



COMMUNITY FRINGE 2022

Fund Guidelines

The Scotland on Tour Community Fringe fund aims to empower the ethnic and cultural minority communities of Scotland by raising awareness of – and engaging with – one of Scotland's biggest events, The Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

Our diverse ethnic and cultural minority communities are key elements of Scotland's culture, so we want to ensure that your story, history, and narrative plays a full part in this international event.

Grants of up to **£5,000** will be available to 10 successful groups to stage events in their own communities, allowing ethnic minority professional artists and other traditional artists based in Scotland to have the opportunity to perform to new audiences and engage in new collaborations.

These local community Fringe events will act as catalysts for musicians, communities, and venues to host diverse and engaging programme open to the public.

Events will be held in the **last two weekends (17–18 and 24–25) of September 2022**.

Ensuring diverse Ethnic and Cultural Minority Participation

BEMIS Scotland, Scotland on Tour and the Edinburgh Festival Fringe believe that in order to fulfil our potential as individuals and communities of place, culture and ethnicity that we should celebrate and promote our diversity together.

This reflects our shared objective to build an **'Inclusive National Identity'** which celebrates Scotland's vibrant, diverse, confident and dynamic people.

How much funding is available?

Constituted, charitable and non-profit organisations or community groups can apply for grants of **up to £5,000** to host an event on one of the weekends outlined above.

Part of the ambitions of Scotland on Tour is

It is very important that in your budget response in the application form you outline clearly what each cost is related to. We expect that this programme will be over-subscribed, and we will need to prioritise what we can fund for each project.

Aims/Objectives

Diversity

The Community Fringe programme will celebrate the cultural diversity of Scotland.

In light of this we will expect successful applicants to articulate how they will engage the broader community in any project. It is recognised that EM communities and others including cultural and religious minorities, people with a disability, LGBTI communities, women, and elderly groups and populations can face barriers to participation, recognition and inclusivity.

Urban and rural areas share similar aspirations but differing challenges. We would urge applicants to consider the broader populace when planning activities and ensure the nature of any celebration is inclusive and welcoming.

This may be by formally inviting another organisation or group to participate in an element of your activity or by sharing this activity with the wider community ensuring that they are aware of its happening and of its inclusive nature.

Let's Make Music

A core ambition of the small events fund is to catalyse opportunities for professional and highly skilled musicians and singers to perform again. The pandemic placed lots of pressure on musicians and artists and restricted their ability to perform. We want your event to be a celebration with a key focus on music and song. Think about how you will engage professional or highly skilled community musicians to perform at your events.

Who Can Apply?

- You must be a community group, unincorporated association, charity or not-for-profit organisation working in, with, or for Scotland's diverse communities.
- You must have at least one of the following governing documents: a constitution; management committee; foundation document; charitable status or demonstrate that you are a not-for-profit organisation.
- You must have an independent organisational (i.e. not personal) bank account **or your application will not be considered.**
- Be committed to submit an evaluation report and evidence of activity
- Be committed to attending a launch event at The Edinburgh Fringe Festival in the week beginning August the 22nd

How to apply

- Please ensure you have referred to the above criteria when submitting your application
- Please complete and send an application form including your budget breakdown

- When completed please send your application to fringe@bemis.org.uk
- We may contact your organisation to discuss your application, so please provide contact details for an appropriate person

Criteria for assessment of your application

- Your proposed activity must take place between in one of the two time periods outlined above.

BEMIS Scotland will assess the following:

- **Your activity's connection to the key objectives of Community Fringe with a core focus on musical and singing performance**
- Your group's experience of, or commitment to working with diverse communities.
- Your group's skills and experience in running events previously:
 - Evidence of financial planning/budgeting
 - Evidence of publicising/marketing
 - Evidence of organisational/planning skills
- You must demonstrate how your activity will your target community and general public and how you will involve them.

Next Steps (successful applicants)

- Please note we may not award the full amount applied for.
- Payment will be made by bank transfer. Please ensure the bank details on your application form are accurate.
- Your organisation must have an independent bank account in the organisation's name. We cannot make payments to personal accounts.
- We will ask you to send us a short (50–100 words) description of your activity for BEMIS Scotland's records, promotion and monitoring purposes.
- On acceptance of a grant from BEMIS Scotland, we ask that your organisation keep us informed about the project and any changes that happen during planning.
- **We require that you complete an evaluation form – which will be sent to you in advance – within 1 month of your activity.**

Submission of Application

Please submit your completed application form to:

fringe@bemis.org.uk

Deadline

- Sunday 8th August 2022

Contact

If you have any queries, please get in contact by emailing fringe@bemis.org.uk

You can also follow us on Twitter ([@bemis_scotland](https://twitter.com/bemis_scotland)) and Facebook (facebook.com/bemisscotland) to keep up to date with news about funding.