



Community Grants, Guidance for Applicants

Voices Gloucester is a community led programme of events from individuals and organisations across the city designed to bring to life the culture and heritage of the communities around us. We are looking for projects that celebrate everyone's history, tell stories and help us see Gloucester's history, places and people in new ways.

Examples of previous Voices Gloucester projects can be found at <https://voicesgloucester.org.uk/voices-archive/>

Voices Gloucester wants to support:

- Projects about Gloucester's amazing history, heritage and culture. We want to celebrate **everyone's history**
- Opportunities for communities, artists and organisations to work together (co-creation)
- Projects that connect with younger people and those who may not usually go and see cultural or heritage events
- Projects that happen in heritage sites that are not in the City Centre - a good place to look for these spaces is the Gloucester local list [Gloucester Draft Local List 2022 \(PDF, 5.5 MB\)](#)
- Digital - we can share projects on our website www.voicesgloucester.org.uk.

Successful applicants will get:

- Between £500 - £3,000. This can cover your time and materials in making or developing your work as well as costs related to sharing it
- Support, training, mentoring and marketing from Voices Gloucester and our partner organisations

Applicants will be expected to:

- Attend a planning meeting with the Creative Director and agree a timeline for the project
- Keep in regular contact and ask for support where needed
- Attend training events when you can
- Supply our marketing team with images and simple text at least six weeks before event for promotion
- Use the logos/ text provided by us in any marketing you do yourselves
- Complete a simple evaluation at the end of the project
- Complete the project by 31st July 2024 (but we will consider final outcomes being shared up to 30th September 2024)

How will you choose the successful projects?

A community panel of 8 - 12 people score all applications anonymously against the following criteria

- Community Engagement
- History/ Heritage content or links
- Quality of product or process
- Ability to deliver project as described
- Added value/ long term potential

This will be followed by a session with the panel and the core team to ensure that we choose a good range of events and outcomes.

Frequently Asked Questions

I have an idea for a project, but am not sure if I have the right skills?

Please do get in touch, or come to one of our advice sessions. We will be offering some training and volunteering opportunities over the course of the project, so you may be able to learn from others. We will also be matching people and projects up so we might be able to put you in touch with an artist or creative who can help.

I have an idea, but don't have a creative or community partner?

We can support you in finding the right people and communities to help your ideas come to life.

Can I apply if I don't live in Gloucester?

We are interested in applications from anybody, as long as they demonstrate clear links to Gloucester communities, culture and heritage.

We are developing a bigger project, that does match your criteria, is there scope for match funding?

Please do talk to us. It may be that we can be a partner, part fund, or support your project in other ways. In the meantime, put your overall costs on the application form, and use the box below to tell us where you hope to get the additional funding, and whether this has been agreed or not.

If we are not successful, will we be able to apply again?

This is the last round of our current funding, so we won't be able to open another funding window for a little while. We will still provide feedback to applicants if required, and give support on how to make your application stronger for a future round if we are successful in achieving further funding; and if not will provide advice on where else to apply.

I have had Voices Gloucester funding before, can I apply again?

If your project has been completed and you have submitted an evaluation you can apply again. If you are unsure, please book an advice session.

Access needs

If you need this information in a different format, or support in making an application please contact us.

We realise that text-based applications do not suit everyone, so if you would like to apply in a different way, for example via video or audio, please contact info@voicesgloucester.org.uk with your query and contact number and preferred mode of communication and we will get in touch to discuss.

We are very grateful that our City Voices programme is funded by National Lottery Heritage Fund and Gloucester City Council. Gloucester Views is a City Voices partnership project and is supported through Gloucestershire Archives by Historic England.

Advice sessions

If you would like to talk about your idea, or need some help with completing the application form, please book an advisory session with us. We will be holding 30 minute slots via Zoom on:

- 9 – 3 Tuesday 21 November
- 9 – 3 Wednesday 22 November
- 12 – 3 Thursday 23 November
- 9 – 3 Tuesday 19 December
- 11 – 3 Wednesday 20 December

If you have a question that isn't answered above, need help finding partners, or want to book an advisory session contact Jacqui Grange, Creative Director or Tiah Clarke, Project Officer at info@voicesgloucester.org.uk as we may be able to help.