



Guidance for grant applicants

Angel Early Music is a charity with the purpose of supporting Early Music education and performance, both professional and amateur, at a high level, particularly in the geographic South-East of England, i.e. Essex, Kent and the surrounding counties. Early Music is defined as music composed prior to 1800.

We are required to work within these parameters, but we aim to be flexible in supporting activities in other locations where a wider public benefit can be demonstrated. Music is very much the focus of our programme, but we have also been able to support some cross-arts projects where the musical element was sufficiently strong.

Grants may awarded to Early Music groups or to individuals. They will typically range from £500 to £5,000, represent a maximum of 50% of the fund raising required, and are paid as project expenses are incurred. They can be made at any time and it is possible to apply at an early stage of planning, generally up to two years before an activity takes place.

Angel Early Music support can also take the form of a guarantee against loss. This will be paid after an event has occurred and will cover proven losses up to an agreed figure. It requires that costs are rigorously controlled and effective marketing is in place, but can provide assurance that an event can go ahead where other sources of income cannot be projected with certainty. For example, estimating audience numbers is particularly difficult in the post-Covid world.

We welcome an informal approach before submitting an application to discuss whether a project is supportable in principle. Do contact us through the website contact page or by email, angelearlymusic@gmail.com.

Do look around our website for further information. You will find examples of the sort of projects we have supported in the past and our current projects, along with application forms.