

10 March 2025

Dear

ATISN 24361 – JD – Culture Grant Scheme for Grassroot Organisations

Thank you for your request which I received on 11 February. You asked for information on:

1. How much was paid out under the Welsh Government Culture Grant Scheme for Grassroot Organisations in the past 12 months?
2. A breakdown by grant - specifying the amount awarded, the organisation in receipt and the specific project funded.

Please find below the answers to your questions in the order you sent your request.

1. How much was paid out under the Welsh Government Culture Grant Scheme for Grassroot Organisations in the past 12 months?

The Culture Grant Scheme for Grassroots Organisations is administered by Diverse Cymru on behalf of the Welsh Government. As grant awards are made on a financial year basis, we are unable to provide information on the amount paid in the past 12 months. However, a total of £202,934 was paid to Diverse Cymru under the grant scheme in 2024/2025. It is important to note that Diverse Cymru made 'payments in advance' awards to organisations, and we are currently working with them to establish the final allocated figures.

2. A breakdown by grant - specifying the amount awarded, the organisation in receipt and the specific project funded.

Please find below a summary of the allocations for financial year 2024-2025.

Large Grants		
Organisation	Project	Amount
Now in a Minute Media	Working with diverse industry specialists, the Creative Close-Up aims to create a space for networking, knowledge exchange, and promote career opportunities in the creative industry.	£6,000.00
Black Gold Productions	The project aims to authentically represent the experiences of marginalised communities that settled in Wales offering an immersive and engaging historical Virtual Reality experience.	£12,000.00
Romani Cultural and Arts Co	A cultural celebration programme with the Roma Community of Newport. This will include: The establishment of a local Roma choir and up-skilling young people in creating and producing new music which can be made available for generations to come.	£14,000.00
Urban Circle	Young people will be trained in festival production and help bring together communities of all backgrounds to celebrate the impact of Caribbean culture in Wales.	£10,000.00
SOEL Connect	The project aims to create a distinctive and culturally enriching musical experience that bridges the gap between Black-led choir's rich musical heritage and the traditional Welsh language hymns and songs.	£10,000.00
Hayaat Women's Trust	The project seeks to deliver a culturally sensitive traditional Somali creative practices to young people.	£10,000.00
Horn Development Association	The project aims to provide Wales with a greater appreciation of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities' contribution to the culture of Wales.	£7,300.00
	Large Grants Total	£69,300.00
Medium Grants		
Organisation	Project	Amount
Brigend Malayae association	The project seeks to support children and adults for stage performances such as dancing, acting and cultural programs as well as showcasing some art works.	£1,950.00
ILA Wales	The project aims to set up heritage dance project & Ibero-Latin American Festival February which is a collaborative project with the Glynn Vivian Gallery.	£2,830.00
Tageero Cymru	The project seeks to offer cultural dancing workshops and host guest speakers to discuss poetry, history and storytelling.	£1,585.00
	Medium Grants Total	£6,365.00
Capital Grants		
Organisation	Project	Amount
Zimbabwe Newport Volunteering Association	PA System & Recording Studio for ethnic minority people in Newport.	£4,300.00
Soel Connect	Swn Llwythol Creative Boost aims to deliver music creative workshops and events.	£14,663.00
Sub-Sahara Advisory Panel	Kumbukumbu ('memories' in Kiswahili) aims to capture the culture and heritage of Welsh Black people by collating and archiving their stories.	£4,082.00
The Heritage & Cultural Exchange [HCE]	Tiger Bay, Cardiff Bay giving the story new life. Archival work capturing new stories of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic people.	£1,440.00

BE.Xcellence CIC	Deliver workshops on podcast creation, radio broadcasting, creative writing, photography and digital content creation.	£14,950.00
Chinese in Wales Association (CIWA)	Support Chinese communities celebrate their cultural identity and develop a range of Chinese arts and cultural engagement programmes in Wales.	£9,788.00
Renew Mind Centre	Young Into Culture project aims to provide musical and filming skills to young people.	£3,809.00
Paallam Arts CIC	Spirit Fest Project aims deliver diverse dance and movement art festival for the summer on July 13th at Queen square, Wrexham.	£7,000.00
Watch Africa CIC	Schools Programme on stereotyping awareness and content making workshops.	£11,500.00
Gritty films	Digital Sand Animation to broaden the range of workshops with young people.	£9,384.00
Aurora Trinity Collective	Digital access and creativity programmes for refugee and asylum seeker women.	£2,077.00
Congolese Development Project	Culture on the Move aims to organise cultural activities.	£3,440.00
North Wales Ethnic Multicultural Association	Improvement to venue and equipment requirements.	£10,791.00
The Mentor Ring	Culture Matters aims to undertake cultural activities.	£3,954.00
African Community Centre	We are Diversity aims to deliver a series of cultural activities including launching a podcast series exploring cultural identity.	£8,683.00
Bengal Dragons Foundation	Celebrating Bangladeshi Heritage: Art and Cuisine in Wales through the creation of a recipe book.	£6,500.00
	Capital Grants Total	£115,861.00
Small Grants		
Organisation	Project	Amount
Association of Polish Journalists and Writers DIALOG	Polish in Wales Polish – Welsh Heritage Days. Dialog Magazine publication.	£1,000.00
Africa TAM TAM C/o Congolese Development Association	Teaching of African Drums to perform during Black History Month in October 24.	£960.00
Mums and Toddlers Foundation CIC	My Afro hair - my cultural identity aims to raised awareness of the traditional and artistic practice of Afro haircare and braiding.	£998.00
The Welfare – Ystradgynlais –Y Neuadd Les	Film & Performances from the Indian Subcontinent.	£1,000.00
Roots Newport	Creative Eid Celebration for Black Asian and Minority Ethnic girls.	£1,000.00
Kurdish All Wales Association (KAWA)	Project aims to support young people from the Kurdish diaspora to learn two of the Kurdish dialects (Sorani and Kurmanji).	£1,000.00
Windrush Elders Cymru	Windrush Cymru Elders visit to Big Pit National Coal Museum.	£1,000.00

South Africans association in Wales	Gumboots dance workshop celebrating South African heritage.	£950.00
Menter Iaith Fflint a Wrecsam	Multicultural choir enabling diverse musical traditions to be shared as well as learn and perform Welsh songs.	£1,000.00
Vale of Glamorgan Amusements	Restoration of vintage fairground equipment.	£1,000.00
Prestatyn Peace Group	Prestatyn Peace group aims to provide education and community events for all in our community and bring different ethnic groups together to ensure and develop community harmony.	£1,000.00
	Small Grants Total	£10,908.00
	Grassroots Grant Scheme 2024/25 Total	£202,934.00

Next steps

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Wilmslow,
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Yours sincerely