

# Festivals Fund

Application pack



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# Introduction

Creative Folkestone is an ambitious charity championing creativity and community transformation. We're proud to launch the Festivals Fund for 2025, offering grants of up to £5,000 to support innovative, community-focused festivals in and around Folkestone's Creative Quarter. This fund is open to individuals, groups, and organisations with bold ideas for live audience events that inspire and engage.

This pack includes all the details you need, from eligibility to application guidance. If you're ready to lead the way in creative excellence and bring your vision to life, we invite you to apply and help shape a vibrant, artistic future for Folkestone.

Sacconi Chamber Music Festival

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## Previous festivals

We are proud to have supported many festivals over the years that have demonstrated the creative excellence here in Folkestone. Some have been one-off events and others have continued to grow and inspire more and more people. The Festivals Fund has supported:

- A Domestic
- Compass Music Festival
- Folkestone First Timers
- Living Advent
- Mortal Made
- Music in May
- Shakespeare Schools Festival
- Strange Love Dance Festival
- Take Up Space

....and many more.



# What you can apply for

The Festivals Fund offers grants of up to £5000 for your festival.

You can apply for all or just part of your grant depending on what you need. You may be awarded some or all of your application request so we encourage applications to involve other funding streams alongside.

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Folkestone Pride 2023



# Who can apply

Applications will be considered from individuals, arts groups, companies, organisations or sole traders based in the Folkestone area.

We are taking positive action to achieve equal opportunities in our work and encourage applications from people of any race, nationality, ethnic origin, religion, socio-economic background, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, age or disability.

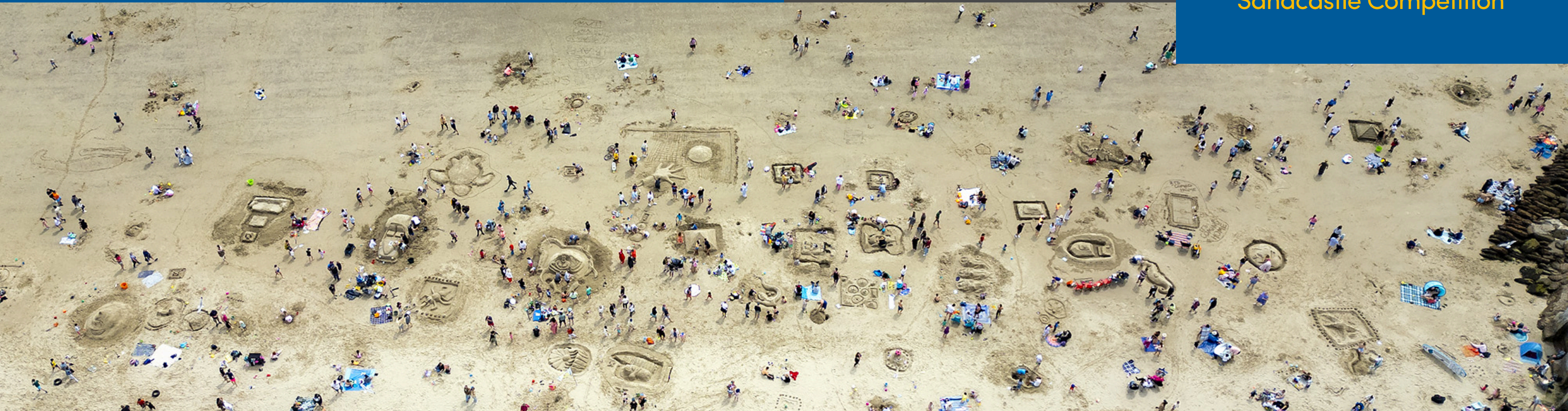


# Not supported

The fund will not support digital projects, one-off exhibitions or performances. The application must be for a festival or a series of events.

At least part of the festival must take place in the Creative Quarter or harbour area.

## Sandcastle Competition



# Selection process

The selection panel will use the following criteria when assessing applications:

- An exciting, original, creative idea.
- Demonstration of a practical and achievable delivery plan.
- Evidence of community engagement.
- A realistic approach to finance and evaluation.
- A sound marketing and PR campaign.
- A commitment to diversity and equal opportunity.

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SALT + EARTH:  
Festival of Landscape, Seascape  
& The Environment





# Deadlines

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01

## Round 1

5pm on Monday 3 March 2025 for projects starting between 1 April – 31 August 2024

02

## Round 2

5pm on Monday 14 April 2025 for projects starting between 1 September – 31 December 2024

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## Round 3

5pm on Monday 21 July 2025 for projects starting between 1 January – 31 March 2026



# How to apply

Download an application form and equal opportunities form from the Creative Folkestone website

Please email your completed application forms, or send a link, by the appropriate deadline to [owenkimm@creativefolkestone.org.uk](mailto:owenkimm@creativefolkestone.org.uk)

We aim to assess applications and inform you of the outcome within 2 weeks.



Living Advent



Open Art Folke

# Good Luck

For more information please visit:

[www.creativefolkestone.org.uk/festivals-fund](http://www.creativefolkestone.org.uk/festivals-fund)

If you would like to arrange an informal chat about your application or if you have any access requirements please contact:

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