



The Ragdoll Foundation and COVID-19: Supporting our grant-holders and applicants

This statement replaces the one issued by the Ragdoll Foundation in March 2020

These continue to be difficult times for the arts, cultural, and youth sectors. Over the past months, the Ragdoll Foundation has supported our grant-holders to reschedule funded projects and, in some cases, experiment with remote delivery or other new ways of engaging children and young people in high quality arts experiences. Organisations have shown considerable creativity, thought and empathy in re-designing their projects, for which we are grateful.

If you currently have a grant from the Ragdoll Foundation, but need to make changes to your project delivery, budget allocations or reporting, please contact Kirsten Gibbs at admin@ragdollfoundation.org.uk with an outline of what you would like to do. We will get back to you to confirm revised plans or to discuss further. Substantial changes may require a re-issuing of your offer letter, but in most cases we should be able to do this via email.

If you are applying for a new grant, the application process and timetable have not changed:

Main Grants Programme:

- Applications received between August and November should be for projects where delivery begins no earlier than April next year, and you do not need to be fully committed to the project until mid-February.
- Applications received between December and March should be for projects where delivery begins no earlier than September, and you do not need to be fully committed to the project until mid-June.
- Applications received between April and July should be for projects where delivery begins no earlier than the New Year, and you do not need to be fully committed to the project until mid-October.

Small Grants Programme deadlines:

- 30 October 2020 – for projects beginning no earlier than January 2021
- 8 January 2021 – for projects beginning no earlier than March 2021
- 7 May – for projects beginning no earlier than July 2021
- 2 July – for projects beginning no earlier than September 2021
- 27 August – for projects beginning no earlier than November 2021

For both grants programmes: Please bear in mind that we are a small organisation and assess applications as they arrive; please submit your proposal as early as possible within a round. We regret that we are not able to offer support outside of our existing grant programmes, emergency support, or top-up funding. Please see the guidance notes for both grants programmes for details about what we do and don't fund, and how to apply.

Thank you and we wish you all the best in these challenging times – please stay safe & well.