



Radical Independent Art Fund Guidance - Round 6

About Future's Venture

Future's Venture is a small Charitable Trust established to provide funding to artists/creatives to develop and deliver challenging and radical works that intend to make a difference and positive contribution to society, the environment and culture. Our intention to trial new ways of funding artists that is equitable and puts them at the heart of the process. This is our final round of funding before we close. For more information on Future's Venture please visit our website, and download our Manifesto. www.futuresventure.net

About Radical Independent Arts Fund (RIAF)

By radical we mean that which attempts to change the dominant social, environmental, economic and political context, challenging thinking and perception across all art forms. The fund provides a means of supporting artists and creatives to explore the potential to work between, across and beyond disciplines, through natural collaboration and sharing. In doing so we aim to support artists and creatives to be bold in their statements, maybe subversive, without fear of traditional funds that restrict, inhibit or pre define activity. In our context, art should be in response to and in harmony with the social and ecological environment in which it takes place, so that artists listen, respond and reflect on this in their practice. Our focus is very much on process and content, rather than 'outputs' and 'outcomes'.

Application Brief and Process

We have a finite budget of £20,000 to allocate to artists **new to FVF**, in that they have not been funded for projects by us before. This does not include commissioned work, so if you have been commissioned to deliver a piece of work in the past, this is not considered funding, and you can apply to the fund for support. You can nominate yourself, or send to someone else you think should apply. The individual amount for each grant will be **£500**.

There are a number of things to consider when preparing your proposal:

- We seek to support artist(s) work that meets the ethical, ecological and social ethos of the fund.
- We will consider applications from individual artists or a collective/collaboration of artists, with a lead person nominated to apply.

The applicant must be an individual, however we will consider small artist led collectives on a case-by-case basis.

- Grants will generally be £500, to support artists to continue in their practice. There is no caveat with regards to how this money is spent, other than it supports the artist directly to achieve their aims. We may approve on rare occasion multiple pots of £500 where this is warranted, up to a maximum of £1,500 and this will be at the Trustees discretion.
- We would prefer funding be completed by September 2021 but in exceptional circumstances this may run to December 2021.

Applications to the fund can be done in any format you decide, with the following mechanisms for sending in your applications:

Video to 1.5 minutes

Written proposals to 250 words

WhatsApp/Telegram voice notes to 1.5 minutes.

Written applications can be sent via our [Contact Us](#) form on our website. Please make sure you mark it is a 'Fund Application' at the top of your message. Remember word restrictions are 250 words.

If you are applying using video, you can upload to YouTube as a private link and email this link to almaisonproducers@gmail.com with your password for access. You can also send video or voice notes via WhatsApp or Telegram. If you wish to use these methods, please contact via email above for the number to send them to.

Timescale

Application Process Opens	1 st April 2021
Deadline for proposals	30 th April 2021
Selection Process	30 th May 2021
Notification and contracting	June 2021

Financial Information

For successful applicants, we anticipate that funds will be released in full. Once you have completed your offer letter, and returned to us with an invoice for the amount.