

16 February 2026

Dear

## **ATISN 26620 – Funding for Arts Organisations**

Thank you for your request which I received on 27 January 2026. You asked for:

### **1. *Funding Distribution***

- *A breakdown of Welsh Government and/or arm's-length body funding awarded over the last **five financial years** to:*
  - *Black-led arts organisations*
  - *Global majority-led arts organisations*
- *Please include:*
  - *Organisation name*
  - *Legal structure (CIC, charity, etc.)*
  - *Funding amount*
  - *Funding programme or stream*
  - *Duration of funding (single year or multi-year)*

### **2. *Multi-Year Funding***

- *The number of Black- or global majority-led organisations currently in receipt of **multi-year funding***
- *The criteria used to determine eligibility for multi-year funding*
- *Comparative data showing how many **white-led organisations** receive multi-year funding over the same period*

### **3. *Support Infrastructure***

- *What additional support (e.g. development funding, organisational support, bid-writing support, promotion or strategic visibility) is made available to Black-led organisations*
- *How this support is accessed, assessed, and allocated*

### **4. *Strategic Commitments***

- *Any current or planned Welsh Government strategies, targets, or funding streams specifically designed to support Black-led organisations with a social justice, cultural equity, or anti-racist remit*
- *Any monitoring or evaluation mechanisms in place to assess racial equity in cultural funding distribution*

## **Our response**

### Funding Distribution & Strategic Commitments

The Culture Grant Scheme for Grassroots Organisations has been designed specifically to improve access to Welsh Government funding for Black-led organisations and community groups, supporting delivery against our culture goals and the actions set out in the Anti-racist Wales Action Plan. The scheme aims to empower community-rooted organisations to deliver cultural activity that aligns with the Plan and contributes directly to advancing cultural equity across Wales.

The [Evaluation of the Culture, Heritage and Sport ArWAP Grants Programme | GOV.WALES](#), published last September, provides data on the number of organisations funded through the scheme that were either Black, Asian and minority ethnic-led, or organisations working with and supporting people from Black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds.

Funding directly awarded by the Welsh Government to Black Led arts organisations over the last 5 financial years is below:

#### 2022-2025

- Through the Anti-racist Wales Culture, Heritage and Sport Fund, we funded two Black-led organisations whose work was directly linked to the arts, providing them with multi-year funding covering FY 2022–2025. There is currently no multi-year ArWAP-specific funding available.
- Through the Culture Grant Scheme for Grassroots Organisations, we funded 46 Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic-led organisations, or organisations working with and supporting these communities. The question asked of applicants only required them to indicate whether their organisation was Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic-led, and therefore we cannot provide data on the number of Black led organisations that were successful in securing funding.

#### 2025-26

- A total of 31 grassroots organisations were awarded funding – of this total we do not have data on the number of Black led organisations that were successful in securing funding as this level of information is not collected.
- Afro Wales/OTID Entertainment is a Private Limited Company that received a one-off grant funding offer of up to £60,000 from the Euro 2025 Partner Support Fund in 2025-26.

#### Multi-Year Funding and Support Infrastructure

Welsh Government funding for the arts is channelled through the Arts Council of Wales (ACW). The information you have requested is not held by the Welsh Government. However, ACW holds information which you are seeking. You can ask them for the information at:

Arts Council of Wales  
Bute Place  
Cardiff  
CF10 5AL  
Tel: **03301 242733**  
[Arts Council of Wales | Arts Council of Wales](#)

#### **Next steps**

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response.

Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,  
Welsh Government,  
Cathays Park,  
Cardiff,  
CF10 3NQ  
or Email: [Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales](mailto:Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales)

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,  
Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
Cheshire,  
SK9 5AF

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely