



REVEAL: Portland & Weymouth Towns of Culture

Grant Criteria and Guidelines

Portland and Weymouth Towns of Culture invite applications from individual artists, communities, and cultural or community organisations for grants of up to £10,000 to deliver new cultural projects in Portland or Weymouth between October and December 2025.

Deadline for proposals: August 15th 2025

What We're Looking For

We want to support bold, creative projects that bring fresh cultural activity to the area. These projects can take many forms and do not have to be artworks in the traditional sense. Culture is diverse and includes anything that reflects who we are and what we do, such as:

- Mass community events
- One-off projects exploring heritage, food, clothing, identity, and more
- Performances, installations, creative workshops, and beyond

Key Criteria

Your project must meet the following:

1. **Partnership:** Involve two or more partners (individuals and/or organisations) working collaboratively.
2. **Audience Reach:** Reach new audiences in Portland and/or Weymouth.
3. **Environmental Responsibility:** Designed and delivered with strong environmental sustainability principles.
4. **Access and Inclusivity:** Designed and delivered with inclusivity and accessibility at the core.

Grant Details

- We will award between 3 and 5 grants.
- Grants are up to £10,000 per project.
- Payments will be 70% upfront, with the final 30% released upon completion and submission of a financial report.
- Projects must cover their own production, marketing, venue, and volunteering costs within the grant.

Important Requirements

Applicants must:

- Hold appropriate public liability insurance (individual or organisational).
- Have an individual DBS check and/or safeguarding policy if working with young or vulnerable people.
- Have a bank account in the name of the individual or organisation applying.
- Agree to submit a financial report at project end.

What support will b-side provide?

b-side is a local arts organisation and the coordinating body for Portland and Weymouth Towns of Culture. We will support successful applicants throughout the project delivery.

Support includes:

- Services from In the Bag, a Weymouth-based PR company, who will create a press release and help tell the story of your project to local and regional media.
- Promotion of your event on Portland and Weymouth's new culture platform, launching in September 2025.
- Assistance in finding suitable venues for your event; however, we cannot guarantee securing venues, and any associated venue costs must be covered within your grant allocation.

Application Checklist

- ✓ Two or more partners involved
 - ✓ Project targets new audiences in Portland and/or Weymouth
 - ✓ Environmental responsibility principles embedded
 - ✓ Inclusive and accessible design and delivery
 - ✓ Public liability insurance in place
 - ✓ DBS and/or safeguarding policy if needed
 - ✓ Bank account ready for payments
 - ✓ Willing to submit a financial report
 - ✓ Project scheduled for Oct–Dec 2025
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FAQs

Q: Can projects be non-traditional cultural activities?

A: Yes! We welcome diverse cultural projects including community events, heritage, food, identity, and more.

Q: Can individuals apply alone?

A: No. Projects must involve at least two partners (individuals or organisations).

Q: What support will b-side provide?

A: b-side will provide PR support through In the Bag, help promote your event on the new culture platform, and assist in finding venues (venue booking is not guaranteed).

Q: Is prior experience necessary?

A: No, but projects should demonstrate clear planning and ability to deliver.

Q: How and when will funding be paid?

A: 70% upfront, 30% upon project completion and submission of financial report.

For questions or to discuss your application, contact:

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