

# Salford Creatives Fund

Funded by Salford City Council, administered by Salford CVS

## **Grants of £250 - 500 for Salford-based\* freelance independent\*\* creatives/creative practitioners, artists, musicians and performers.**

\*applicants with a Salford postcode, whether home or business.

\*\*freelance or sole trader – no small organisations.

**These small, one-off grants are to support creatives in Salford to access professional development.** These grants are not intended to support project or event costs.

**Grants must be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026 in order to gather feedback and impact by June 2026.**

Eligible costs include:

<b>Materials/equipment</b>	For example, kit for your art form or technology (laptop, tablet, phone) and equipment that will allow you to access courses and apply the learning to your work.
<b>Training course fees</b>	These courses can be run in Salford and wider across the UK or worldwide, with the view that you will bring this knowledge gained back to your creative practice in Salford.
<b>Travel costs associated with CPD opportunities</b>	This means costs on public transport (buses, trains, trams, ferries). If you would like to apply for a contribution towards fuel, please calculate the estimated cost at £0.45 per mile. For cyclists, please calculate the estimated cost at £0.20 per mile.
<b>Child/dependent care costs associated with CPD opportunities</b>	This means the cost of care for your child or dependent person (e.g. childminder, carer) to cover the time you are attending a course or training opportunity. If you would like to apply for this, provide a quote from a provider.
<b>Professional fees that support CPD</b>	This means costs that will support you in being a professional in Salford's creative sector, for example web design.

## Application process

We are predicting that this fund will be extremely competitive. In light of this, all applications will be assessed for eligibility and all eligible applications will be placed into a 'ballot', and 10-20 applicants will be drawn at random and awarded grants.

**All applicants will be notified of outcome by early March 2026.**

**If you were awarded a Salford Creatives Fund grant in 2025 you are not eligible to reapply to this round, but may apply to future rounds of Salford Creatives Fund.**

# Writing your application

In order to process your application, we need basic information:

- **Contact information**
- **Payment details**
- **Bank statement or paying in slip**

- 1) **Please describe your core work or purpose.** Tell us what you do, where you do it, and how you do it. Include any social media handles, websites, or examples of your work. This helps us to understand your work and allows us to check eligibility.
- 2) **To which art form does your work most closely align?** We capture this data to see who we are supporting across the sector. If none of the boxes provided are a fit, please tell us in 'Other'.
- 3) **In which areas of Salford do you live and/or work?** Please tick all that apply.
- 4) **Please tick which area(s) in which your application fits.** Pick all applicable priorities, from materials, training course fees, travel costs (expenses), care costs, or other professional fees.
- 5) **How would a grant of £250 - £500 benefit your work as an individual in Salford? What difference would this make to you?** Tell us why this grant would have an impact on your work as an individual.
- 6) **How would a grant of £250 - £500 allow or support you to bring to, share with, or develop as part of Salford's creative community?** Tell us why this grant would in turn bring more skills etc. to Salford's creative community.
- 7) **About the money: Please provide details of what you are seeking funding for. Give a breakdown of each requested cost, for example:**

Description of item	Breakdown of calculations	Total cost	Amount requested
Course in (e.g. skill/discipline) run by (e.g. Salford CVS)	x 1 course	£250	£250
Travel expenses to Salford	10 miles driving at £0.45p	£4.50	£4.50
Childcare for 2 children	2 x half days at £60 x 2 children	£240	£240

We anticipate this fund will be heavily oversubscribed and therefore extremely competitive.

If you would like support with your application before submitting, please contact  
[grants@salfordcvs.co.uk](mailto:grants@salfordcvs.co.uk) or 0161 787 7795

**Please submit this application form in Word (other forms will not be accepted) to:**  
[grants@salfordcvs.co.uk](mailto:grants@salfordcvs.co.uk) **by 12:00 on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026**