



FAQs

CATHEDRAL MUSIC SUPPORT PROGRAMME 2024

When preparing the application, will we need to provide the job description at stage one or stage two for support of a new post?

At stage one, we will only ask you to tell us who will manage and deliver your activity. You can tell us about any additional staff you will need to employ (100 words); at stage two we would ask for a more detailed job description as part of your supporting documentation.

Can partner contributions be 'in kind' or do they need to be financial only?

They can indeed be in-kind, but a minimum of 10% would need to be financial.

On the application form, and in the presentation, you refer to the 'choral foundation.' For clarity would you please say how widely that term is defined.

We define 'choral foundation' very widely. You do not need to be formally styled a 'choral foundation' to fall within the eligibility criteria (see 'who can apply' on our website).

Does the 'term of your support' mean 24 months or something else?

It is possible for your project to be shorter than 24 months, e.g. one year.

Is the grant a one-off grant for a particular project in a way that no funding for that same project is available in the future?

This depends on the circumstances. It is not impossible to apply for future funding for the same project, but we would be keen to help you to find alternative funding sources and for you to continue the work through income generation of your own. Try to avoid your sustainability plan being that you would only seek to apply again for funding from Cathedral Music Trust without broadening the net and looking for alternative funding streams.

If we've received a grant in 2023, are we eligible for this programme?

Yes, you are indeed welcome to apply in 2024 (even though you won't send the 2023 monitoring report until September 2024). 2024 is an overlap year, as we change schemes, hence why this is possible.

Where this funding programme is different to the previous revenue fund, does the project or revenue spend need to be new, or can it be an existing project/programme?

It can be an existing project/programme but you would need to explain to us why you are no longer able to fund it from your own resources.

Would any potential grant need to be split equally over the two year period of support?
No, you should split the funding in a way that is appropriate for you.

If successful, can you still apply the next year or are you eligible only every other year?
However long your programme lasts (even if it only lasts one year), you can only apply again in two years' time. If unsuccessful you can apply again straight away.

Do you know will there be a similar information seminar for applicants to the Church Choir Award?

There will be a Church Choir Award webinar on Friday 19 April at 12 noon.

How soon after any approval are funds made available?

Offer letters are sent out in early July and, once you have returned the paperwork to us, funds will be with you within a few weeks.

Can you apply to more than one fund in any year?

If you receive funding from the Cathedral Music Support Programme you would also be eligible to apply to the Church Choir Award. However, if you apply to the CMSP and we feel your application would be better suited to the CCA, we will invite you to make an application to the CCA instead.

Is this a once-a-year programme or does it run at other times during the year?

Both the Cathedral Music Support Programme and the Church Choir Award are once-a-year programmes, so you will need to apply by 23 February 2024 (for CMSP) or 15 May 2024 (for CCA) if you wish to take part this year.

I notice that you mentioned programmes would start in September 2024. If we were successful and it were a new post, we would have to factor in time to recruit. Would it be a problem for the programme to start at a later date?

We would consider 'starting' to include advertising for the post and the interview process when recruiting for a new role. We ask that, if things do not go to plan with the recruitment process, you keep in touch so that we can continue to support you.