



Dementia Inclusive Singing Network Small Grants Programme 2023

The Dementia Inclusive Singing Network helps people living with dementia to take part in singing activities across Scotland, and support leaders and organisers of singing activities to be dementia inclusive. One way in which we do this is through our Small Grants programme, which offers small pots of money to groups or individuals that provide participatory singing activity for people affected by dementia, or are looking for funding to start a new group.

Whilst COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted, we recognise that the impact of the pandemic and resulting lockdowns is still ongoing. This fourth round of funding is therefore aimed at supporting and encouraging singing groups who have returned to face-to-face or hybrid (a mixture of face-to-face and online) singing sessions or are taking steps to start activity again.

Our Grants Programme is funded by the Life Changes Trust and Creative Scotland's Recovery Fund for Organisations.

Who can apply for a Dementia Inclusive Singing Network Grant?

You must be a member of a member of the Dementia Inclusive Singing Network to be considered for a grant. If you would like to apply for a grant but are not currently a member, then please sign up to the network first - it is free to join and only takes a few minutes! To join the Network, please visit our website – you'll find a link to the right page in the 'Links' section at the bottom of this document.

- Note: if you are applying for funding for an existing dementia-inclusive group, we also ask that you add your singing group to our Network Map. This helps us to accurately represent and promote the excellent work taking place across the country. To find out more about the Map and complete the registration form, please visit our website – there is a link at the bottom of this document.

You can apply for a grant if you:

1. Lead or organise regular singing opportunities for people based in Scotland, with a focus on dementia inclusive practice. (If this is you, then please see our note above on adding your group to our Network Map).
2. Lead or organise regular singing opportunities for people based in Scotland, and would like your activities to become dementia inclusive.

3. Are looking to set up a dementia inclusive choir, singing group or activity, either online or remotely that benefits people living with dementia based in Scotland.

You can apply for a grant as an individual or on behalf of your group, choir or organisation.

You are also expected to have or put in place all necessary insurances to cover your activities or equipment. You will not be covered by Luminare's insurance policies. We encourage you to take advice from your insurers about what level of cover you need.

How much money is available?

We will award grants of between £200 to £1,000. We have a total fund of £8,500 available.

What will we fund?

We will fund new or existing activities to help individuals, groups or organisations to start or return to in-person dementia inclusive singing activities. We will also fund groups to start or improve a programme of online or hybrid (a mixture of face-to-face and online) singing activities. The activities must be aimed at those based in Scotland. We expect to support a range of activities and purchases, and these might include:

- Start-up costs for individuals or groups who want to introduce new activities or services, or to adapt activities or services for their members
- New technical equipment or devices to support group members to take part in activities online or by phone, or to improve access online or by phone
- Contributions to the costs of materials, printing, copying, production or postage costs for singing activities
- Training or mentoring for staff or volunteers. For example, this could include working with musical mentors or professional choir leaders, or a technical expert to help you improve the quality of your online activities. We could also support you to work with dementia awareness specialists to help you develop your work and add to your existing knowledge and skills
- Contribution towards fees for a singing group leader and/or musicians and accompanists. This includes session fees as well as travel costs and other expenses. We encourage groups and organisations to think about these fees carefully to ensure you are paying any leaders and artists fairly for their time. Choosing the right fee can be confusing, as there is not always a fixed rate to stick to. As a Creative Scotland funded organisation, we recommend taking a look at Creative Scotland's Rates of Pay Guidance sheet for up-to-date information on fair pay. You can find a copy of this document on our website.

- In some circumstances we will cover ongoing running costs for groups. You will need to show us how you plan to fund your activities after the grant finishes

Groups who have had grants in the past used the funds for a variety of activities and purchases, including the production of DVDs and music recordings featuring familiar faces and songs for members, new technology purchases to improve online sessions, professional musician and choir leader fees, and costs associated with holding a Zoom Christmas party (with parcels!) for members.

How will the Dementia Inclusive Singing Network decide on grant awards?

To be considered for a grant you must:

- Be a member of the Dementia Inclusive Singing Network. To join the Network, please visit our website: <https://singing.luminatescotland.org/sign-up-to-the-network/>

Note: if you are applying for funding for an existing dementia-inclusive group, we also ask that you register your singing group on our Network Map. To find out more about the Map and complete the registration form, please visit our website: <https://singing.luminatescotland.org/join-the-map/>

- Apply for an amount between £200 and £1,000;
- Show how the grant will improve opportunities for people living with dementia and their carers to take part in singing opportunities;
- Show that you will spend the grant within 6 months;
- Have everything you need to offer the activity or make the purchase, for example if you want to offer a new activity you need to show that you have the right staff or volunteers available to help you;
- Operate in Scotland;
- Agree to follow any Covid-19 changes in restrictions or guidance that may be reintroduced across the period of the grant.

A panel will carefully consider each application against these five criteria, and will also review your budget to make sure that the activity or purchase is achievable with the funds you have asked for. The panel will include choir leaders, and people living with dementia and their carers.

If you have applied for a Small Grants award in a previous round of funding then you are welcome to complete an application again. However, as we anticipate a high demand for these grants, we can only offer each individual/group/organisation a maximum of **two funding grants**. If you/your organisation have already been awarded two rounds of Small Grants funding then we will not be able to consider your application.

If you are considering applying, you might find it useful to read the Signposting Information Sheet. This gives a list of organisations and guides to help you find ways

for people affected by dementia to take part in singing activities both in-person and online.

If I am successful in being awarded a grant, what happens next?

Once you have received the grant money, the money will need to be spent on activity within six months. After this six-month period, we will be in touch to ask you to complete a simple evaluation process on how the grant has made a difference to people with dementia and their carers. We will provide more guidance about the evaluation and reporting process when you are offered a grant.

Deadline

The closing date for this round of applications is midday on **9th June 2023**. We will let you know the result of your application by **week commencing 26th June 2023**.

How to apply

To apply for a grant, please complete and return the application form either:

By email to:

singing@luminatescotland.org

Or by post to:

Luminate, First Floor, Causewayside House, 160 Causewayside, Edinburgh EH9 1PR

More information

If you would like more information or advice, please contact Maisie Leddy either by email at singing@luminatescotland.org, or by phone on: 0131 668 0330. Maisie is Luminate's Dementia Inclusive Singing Network Co-ordinator.

Links:

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