

HOW DO WE PAY FOR OUR FUN PALACE?

Many Fun Palaces have found funding locally, 82% of Fun Palaces in 2018 raised no additional funds to create their Fun Palace. Fun Palaces are hyper-local, so ask around locally. Some previous Makers explain how it was for them in [this short film](#).

What some Fun Palaces have done in the past:

Brockwell Lido Fun Palace asked local businesses for sponsorship, raising money and loads of help in kind as well.

Whitstable Museum of Fun went to a local council meeting and asked for money to cover workshop costs – and they got it.

BedPop Fun Palace in Bedford had sponsorship from a local company and many local venues provided their spaces for free.

Lambeth Libraries Fun Palaces received Arts Council Grants for the Arts funding to support their 11 hyper-local Fun Palaces.

Dragon's Den Fun Palace in Sittingbourne had support from their local Rotary group to help provide water and electricity to their facilities-free venue.

Some Fun Palaces received small local government grants, others had help from local venues or were housed in venues that covered the costs themselves.

Your Local Council

Talk to your Councillors, invite them to your meetings. There are always funds they know about that we don't. Getting to know local politicians is always valuable, they wouldn't do the job if they didn't care – show them that you care too.

Heritage Lottery Fund

If what you're doing has any local history, local stories, they're worth talking to. If you're working on digital stuff to do with heritage that's great too. [Heritage Lottery Fund](#)

Arts Councils – ACE, ACW, CS, ACNI

All the UK's Arts Councils believe that everyone should have the opportunity to experience and be inspired by the arts – which is very Fun Palaces. Have a look at the guidelines on their websites.

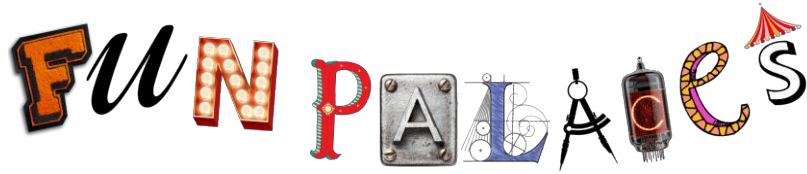
[Arts Council England](#)

[Arts Council of Northern Ireland](#)

[Arts Council of Wales](#)

[Creative Scotland](#)

Try to get a meeting or at least a phone call with someone in your Arts Council regional office. It's always good to make a connection and you'll get useful advice.



People’s Postcode Trust

If your Fun Palace is something that keeps up the community engagement and involvement throughout the year, and many are, they might be for you: [People’s Postcode Trust](#)

People’s Health Trust

The Active Communities fund is for community groups and not-for-profit organisations, with an income of less than £350,000 a year or an average of £350,000 over two years. It’s for projects seeking investment of between £5,000 and £50,000 for projects lasting up to two years. They’re looking for small and local projects, designed and run by local people. [Find out more here.](#)

The Aviva Community Fund

The Aviva Community Fund offers funding for an important cause in your community – such as your Fun Palace. You can enter a project on behalf of your community and tell them what a difference these much-needed funds could make. [Find out more](#)

Other UK nation-specific Funding Info

- [Foundation Scotland](#)
- [National Lottery Community Fund \(Scotland\)](#)
- [Community Foundation for Northern Ireland](#)
- [Fund for Wales](#)
- [National Lottery Awards for All England](#)

Voluntary Arts

Not a funding body themselves, Voluntary Arts have useful and regularly updated information about funding and resources here [Voluntary Arts](#)

nb - all of this info changes very quickly and very often, feel free to get in touch with us if you have any questions.