of exchange and migratory flows, Europeans share a rich cultural heritage. Promoting cultural diversity is essential for strengthening democratic values in Europe and to contribute to economic and social cohesion. Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway support programmes promoting the diversity in culture and arts in ten beneficiary countries. These programmes aim to encourage intercultural dialogue and diversity in the arts.

THE AMBASSADORS FUND FOR CULTURAL PRESERVATION (AFCP)

Albania

<https://al.usembassy.gov/education-culture/educational-exchange-programs/ambassadors-fund-cultural-preservation-afcp/>

The AFCP looks to preserve the rich cultural heritage of Albania and can be used to support preservation projects for cultural sites, cultural objects, and collections. This funding can help to support your collections management strategies or conservation projects you may be considering.

CALOUSTE GOLBENKIAN FOUNDATION, PROJECT GRANTS

Armenia

<https://gulbenkian.pt/en/grant/grants-for-research-projects/>

The Calouste Golbenkian Foundation sponsors several grants, including the Project Grants, which are awarded throughout the year. Applications that feature education or the preservation of Armenian language and culture will be prioritized.

KUNST KULTURE

Austria

<https://www.bmkoes.gv.at/Kunst-und-Kultur/informationen-fuer-kunstschaeffende/foerderungen.html>

Several grants are offered by the Austrian government to strengthen the nation's culture and institutions. Kunst Kulture provides funding for museums, libraries, and cultural collections to facilitate the needs of Austrian regional culture.

U.S. SMALL EMBASSY GRANTS PROGRAM

Belarus

<https://by.usembassy.gov/education-culture/u-s-embassy-small-grants-program/>

This US Embassy 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. Non-government nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply.

ART FUND

United Kingdom

<https://www.artfund.org/supporting-museums/funding-grants-for-museums>

For 2021, Art Fund is offering their regular granting programme alongside new initiatives to provide COVID-19 relief to UK museums, galleries, and cultural institutions. Available grants include acquisition grants, networking grants, small project grants, professional development funding for curators, and other opportunities.

ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT MUSEUMS

United Kingdom

<https://www.aim-museums.co.uk/for-aim-members/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 collections care, conservation, and professional development of staff, among other areas of support.

DAIWA FOUNDATION

UK and Japan

<http://dajf.org.uk/grants-awards-prizes/daiwa-foundation-small-grants>

The Daiwa Foundation Small Grants contributes grants of £2,000-£7,000 to projects looking to create partnership and support between the United Kingdom and Japan. Nonprofits are eligible to apply, and this grant is awarded twice per calendar year.

THE WOLFSON FOUNDATION

United Kingdom

<https://www.wolfson.org.uk/funding/>

The Wolfson Foundation provides annual grants for educational institutions and organizations with collections, and this funding can be used to renovate and improve museums and collections across the UK. To learn more about their grants, visit [here](#).

HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND

United Kingdom

<https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/our-work/museums-libraries-and-archives>

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 can be used to update the museum's buildings and facilities, protect collections, support acquisitions, reach a broader audience, and more.

To learn more about the grants, visit [here](#).

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

United Kingdom

<https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding>

Every year, the Arts Council 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. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with £75 million in funding available until March 2021.

CLORE DUFFIELD FOUNDATION

United Kingdom

<https://www.cloreduffield.org.uk/main-grants>

The Clore Duffield Foundation funds two annual grants in June and December, with allocation amounts ranging from £10,000 to occasionally over £1M. The foundation largely supports museums and cultural organizations, and much of the funding goes towards capital projects.

ARTS COUNCIL OF NORTHERN IRELAND

Northern Ireland

<http://artscouncil-ni.org/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. Visit their [Funding for Organisations](#) directory for the full details.

ARTS COUNCIL OF WALES

Wales

<https://arts.wales/funding>

Museums in Wales are eligible to apply for funding through the Arts Council of Wales, which offers a variety of strategic funding programmes and grants for local and international projects.

The complete list is viewable [here](#), and includes COVID-19 relief opportunities.

MUSEUMS GALLERIES SCOTLAND

Scotland

<https://www.museumsgalleriesscotland.org.uk/funding/funding-overview>

Having suspended its regular funding programme, Museums Galleries Scotland is distributing relief grants in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Independent museums in Scotland are invited to apply for funding to assist in overcoming operational and financial challenges.

THE NETHERLAND-AMERICA FOUNDATION

USA and Netherlands

<https://thenaf.org/cultural-programs>

The NAF Cultural Programs Grant awards several hundred thousand dollars annually to organizations looking to create projects and partnerships promoting artistic exchange between the Netherlands and USA. Proposals are reviewed four times a year.

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