**Heritage Crafts Maker Relief Fund**

– offline submission form

**Many craftspeople are facing significant challenges in sustaining their practice, due to a combination of financial pressures and systemic marginalising factors. Heritage Crafts' Maker Relief Fund is targeted at people facing financial hardship while striving to make their living as a professional craftsperson.**

The fund will award 50 grants of £1,000 over a 12 month period to practising professional craftspeople who are based in the UK, are over the age of 18, and who consider themselves to be in one or more of the following categories:

* people on low incomes;
* working class people;
* Black and ethnically diverse people, including Gypsy, Roma and Travellers;
* people with disabilities, who identify as neuro-diverse, and/or have chronic physical or mental health issues;
* members of the LGBTQIA+ community; or
* people with caring responsibilities.

Before completing this submission form please think seriously about your level of need. Please consider that there are a limited number of grants available, and if your need is not so severe at the moment there will be other opportunities to apply, up until October 2025.

This submission form has been set up to be as light-touch as possible, to reduce administrative burden and to preserve the dignity of makers. If you would like to submit in another way, such as by telephone, please let us know at [info@heritagecrafts.org.uk](mailto:info@heritagecrafts.org.uk).

***Important:*** *It is your responsibility to consider how this might affect any benefits or welfare payments you might be in receipt of, and your tax liability, and get independent financial advice as required. Heritage Crafts cannot be held responsible for any resulting loss of income or unforeseen costs.*

**Grant details:**

* Grants do not have to be used for business costs; they can be used for general living costs or other purposes according to the needs of the recipient. Heritage Crafts will not require evidence of expenditure.
* All eligible submissions received by midnight on the 15th day of each month (between November 2024 and October 2025 inclusive) will be in with a chance of being awarded a grant be the end of that month.
* All applicants will be informed if they have been successful or unsuccessful.
* Successful candidates will not be named or publicised, but be encouraged them to keep in touch with Heritage Crafts in case it can offer further support and to hear whether the grant made a difference.
* Unsuccessful candidates will automatically remain available for selection in all subsequent months in which the grants are offered, unless they request to be removed from consideration.
* The selection will be made each month by a panel of staff/Trustees and an independent observer, and recorded for compliance purposes, though the recording will not be made public or shared, other than by request to the Charity Commission or relevant law-enforcement agencies, as required by law.

The deadline for applications is midnight on the 15th day of each month, from November 2024 to October 2025. If you have any queries about the scheme please let us know at [info@heritagecrafts.org.uk](mailto:info@heritagecrafts.org.uk).

About you

We will only use this information to communicate with you about your submission and keep you updated about the work of Heritage Crafts, in accordance with our privacy policy. Heritage Crafts does not pass on contact details to any other individual or organisation, other than by request to the Charity Commission or relevant law-enforcement agencies, as required by law.

**First name (required):**

**Last name (required):**

**Email (required):**

**Phone number (required):**

**Address, including postcode (required):**

**Business name (if applicable):**

**Website / social media (if applicable):**

**Are you a Heritage Crafts member?**

*You don’t have to be a member to submit. However, if you would like to explore how being a member can further support your craft (including your own Makers profile), and us as a charity, visit* [*https://heritagecrafts.org.uk*](https://heritagecrafts.org.uk) *to find out more.*

Yes, no or don’t know:

Additional details

**Are you permanently based in the UK, or currently UK-based and seeking permanent residency?**

Yes or no:

**Are you aged 18 years or over?**

Yes or no:

**Do any of the following factors adversely affect your ability to be financially secure as a craftsperson, either directly or indirectly:**

* Having a low income (less than the Real Living Wage of £21,255 outside of London or £23,303 in London)
* Being working class
* Being Black or ethnically diverse (including Gypsy, Roma and Traveller)
* Being disabled, neuro-divergent or experiencing chronic physical or mental health issues
* Being a member of the LGBTQIA+ community
* Having caring responsibilities that take up a significant proportion of your time

Yes or no:

**Do you agree with the following statement?**

“If I am successful in this application, I confirm that this grant will enable me, directly or indirectly, to further pursue my craft.”

Yes or no:

**Do you agree, if successful, to abide by the following conditions?**

* I will provide bank details in a timely fashion to allow the necessary transfer of funds.
* I will not do anything to bring Heritage Crafts into disrepute in relation to this grant, including, but not limited to, misleading Heritage Crafts in any way in order to illegitimately secure the funds, and/or using the funds for any illegal, unethical or unsafe purpose.
* I will not hold Heritage Crafts, its trustees, employees, and agents, responsible for any claims, liabilities, damages, or expenses, including but not limited to injury, loss, or damage incurred by the recipient or any third party, arising out of, or in connection with, grant.

Yes or no:

**Signed:**

Please type your name above in place of a signature. By typing your name here you agree that all the above details are true and accurate to the best of your knowledge and belief, and that Heritage Crafts may contact you in relation to your submission.

*Please return this form by email or post to* [*info@hertagecrafts.org.uk*](mailto:info@hertagecrafts.org.uk) *or Heritage Crafts, 81 North Street, Wellington, Somerset TA21 8NA.*

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