THE DICE FUND
COLLABORATION GRANT
Clarification Questions 2.0
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Expenditure and Funding

1. What activities and costs to 'develop the partnership' will be accepted and desired (ref. page 4)

   We defer to the applicants about what they expect is required to develop the partnership to include, for example, meeting in person.

2. Does this include the UK? (i.e. does "DICE countries" include the UK? (ref. p 4)

   Yes, although the majority of activities, and thus impact, should be delivered in Brazil, Egypt, Indonesia, Pakistan and South Africa.

3. With the amount requested for British Council investment, is there a possibility BC makes a smaller/larger offer than the requested in the application form?

   We will not award recipients more than the amount they apply for; we may, however, award less based on overall demand for the Fund and the portfolio of projects we will be funding across the DICE countries.

4. When the UK organisation holds part of the budget and responsibility for project management, between the UK and Brazil, should the cash from BC be divided 50/50 or substantially more for the Brazil organisation to hold and manage?

   We defer to applicants on this; it would make sense to allocate more to the non-UK country to cover programme management costs.

5. Taxes/Charges - What percentage of the budget should be set aside to cover local taxes, bank fees and international transactions?

   The tax regime, transaction costs and bank fees will vary between each of the DICE countries, but a prudent approach might be to set aside 5% of the total budget for such expenditures.

6. What percentage of the budget should be set aside to cover contingency?

   5-10%
7. What percentage of the budget can be set aside to cover proportional core costs of the organisations in the UK and Brazil?

We defer to applicants on this.

8. Staff costs - is the 30% towards staff costs separate from the core costs (p.11)?

9. Staff costs - is the cost of facilitators, speakers, workshop leaders, mentors included in this percentage (p.11)?

Staff costs are 30% of budget. Staff costs cover those involved with the administration, management, finance, coordination and evaluation (as staff). Those leading workshops and training should be listed separately as ‘activity’ and are not included in the 30%.

We recognise that in many instances core staff will be the same people delivering activities, and therefore the expenditure will be listed in two separate places (1. Staff costs 2. Activity) For the purposes of this grant we ask you to delineate who the workshop leaders will be and provide full day rates

10. Staff costs - is the 30% towards staff costs in relation to the amount of investment being asked from BC? Or is it relating to full project cost - in the case of match funding. (p.11)?

30% of costs in relation to the investment being asked of from British Council.

11. For Brazil/UK partners, contracts for both Principal Applicants will be with the British Council Brazil. Country taxes will apply." - which taxes should we consider in the budget?

For activity that is carried out in Brazil by UK organisations, the UK partners will not be liable for Value Added Tax on their portion of the grant as such taxes will be paid by British Council Brazil (operating as ACB – Associação Conselho Britânico).

As for Brazilian organisations, they will be liable to pay the ITCMD tax of 4% on their portion of the grant, unless they have a pre-exemption certificate. ACB cannot legally pay this tax on their behalf.

The final amount of tax will depend on how the partners split the grant between them.

British Council Brazil will provide support in answering any follow up Brazilian tax-related queries.

For activities carried out in the UK, contract will be with the British Council UK and VAT will apply (please check on how UK taxes apply)

12. If we do get the funding, how much support can we get from the British Council for programme management?
We will not be providing programme management support, so please do build that into your budget.

Programme delivery

13. The majority of development and delivery is to take place in DICE country (ref. p. 7). What percentage between UK and Brazil, for example?

We are not putting a strict percentage on this; we ask that the proposal have a sensible distribution between countries.

Target markets / beneficiaries

14. Are 18-30 year olds the priority age range for beneficiaries of the DICE project?

If your proposed initiative focusing on youth, then yes, though the British Council typically defines this cohort to be 18-35 years of age. However, we are also expecting initiatives that focus on gender equality and inclusion of marginalised groups and such initiatives need not have a priority age range.

15. As the DICE Fund aims to serve a "multiple number of creative and social enterprises" – do individuals count as social enterprises?

Not for the purposes of this Fund.

16. Grants not awarded for 'individual development'. Can the project focus on developing individual entrepreneurs in the DICE country?

Yes, but indirectly. The focus is on strengthening intermediaries and enterprises that in turn strengthen other enterprises and individuals.

Impact

17. What benefits/gains are priorities and/or desired outcomes from BC’s perspective?

Please refer to page 21, Expected Results.

Eligibility

18. What is the difference between an 'affiliate' and an existing relationship (p. 8)?

For the purposes of this Fund, affiliates are organisations with an existing structured and legal partnership with the Principal Applicant.
19. Grants are not artist residencies and exhibitions. however, can it focus on developing series of intensive training workshops and also on an event as a product?

Yes.