

**Glasgow 850 Festival Fund   
Application Overview and Guidance**

Throughout 2025 Glasgow will mark its 850th birthday by delivering, with partners, a yearlong, citywide, programme that celebrates and reflects on our recent past, our present and future.

The Glasgow 850 Festival Fund has been designed to enable and encourage organisations to get involved in the celebrations and enhance their existing festival and/or event by developing a Glasgow 850 specific element to be delivered in the year of 2025.

Following the launch of the Festival Fund last year, a phase 2 is now available for events being delivered from June – December 2025.

Eligibility and criteria remain the same, with up to £5,000 available for each application.

**Key Funding Facts**

* Grants from £1,000 up to £5,000 are available
* Events will be featured in the official Glasgow 850 programme of activity in 2025
* Funding is open to existing festival and events taking place in Glasgow during 2025
* Events must take place sometime between 1 June – 31 December 2025

**Your application must contribute to at least one of the following objectives:**

1. Celebrate or showcase the richness and diversity of Glasgow talent
2. Specifically engage children and young people in the city in dedicated programming
3. Deliver community outreach activity or pop-up events out with the main festival site

**What events or activities are eligible and what criteria must be met:**

* Enhancement of an **existing festival or event** to celebrate Glasgow 850
* Your core event, project or activity must be confirmed for 2025 and have been taken place at least once previously in the city between 2021-2024. No new events will be funded
* The event can evidence more than 5,000 attendees
* Must take place within the Glasgow city council boundary
* Must take place between 1 June 2025 – 31 December 2025
* Provisional dates and venues should be confirmed for 2025
* Main funding should be confirmed and a letter of support submitted to support your application
* The amount applied for can only make up to 20% of the total festival/event budget

**What is NOT eligible**

* Core delivery costs for existing events or regular programmed activity
* Any funding gaps left by other funding being withdrawn
* Any events or activity taking place OUTSIDE the Glasgow city council boundary
* Activity which does not meet at least one of the three objectives
* A new festival or event which has not taken place before in the city
* Successful applicant from Phase 1 will not be eligible to reapply

**Timelines**

* Applications open 20 February 2025
* Deadline for submitting applications is **Friday 4 April at 5pm,** applications received after this time and date will not be considered
* Completed forms should be sent to [glasgow850@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:glasgow850@glasgow.gov.uk)
* Decisions on successful events made by 16 May 2025
* Successful projects will be included in the ongoing Glasgow 850 promotion