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Dear Colleague,

During my first few months as Minister for Arts, Heritage and Tourism I have been lucky enough to visit a wide range of places across the UK to see for myself the fantastic work that is undertaken by our arts, heritage and cultural sectors. Along the way I have had the pleasure of speaking to a number of colleagues in the House and I have been pleased to see the great level of enthusiasm that exists for promoting arts, culture and heritage.

I have also been asked by a number of people about where and how they can access funding to support their organisations. So I'm pleased to provide an information sheet detailing a selection of programmes supported by government, and the details of arms-length funding bodies who allocate both government and National Lottery funding.

Local Authorities may also provide funding, so it is worth exploring this in your area.

I would recommend that any organisation wishing to make an application contact the relevant local office of the relevant funding body ahead of submitting an application. Their staff will be able to provide advice and support regarding the application process. I hope this will encourage and assist those within your constituency looking for financial support for their projects.

I hope that you find this useful. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you feel I can be of further assistance.

With very best regards

John

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Open application exchequer grant funding available from DCMS ALBs

ARTS		
Grants for the Arts	General grants for artists Grants for the arts are for activities carried out over a set period that engage people in arts activities, and help artists and arts organisations in England carry out their work.	Arts Council England http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/grants-arts
Arts Impact Fund	Repayable loan finance for social investment between £150k and £600k in arts organisations.	Arts Council England http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/arts-impact-fund
Artists' International Development Fund (Returning in the future)	Investment in talented individuals to develop skills, expand horizons and introduce an international perspective to their work.	Arts Council England http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/artists-international-development-fund
Creative People and Places fund	Funding for Audio-visual, commissioning, exhibition, festival, original work, participation, performance, professional development, with focus on parts of the country where involvement in the arts is significantly below the national average.	Arts Council England http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/creative-people-and-places-fund
Strategic Touring Programme	£45m Grants for arts touring organisations.	Arts Council England http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/strategic-touring
Grants for the Arts Libraries fund	Grants for projects delivered by public libraries or library authorities working in partnership with artists and cultural organisations.	Arts Council England http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/grants-arts-libraries-fund

Celebrating Age	Funding supports collaborative working, audience engagement, developing relationships, commissioning work, developing spaces - arts, cultural and otherwise.	Arts Council England http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/celebrating-age
Ambition for Excellence	Ambition for excellence is a £35.2 million programme aimed at stimulating and supporting ambition, talent and excellence across the arts sector in England.	Arts Council England http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/ambition-excellence
Catalyst Small Grants	A £3 million initiative to build fundraising capacity to enable arts and culture organisations to attract more private giving to the sector.	Arts Council England http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/catalyst-small-grants
The Preservation of Industrial and Scientific Material (PRISM)	Arts conservation award grants towards the costs of acquisition and conservation of items or collections which are important in the history and development of science, technology, industry and related fields.	Arts Council England http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/prism
Developing Sector Leaders (Returning in the future)	Developing leadership and governance in art and culture.	Arts Council England http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/developing-sector-leaders
Arts Council / V&A Purchase Grant Fund	Supports the purchase of a wide range of material for the permanent collections of organisations that are not nationally funded.	Arts Council England http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/arts-council-va-purchase-grant-fund

Talent Fund	These funds support emerging or world-class filmmakers in the UK who demonstrate the ability to create distinctive and entertaining work. Includes: i. BFI Production Fund (£79.5m over 5 yrs) ii. Development Fund (£12.5m over 5 yrs) iii. Network Talent Development and iFeatures (£12.5m over 5 yrs) iv. Film Export Fund v. Vision Awards (£4m over 5 yrs) vi. Enterprise Fund w/ Creative England (£10m over 5 yrs) vii. National Cluster Growth Fund (£2m over 5 yrs)	British Film Institute http://www.bfi.org.uk/film-industry/lottery-funding-development-production http://www.bfi.org.uk/film-industry/film-export-fund
HERITAGE		
Repair Grants for Heritage at Risk	Repair grants and conservation for listed buildings, scheduled monuments, registers parks and gardens.	Historic England https://www.historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/grants/our-grant-schemes/repair-grants
Grants to Underwrite Urgent Work Notices	Grants to support local authorities to issue urgent work notices for the preservation of a vacant or partly occupied listed building.	Historic England https://historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/grants/our-grant-schemes/grants-to-underwrite-urgent-works/

Heritage Protection Commissions	Funding for strategic research and to build skills and capacity in our historic environment.	Historic England https://historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/grants/our-grant-schemes/hpc/
Acquisition Grants	Grants to underwrite the cost of serving a Repairs Notice.	Historic England https://historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/grants/our-grant-schemes/acquisition-grants/
Partnership Schemes in Conservation Areas	Funding to sustain conservation areas.	Historic England https://historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/grants/our-grant-schemes/partnership-schemes-in-conservation-areas/
Management Agreement for Field Monuments	Funding to improve management of monuments via terms agreements with landowners or tenants.	Historic England https://historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/grants/our-grant-schemes/management-agreements/
Grants for War Memorials	Grants for the conservation and repair of war memorials.	Historic England https://historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/grants/our-grant-schemes/war-memorials/
National Capacity Building Programme	Promoting the understanding of historic environment through activities and projects which are national in coverage.	Historic England https://historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/grants/our-grant-schemes/national-capacity-grants/

Regional Capacity Building Programme	Promoting the understanding of historic environment through activities and projects which are regional in coverage.	Historic England https://historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/grants/our-grant-schemes/regional-capacity-grants/
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NOTE: This list does not include lottery, joint lottery/exchequer or otherwise derived funds which DCMS ALBs distribute. Details of these additional sources of funding can be found via the websites of the relevant ALBs:

Funding Body	Contact
Heritage Lottery Fund	https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding 020 7591 6000
Arts Council England	http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding 0161 934 4317 or 0845 300 6200
Creative Scotland	http://www.creativescotland.com/funding 0345 603 6000
Arts Council Wales	http://www.arts.wales/funding 0845 8734 900 or 029 2044 1300
Arts Council Northern Ireland	http://artscouncil-ni.org/funding 028 9262 3555

The National Lottery 'Good Causes' funding finder is also a useful tool:

National Lottery Promotions Unit	https://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/funding-finder
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