

ACAVA awarded the second round of the Government's Culture Recovery Fund

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We are delighted to announce that ACAVA has been awarded a grant from the latest round of awards from the £1.57 billion Culture Recovery Fund.

We want to thank the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and Arts Council England (ACE) for this continued recognition of our work.

The latest round of support from the Culture Recovery Fund, which was assessed and distributed by Arts Council England, has awarded more than £300 million to over 2,700 cultural organisations across the country. Over £800 million in grants and loans have already been awarded to support almost 3,800 cinemas, performance venues, museums, heritage sites and other cultural organisations dealing with the immediate challenges of the coronavirus pandemic.

The second round of awards made today will help organisations to look ahead to the spring and summer and plan for reopening and recovery. After months of closures and cancellations to contain the virus and save lives, this funding will be a much-needed helping hand for organisations transitioning back to normal in the months ahead.

Culture Secretary, Oliver Dowden, said:

"Our record-breaking Culture Recovery Fund has already helped thousands of culture and heritage organisations across the country survive the biggest crisis they've ever faced.

Now we're staying by their side as they prepare to welcome the public back through their doors - helping our cultural gems plan for reopening and thrive in the better times ahead."

ACAVA's CEO, Tom Holley, said:

"We are very pleased to have received this essential support from the Culture Recovery Fund's second round. It builds on, and extends, our successful first round award and enables ACAVA to continue to operate through the pandemic and prepare for the challenges of a post-pandemic world. CRF2 ensures the continuation of the ACAVA Artists' Hardship Fund until June 2021, supporting studio holders in the greatest financial need. It also underpins additional resources needed to operate safe and healthy workspaces and contributes to potentially transformative capacity building in our emerging fundraising and communications teams."

Sir Nicholas Serota, Chair, Arts Council England, said:

"Investing in a thriving cultural sector at the heart of communities is a vital part of helping the whole country to recover from the pandemic. These grants will help to re-open theatres, concert halls, and museums and will give artists and companies the opportunity to begin making new work.

We are grateful to the Government for this support and for recognising the paramount importance of culture to our sense of belonging and identity as individuals and as a society."

The funding awarded today is from a £400 million pot that was held back last year to ensure the Culture Recovery Fund could continue to help organisations in need as the public health picture changed. The funding has been awarded by Arts Council England, as well as Historic England and National Lottery Heritage Fund and the British Film Institute.



Grenfell Memorial Community Mosaic workshop
Photo by Ashleigh Ramel



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