THE DICE FUND
COLLABORATION GRANT
Clarification Questions 3.0
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Partners

1. Is it possible for a UK applicant to apply DICE collaboration grant in multiple DICE countries, e.g. Indonesia- Egypt-UK?

At the moment we are not set up to support multi-country partnerships. This is something we are considering for future funds

Organisations are welcome to submit more than one proposal.

2. What is your advice to me to find a UK partner?

The best ways to find a UK partner are to

(a) list information about your organisation on the DICE LinkedIn group:

https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12131872/

(b) put your organisation’s details in this Google Document:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1GqheLPFKVKDK7TxhudF5Zbq8WuoLVewhWr_lqt2DXqu4/edit#gid=0

(c) conduct online research to identify potential partners

3. Should the UK partner do a specific role in the partnership or not, could it be just a consultant that helps for sustainability for the project we are working on?

The UK partner should be a co-designer of the intervention and should be actively involved in the development and delivery of the project. However, depending on what it is, the UK partner could be a consultant so long as the other partner is an intermediary.

Technical challenges

4. Please can you help with our technical challenges?
Please refer to the Step-by-Step Application Guide on the DICE webpage. 
https://www.britishcouncil.org/programmes/dice/fund

Please note that following your completion of the survey monkey to express your interest, it will take up to three working days for your organisation to be registered on the system.

**Budget / Expenditure**

5. **With regards to the costs, if the applicant wants to hire one of their beneficiaries to work on the project on a consultancy basis, would the costs of their salary fall under staff costs or project implementation? The same question applies for hiring other local partners.**

Project implementation / activity.

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

**Eligibility**

6. **We are an unincorporated association so are we eligible as a UK partner?**

Unincorporated Associations are not eligible to apply since they cannot enter into contracts with the British Council.

7. **[From a Scoping Grant Recipient, i.e. ‘scopers’]- With the introduction of the various application deadlines we would need the full application to be made within days of us completing our Scoping Visit so effectively we will need to have drafted our application prior to the visit, which we have started to do. With others who have not had a scoping visit now eligible to apply and others whose trips ended significantly before their country deadline it seems a little inequitable?**

We are of course aware that many scopers will be meeting for the first time and preparing their application right before those country deadlines (in South Africa and Brazil in particular). Please be assured that we will be reviewing applications with this information in mind.

We expect that many of the co-applicants will only be starting on their journey as partners and therefore that they will need to devote a not insignificant amount of the 12-15 month project delivery time to partnership development. Equally, some co-applicants will have worked together before and will therefore be in a different stage of collaboration. And finally, some will have not been afforded the opportunity to meet in person, as with those who have received the Scoping Grants. We are aware of all of these scenarios and will review
applications within this context with the aim of achieving a diverse and global portfolio from which we can all learn.

8. I note under the DICE guidelines the British Council will 'not be prioritising for-profit organisations as part of the assessment'. Does that mean that for-profit enterprises are ineligible to apply, or simply that they will be prioritised below other not-for-profit applicants?

For-profit organisations are eligible. However, applications from social enterprises and not-for-profit organisations are prioritised—i.e. more likely to receive a grant.

9. Are universities intermediaries? Some questions seem to be inapplicable for an educational institution (i.e. subsidiary organisation, number of leadership team, Board...)

Universities are indeed considered intermediaries. We would expect them to have a Board and leadership team and the questions should be answered accordingly.

10. Please can you let me know if my project or company is eligible?

We cannot comment on individual applications. Funding will be awarded to interventions that support the development of creative and social enterprises that specifically aim to empower women and girls; foster youth employment; and/or promote the inclusion and economic empowerment of disabled people or other marginalised groups.

Based on questions we have been receiving, we also encourage applicants to be very clear about how their proposal is both creative and social in scope, however you may define these two words.

11. I note that under the DICE clarification question list 2.0 that the principal DICE applicant organisation can be located in the UK so long as their primary activities are delivered in Brazil, Egypt, Indonesia, Pakistan or South Africa. Does this rule also apply to DICE applicant organisations registered outside of the UK (namely Australia)?

No. An Australian-registered organisation is not eligible to apply to the DICE Fund.

12. Should the UK organisation be based in UK and work there, or it could be just registered in UK and it's work outside UK?

The UK-registered organisation should deliver the vast amount of its (non-DICE) work within the UK. However, the vast amount of project activity funded through the Collaboration Grants should take place in one of the five other DICE countries.

Application Calls

13. I thought there were two calls for the Collaboration Grant – one now and one in the new year? But now it seems there is only one listed.

As this is a 'demand-led' fund, we had made the decision this summer to hold just one call for Collaboration Grants and to open the call much more broadly. Our aim is to deliver the greatest possible impact (and progress towards the five Sustainable Development Goals targeted by DICE) in this relatively short time period. We are in very early discussions about
a potential DICE Fund 2.0 for the next financial year based on our learning from the applications and process.

**Monitoring & Evaluation**

14. “Both Principal Applicant organisations will be expected to devote three days (i.e. six total) to participate in our learning/evaluation process as part of the action learning / Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) for DICE. Please resource this accordingly in your proposal.”

   Where will this Monitoring and evaluation take place?

Both virtually (online and over the telephone) and in person.

15. Will the UK partner have to come to Pakistan for this purpose or will some will from the DICE country have to travel to the UK for this?

No, not solely for this purpose. We expect some of the monitoring and evaluation to take place at times when the two partners are already working together in person.

16. I assume this means that UK partner will give three days for this, and the other DICE country partner will give three days for this. So technically this means that 6 days of the project time is devoted to this exercise? – please correct me if I am wrong

Correct – ‘six total’ as the guidelines state means three days each for both principal applicants.

17. “One person from each Principal Applicant organisation will be asked to attend a two-day DICE Learning & Participation Event in London, UK in May 2019. Travel costs to the UK (for the DICE Country Principal Applicant) and within the UK (for the UK Principal Applicant) should be delineated in the proposal for this objective.

   Accommodation and subsistence will be provided by the British Council separate to this grant. We would encourage Principal Applicants to achieve value for money by organising any UK visits at the same time as the DICE Event.”

   Is this the same as the passage mentioned above (M&E) or is this a completely separate exercise?

The London event will be a completely different exercise and therefore additional time (2 days for each Principal Applicant) should be budgeted in the proposal.

**Impact**

18. What should the impact be in the UK?

Since the majority of the project’s development and delivery should take place in the overseas DICE country, we expect that much of the impact will occur in that county. However, all the UK organisations involved in DICE will have opportunities to work internationally, build networks and gain experience and knowledge that can enhance their practice in the UK and internationally and bring knowledge back to the UK.
19. What is an ideal number of beneficiaries that is considered ambitious?

There is no 'ideal' number. We anticipate that some projects will have a wider reach while others will work with fewer enterprises and have a deeper impact. In both instances we are looking to see projects that are likely to achieve a subsection of the results outlined on page 21 of the guidelines.

DICE is keen to deliver a lasting impact beyond the immediate interventions, aiming to strengthen the supportive ecosystem for creative and social enterprises in the DICE countries. In other words, the evaluators will be interested to gauge whether the proposed intervention is likely to have a lasting legacy.

Application

20. Who should write the proposal, the UK partner or my organisation in one of the other DICE Countries?

The proposal should be written jointly by you and your UK partner.

20. Who is supposed to fill the survey monkey?

Only one of you is required to complete the survey monkey. This will enable the co-applicants to receive login information to access your application form.