

THE DICE FUND

COLLABORATION GRANT GUIDELINES

CLARIFICATIONS

The following are answers to the questions received at DICEteam@britishcouncil.org between 3 September and 1 October 2018.

Eligibility

- 1. Can the beneficiaries be agencies that attend to the development of people in poverty situation?**

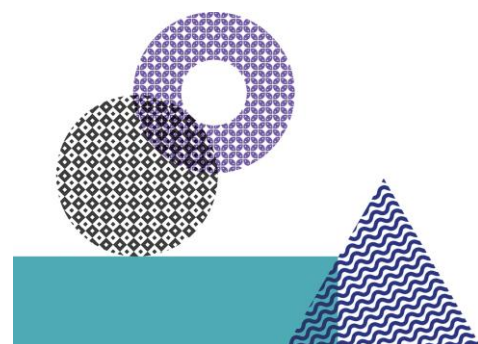
Yes, the beneficiaries of the Collaboration Grant can (and in the majority of cases should be) other organisations (e.g. agencies).

- 2. Is the funding more directed towards developing enterprises with business or financial outcomes or would a proposal with a focus more on 'social benefit outcomes' be considered?**

Collaboration Grants are awarded for initiatives that develop sustainable enterprises which have *both* business/financial outcomes *and* social benefits.

- 3. Does the partner organisation in the DICE country need to have existing and demonstrable enterprise credentials (i.e. already be a functioning entity?) Or could it be an organisation in its infancy? Does the partnership require that the DICE Country partner have a certain level of experience or a certain level of the activities conducted previously?**

As the social and creative economic ecosystems are in varying degrees of development in the DICE countries, we will consider this on a case by case basis. If the partnership is proposed between two organisations that have wide networks and clear support structures in place, we will consider funding organisations in their infancy in the DICE country. UK organisations, however, should have existing and demonstrable enterprise credentials.



4. **What is defined as an 'organisation' in the DICE country? Can it be a collective such as a local women's group or is it necessary to be more formally established, as a registered charity for example, in its own country?**

As above, we will consider this on a case by case basis. If the organisation in the DICE country has clear support structures, we will consider organisations that are not formally incorporated/registered. UK organisations, however, should be formally registered.

5. **The guidelines state: "The grants are not awarded for individual development (e.g. training or mentorships) or art project (including, but not limited to, artist residences, and exhibitions). They can be for the design of cascade training, mentoring and incubation support". Hence, from the statement, we would like to know more and ask, "what is the meaning of individual development (e.g. training or mentorships) mentioned?" Since as far as we know that in order to foster the orphan, poor and disabled youth, we need trainings for them such as a leadership, entrepreneurship training and others.**

The point is that the grants should not be used to provide training or mentorships for staff working at the applicant organisations (e.g. your organisation or your partner organisation). However, the grants can be used to design training or mentorships for the beneficiaries of the intervention (e.g. such as the types of beneficiaries you describe).

Please also bear in mind that at least one of the applicant organisations must be an intermediary. Typically, an intermediary doesn't work directly with beneficiaries but instead works with organisations that in turn work with individual beneficiaries.

We have taken this approach in order to develop an array of support organisations to encourage the growth of social and creative enterprises. This is one approach for scaling our reach and impact and growing the wider social and creative economy. This enables us to do so in a relatively short period with limited funds and a degree of independence.

6. **Our firm is interested to apply for this grant, but we are a for-profit organisation. Are we eligible to apply for this grant?**

We will not be prioritising for-profit organisations as part of the assessment, given our focus is on developing enterprises that prioritise social and economic gain for their communities. However, if your organisation has a clearly articulated social mission and is able to deliver quantifiable social impact we will prioritise your organisation accordingly.

7. **The Guidelines state: "The UK applicant need not have previously secured a Scoping and Business Development Grant to be eligible for a Collaboration Grant." Yet in the guidelines (p.20) it is written " If the UK applicant was a recipient of a Scoping and Business Development Grant, what did you learn about your collaborative style and process from the Scoping and Business Development grant?". So, my doubt is the following: can the UK applicant have secured a Scoping and Business Development Grant to be eligible for a Collaboration Grant?**



Anyone working on the DICE themes is eligible – UK organisations do **not** need to have been on the scoping visit. The question in the application states that 'if' the UK applicant was a recipient they should provide reflections on their collaborative style.

- 8. The grant states that there needs to be cooperation with a "UK organisation", but I wanted to ask if this grant is available to independent designers working on the same issues you are proposing?**

This grant is not available to independent designers.

Geographical limitations

- 9. Can the Brazilian applicant be based in Porto Alegre? The guidelines do not list the cities where the project can take place, neither the website. However, on the British Council Brazilian website (<https://www.britishcouncil.org.br/atividades/dice>) there is written that it can take place only in few cities : "Inicialmente, o DICE atuará nas cidades de Belo Horizonte, Recife, Rio de Janeiro, Santos e São Paulo."**

You can be based elsewhere in Brazil however DICE is starting in the regions mentioned above and priority will be given to those projects working in these regions.

There are no priority regions for the DICE programme in Egypt, Indonesia, Pakistan and South Africa, though it should be noted that no funding will be awarded for interventions in the Kingdom of Lesotho.

Project reach

- 10. Is there a minimum expected number of beneficiaries of the DICE program?**

No.

Project duration

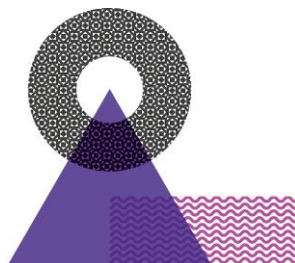
- 11. Will the partnership between the UK partner and the Egyptian partner continue after the project ends?**

There will not be additional funding available from the British Council, although if the partnership is viable we would of course hope to see it continue.

Partnership detail

- 12. Is there a clear description for the roles of both the Egyptian and the UK partner?**

There is not. This is to be determined and articulated by the Principal Applicants.



Grant writing

13. Is the writing of the proposal will be performed by the two partners together? Or how it will be prepared and written?

We encourage partners to jointly prepare a proposal.

Expenditure and Funding

14. In the budget excel, in Staff costs, there are 4 positions available:

- **Does it mean 4 people or 4 organisations?**
- **Is there a limit of number of people?**
- **Is more than one person allowed to execute the functions of Admin or Expert?**

There is not a limit to the size of the team; In Cells D28 and D29 you can enter as many roles as you require (e.g. Admin – 2; Expert 1.5 full time equivalent).

15. In case of the proposal being approved, will the grant be transferred from the UK to the DICE Country Partner? Or it will be paid through the British Council in country?

Two grant contracts will be awarded and administered by the in-country teams (except in the case of Brazil; please refer to guidelines). Applicants operating in the DICE country will receive a grant from their local British Council office and applicants operating in the UK will receive a grant from the UK British Council. The majority of activity should still take place in the DICE country.

16. Will all the project expenditures be only for the cost of travel and translation? or will there be other items for the activities related to results and impacts? e.g. new job opportunities for unemployed young people, suitable jobs with reasonable income opportunities, and a safe environment for those who are working in the waste sorting.

Other expenditure will be considered; however, these costs should be directly incurred by the project itself.

17. Will there only be one call or two? Will there be more rounds for the scoping and business development grant?

There are no more Scoping and Business Development Grants available and we will only be offering one call for Collaboration Grants.

Individual application feedback

Please note that we cannot provide individual feedback to organisations about their eligibility or project proposals. However, we will be holding information drop in sessions on Fridays (please see the guidelines for the schedule) where we can openly talk through questions in a group.



It is also worth noting The DICE fund 'provides grants to intermediary organisations which support the development of creative and social enterprises.' Please see the guidelines for more information: https://www.britishcouncil.org/sites/default/files/dice_fund_-_collaboration_grant_-_guidelines_-_30_august_2018_final_0.pdf

Thank you again for your interest. We look forward to reading your application and appreciate the time you are taking to prepare.

