

## Application Guidelines 2011-2012

The Idlewild Trust is a grant making trust that supports registered charities concerned with the encouragement of the performing and fine arts and crafts, the advancement of education within the arts and the preservation for the benefit of the public of lands, buildings and other objects of beauty or historic interest in the UK.

### Key facts:

The Trust awards around £120,000 each year in grants and considers making grants of up to £5,000. The average grant is around £2,000. During the last financial year to 31 December 2010, the Trust received 373 applications (2009: 301) and awarded 65 grants (2009: 59) totalling £129,305 in 2010 (2009: £125,000).

### Charitable status:

We accept applications only from UK Registered Charities, churches that are Excepted Charities and some UK Publicly Exempt Charities.

Churches are now required to register as charities if they have an income of £100k and above. We accept applications from churches that are Excepted Charities with an income of less than £100k, and also from UK Publicly Exempt Charities such as public museums and some educational establishments. If you are unsure of your organisation's status please go to [www.charity-commission.gov.uk](http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk) (England) or [www.oscr.org.uk](http://www.oscr.org.uk) (Scotland).

If you are a UK Registered Charity, we check the Charity Commission and Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator records online to see if your charity's annual returns and accounts are up-to-date.

### Our categories:

**Arts Education:** The Trust funds education projects and initiatives within the performing arts, visual arts and the fine arts. The projects must be professionally run and should demonstrate best practice in the field of arts education.

**Museums, Galleries and Fine Arts:** The Trust funds exhibitions, projects and capital works within museums, galleries and other venues concerned with the fine arts including the visual arts and crafts. The Trust will need to be satisfied that the work is of a high standard and will attract visitors from outside its immediate community, if not nationally. Priority is generally given to projects of a national interest with a national or regional audience.

**Preservation and Conservation:** The Trust funds the conservation or restoration for the benefit of the public of lands, buildings and other objects of beauty or historic interest in the United Kingdom. However the Trust does not fund new work within a restoration project such as new heating systems, annexes or facilities.

**Performing Arts:** The Trust funds projects, events and performances within the performing arts including music, dance, poetry and drama. The Trust will need to be satisfied that the work is of a high standard and will attract an audience from outside its immediate community, if not nationally. Priority is generally given to projects of a national interest with a national or regional audience.

### **Our exclusions:**

Grants will not be awarded to the same organisation more frequently than every 24 months. The Idlewild Trust does **not** make grants for:

- Projects that have been completed
- Individuals
- New work within churches eg: heating systems, annexes, facilities
- Community-based projects or festivals largely involving and attracting people in the immediate area
- Education work unless it is within the fields of the performing arts, visual arts or fine arts
- Endowment or deficit funding
- Nationwide appeals by large charities
- Appeals where all or most of the recipients live outside the UK
- Appeals whose sole or main purpose is to make grants from funds collected

### **How to Apply:**

We now ask all applicants to use our new on-line application process. Please go to the “Apply” section of our website and follow the instructions.

If you have any queries about the application process, please contact the office on 020 8772 3155 or [info@idlewildtrust.org.uk](mailto:info@idlewildtrust.org.uk).

### **Deadlines for applications: 2012**

24 Feb 2012 for a Trustees’ meeting in May 2012

21 Sep 2012 for a Trustees’ meeting in Nov 2012

## **Decisions:**

You will receive a confirmation of receipt as soon as your on-line application is submitted. If you don't receive it straight away, please check the Spam or Junk email boxes on your computer.

We will let you know the outcome of your application in writing within a fortnight of the Trustees' meeting. If an application has been unsuccessful, you can re-apply immediately.

## **Monitoring:**

We ask organisations that receive a grant to e-mail a 1 page A4 report (including an image where relevant) to [info@idlewildtrust.org.uk](mailto:info@idlewildtrust.org.uk) on completion of the project funded, or after 12 months, whichever is sooner.

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## **Office hours:**

Mondays - Tuesdays 9am-3pm  
Wednesdays 10am-2pm

**Please note the office is closed from 19 December 2011 - 3 January 2012 and 2 - 16 April 2012 although applications can be submitted during this time.**