

# BFI NETWORK Funding

## Easy Read Introduction



This Easy Read document explains who BFI NETWORK funding is for and how to apply for funding.





## Who can be supported by BFI NETWORK Funding?



§ Writers



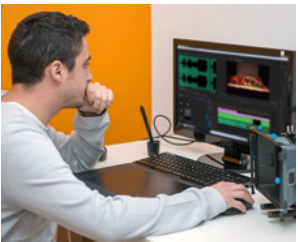
In the UK who are:



§ Directors



§ over eighteen years old



§ Producers



§ not in full time education.



## Types of projects BFI NETWORK Funding can support



- § Fiction short films in live action, animation or immersive media



- § Documentary short films



- § Early stage development of documentary feature films



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Immersive media is like stepping into a whole new world through technology.



Specialist equipment is often used such as virtual reality headsets which let the viewer explore and experience media in 3D.



## Types of BFI NETWORK Funding Schemes



BFI NETWORK England  
**Short Film Funding**  
For teams making new short films.



Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales  
Funding is available directly from BFI  
partner organisations in these nations.



BFI NETWORK England  
**Early Development Funding**  
For writers working towards  
their first long form project.



Documentary Funding  
The BFI partner for documentary  
funding is Doc Society.



## How to apply



Funding applications are made using an online form.

Start your application



Each fund has guidelines which have a link to the application portal.

### New Applicant?

An account allows you to access your saved and submitted applications at any time. It also allows us to send you a submission confirmation e-mail and notify you if additional information is necessary to process your application.

E-mail

Confirm E-mail

Password (must contain at least 12 characters, with at least three of the following character types: Lower case, Upper case, Numeric, Special)

Confirm Password

Continue

You will need to set up an account to access the application portal



E-mail

New Applicant?

Password

Forgot Password?

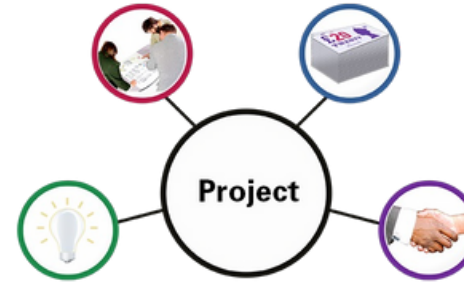
or log in if you already have an account.



The online form will include questions about:



§ the lead applicant



§ the project



§ the filmmaking team if there is one



§ examples of previous work



Sometimes people might need to send more information about the project such as:



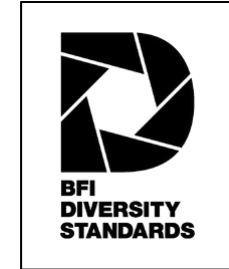
§ script or story board



§ a budget and production calendar for the project.



Everyone who applies will be asked to explain:



§ how their application links to the BFI Diversity Standards



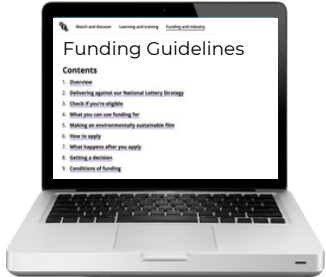
For the BFI Diversity Standards please visit [www.bfi.org.uk/inclusion-film-industry/bfi-diversity-standards/bfi-diversity-standards-film](http://www.bfi.org.uk/inclusion-film-industry/bfi-diversity-standards/bfi-diversity-standards-film)



§ how they plan to lower any negative affects their project might have on the environment



# Fund Guidelines



Different funding schemes have their own fund guidelines.



It is important to read the guidelines for the fund you are interested in to find out:

§ the aims of the fund



§ what types of projects can be supported by the fund



§ who can apply



§ what to include in your application



## Access Support



The BFI wants to make sure funding is accessible to all. You can ask for support with your funding application.



TAPE Community Film and Music provide access support for people applying for BFI NETWORK funding.



TAPE is an award-winning community arts charity based in North Wales.



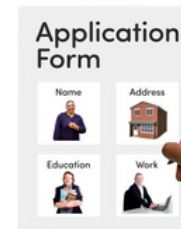
TAPE Community Film and Music can support people in different ways such as:



§ sending fund guidelines in other formats, like large print or audio



§ explaining fund guidelines



§ helping someone to complete a fund application form



TAPE Community Film and Music cannot provide support to:

§ help develop your film or project

§ pay for costs already covered by other support you might receive such as Access to Work

§ pay for hardware or software



## Contact TAPE



By telephone

01492 512 109

Or use the contact form on their website:

<https://tapemusicandfilm.co.uk/contact/>



Asking for support or sharing information about yourself will not have a negative affect your application.



## Information



Funds are open for applications at different times of the year.



For more information about each fund such as who is eligible to apply and when applications are open visit:



[www.bfi.org.uk/bfi-network-funding-finder](http://www.bfi.org.uk/bfi-network-funding-finder)



If you have a question about our funds that is not answered in the full funding guidelines you can email

[bfinetworkfunding@bfi.org.uk](mailto:bfinetworkfunding@bfi.org.uk)