



## **CHANNEL ISLANDS ARTIST TOURING SUPPORT FUND GUIDELINES**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

This new fund launched in 2023 is an initiative of ArtHouse Jersey and Guernsey Arts funded by States of Jersey and the States of Guernsey to better enable artists from the Channel Islands to engage in professional development through touring opportunities and cultural exchange between both Islands. We believe such initiatives are integral to promoting and enabling local audiences to also better appreciate the arts, and particularly for this fund, the music being created across the Channel Islands and to share this with local audiences.

### **WHO CAN APPLY?**

Professional artists building or maintaining a career as a musician and resident in Jersey or Guernsey can apply. By 'professional' this does not mean that music is your sole source of income, but rather that you work professionally and are serious-minded

about presenting and developing your work as a musician to a high professional level. Musicians might include sound artists, classical musicians, bands, singer-songwriters, DJs for whom this fund could provide an opportunity to build inter-Island links with other music professionals or local audiences in Guernsey or Jersey.

## **WHAT DOES THE FUND COVER?**

The fund is principally to cover travel costs, ie. ferry tickets or flights for travel between Jersey and Guernsey, which will be paid either as a grant or booked directly by Guernsey Arts for all successful applicants.

The total amount available in the fund is **£9,000** for 2023, and this is specifically for the purpose of covering artists' travel between the Islands. Support for any individual application (for an individual artist or a travelling group) might range between £100 - £1500.

## **HOW DO I APPLY?**

Applications can be made by completing the online form detailing the proposed visit. The form requests weblinks where you can present supporting documentation of your recent work. An invitation or confirmation letter from the hosting organisation is also required.

## **WHEN SHOULD I APPLY?**

Please apply for the fund no less than 2 months before your proposed travel to enable sufficient time for an application to be processed and paid in advance of your travel. Applications received that do not meet this timeframe may still be considered although payment of grants before your trip is not guaranteed.

## **HOW LONG WILL THIS FUND RUN FOR AND WHEN IS THE DEADLINE?**

This fund has been set-up as a pilot fund from April - December 2023. Applications can be received at any time on a rolling deadline till the fund expires and will be considered towards the end of each month. Based on the success of the programme, ArtHouse Jersey and Guernsey Arts will assess through the potential for extending the fund, potentially to include other regions.

## **DO ARTHOUSE JERSEY AND GUERNSEY ARTS PROMOTE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THEIR WORK?**

Both ArtHouse Jersey and Guernsey Arts are committed to ensuring their programmes are accessible to everyone living in Jersey and Guernsey respectively. This Channel Islands Artist Touring Support fund particularly welcomes and encourages applications from artists and musicians from diverse ethnic backgrounds, as well as disabled artists that otherwise might feel discouraged from applying to such a scheme or considering a touring opportunity. ArtHouse Jersey and Guernsey Arts recognise the need for reasonable adjustments for example to enable a performance or tour to take place which includes artists with specific access needs (for example to include a personal assistant or rest day in a touring schedule), and welcomes the opportunity to ensure that all musicians and artists from Guernsey and Jersey who are professionally-minded and keen to widen their audiences can be supported to better reflect the diversity of the communities within which we all live and work.

## **I LIVE IN ALDERNEY OR SARK, CAN I APPLY TO THIS PROGRAMME?**

This fund is currently funded by the States of Guernsey and the States of Jersey, and so can currently only support musicians living in either Guernsey or Jersey. As the fund is

in its pilot year we hope it can extend to include all the Channel Islands (and France, see below) to support further opportunities across all the Channel Islands. However if you are a musician or music promoter living in Alderney or Sark and looking to develop a touring project with venues or musicians in Jersey and Guernsey, if your project demonstrates benefit to musicians and local audiences in both Jersey and Guernsey, you are welcome to propose your project with a collaborating partner in either Jersey or Guernsey who would become the grantee if the project is successful.

### **I AM A VISUAL ARTIST, WHY IS THIS PROJECT JUST FOR MUSICIANS?**

As 2023 is a first, pilot year for this fund and has come out of a need expressed between music venues and musicians on both islands to facilitate better touring opportunities between Jersey and Guernsey, it has been decided to focus the fund this year on musicians and projects enabling travel for sound and music artists. If you have a particular idea for a collaboration in another artform, please do discuss this with Guernsey Arts or ArtHouse Jersey so that we can offer any possible support. We hope this fund can be extended to enable wider opportunities for artists across all artforms in both Jersey and Guernsey.

### **CAN I DISCUSS MY PROJECT BEFORE I SUBMIT AN APPLICATION?**

Yes, please contact ArtHouse Jersey if you are based in Jersey or Guernsey Arts if you are based in Guernsey, who will be happy to talk you through your project and the application process.

In Jersey please contact James Tyson, Head of Programme [james@arts.je](mailto:james@arts.je) or in Guernsey, Russ Fossey [info@arts.gg](mailto:info@arts.gg)

