Dear [Applicant Name]

Thank you for applying to the Creative Communities Programme. We are sorry to tell you that your application for funding towards [PROJECT NAME] was not successful.

We understand that this will be disappointing and we appreciate the time and effort you have taken to prepare and submit your application.

We have received over 640 applications, many of which are good applications that meet our criteria but we cannot afford to support all of them. Therefore as well as the project’s strength against the criteria we have made curatorial decisions ensuring a diversity of projects across artforms, across the year and geographically across the city.

We are unable to provide individual feedback due to the quantity of applications we have received. Your project will have been unsuccessful for one of the following reasons:

* Similarity to other, stronger applications
* Strength against the essential and secondary criteria (for example, how well the project engages Hull communities, how well the projects celebrates arts and culture)
* Deliverability of the project (for example, the experience of the delivery team, how well the project is budgeted)

If you would like to pursue other potential funding opportunities there is lots of information available on the following page and we wish you the best of luck with your application. If you continue you planning events for Hull 2017, no one needs our permission to be involved and once your event is confirmed, you will be able to submit your information online and request to be included as part of the Hull 2017 What’s On listings.

Thank you again for your time and interest in the Creative Communities Programme.   
  
Best wishes,   
  
**THE TEAM**  
  
**Hull UK City of Culture 2017**

[hull2017.co.uk](http://www.labforculture.org/splash/index.php)  
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**Hull 2017 – Alternative Sources of Funding**

We have detailed below some information which may assist with project funding, should you wish to pursue alternative funding streams.

As with all grant/funding allocations, you will need to check that your funding application meets the eligibility requirements and priorities of the organisation concerned. Some of the below may be more suited to your project than others.

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| **Arts Council England – Grants for the Arts** | |
| Grants for the arts is the Arts Council’s open access funding programme, and is delighted to support a wide variety of arts-related activities.  Activities must be clearly related to the arts and must be project-based. Applications can be made between £1,000 10 £10,000. ‘Grants for the arts’ is a continuous programme, so you can apply at any time.  Full details include funding criteria, application process and forms are available on then Arts Council website at [www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/apply-for-funding/grants-for-the-arts/](http://www.facebook.com/HullCityofCulture)  The Arts Council also provides information on other awarding bodies this can be found here: [www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/other-sources-of-arts-funding/](http://www.instagram.com/2017Hull) | |
| **Big Lottery Fund – Awards for All** | |
| Awards for All offers groups a quick and easy way to get small lottery grants between £300 and £10,000. It funds a wide range of community projects aimed at developing skills, improving health, revitalising the local environment and enabling people to become more active citizens.  Further information can be found here: [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding/Awards-For-All](http://www2.eastriding.gov.uk/council/grants-and-funding/)  *Please note – if the main purpose of an applicant’s project is to engage people in England in arts activities or help art organisations in England carry out their work, the project is unlikely to eligible for Awards for All, but may be eligible for the Arts Council’s Grants for Arts programme.* | |
| **Heritage Lottery Fund – Sharing Heritage** | |
| The Sharing Heritage programme is for any type of project related to heritage in the UK. You can apply at any time for a grant from £3,000 to £10,000.  Further information can be found here: [www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Documents/SH\_Application\_Guidance\_SF4.pdf](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/other-sources-funding) | |
| **Voluntary Arts** | |
| Voluntary Arts works to promote and increase active participation in cultural activities across the UK and the republic of Ireland. Although Voluntary Arts is not a grant-making body, information on grants and funding opportunities can be found on their website [www.voluntaryarts.org/resources-and-funding/](http://www.hull2017.co.uk/signup) | |
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| **Funding Websites** | |
| [GrantFinder](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/apply-for-funding/grants-for-the-arts/) | A continuously updated grants and policy database that includes details of over 7,000 funding opportunities. |
| [Funding Central](http://www.youtube.com/Hull2017) | Funding Central is a free smart website for the voluntary and community sector, including social enterprise, providing access to thousands of funding and finance opportunities. |
| [LabforCulture](http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Documents/SH_Application_Guidance_SF4.pdf?original=http://www.labforculture.org/en/funding) | Find funding for your project, initiative or organisation. Learn more about mobility schemes, foundations, corporate sponsorship, philanthropy and alternative sources of funding. |
| [Ideas Tap](https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/help-for-young-people/who-else/employment/grants-funding/community-projects) | Ideas Tap website lists hundreds of other sources of funding, schemes, bursaries and competitions. |

Your local authority may also have information about sources of funding that can help you. You can find your local council here [https://www.gov.uk/find-your-local-council](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/other-sources-of-arts-funding/), locally information can be found for Hull City Council here:- [http://www.hullcc.gov.uk/portal/page?\_pageid=221,52467&\_dad=portal&\_schema=PORTAL](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding/Awards-For-All?_pageid=221,52467&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL)  [Are ARTS DEV happy with this?!] and East Riding of Yorkshire Council here:- [http://www2.eastriding.gov.uk/council/grants-and-funding/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/96974570@N02/)

*We can borrow from these sources of information for alternative sources of funding:-*

[*http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/other-sources-funding*](http://www.voluntaryarts.org/resources-and-funding/)

[*https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/help-for-young-people/who-else/employment/grants-funding/community-projects*](http://www.idoxgrantfinder.co.uk/)

[*http://hullcvs.org.uk/our-work/funding-and-small-grants/funding/*](https://www.gov.uk/find-your-local-council)

*Plus potential referral to grants for the arts, other lottery funds and* [*http://www.theheritagealliance.org.uk/fundingdirectory/main/fundinghome.php*](http://www.hullcc.gov.uk/portal/page)