

RSA South West Local Grants: 2023 callout

What are we offering?	Small grants of up to £500 to support Fellow-led collaborative projects in the South West.
Who can apply?	Fellows living in the South West of England.
What are we looking for?	Do you have an idea for a collaborative project that aligns with the RSA's mission and values? We welcome all applications aligned with the RSA's charitable aims, explored through our Design for Life pathways, that take a place-based approach and are based in the South West.
How to apply?	Please submit your proposal via this form by midday on Wednesday 1 March 2023 . You must include a description of the project purpose and a basic cost breakdown.
What is the selection criteria?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a small grant which aligns to the RSA Catalyst Awards criteria in that it is for: early-stage projects in need of a financial boost, to help them develop into sustainable projects with the potential to deliver measurable social impact. • You can also apply if you have an established project that needs a specific input of money to achieve its aims. • The grant is to support socially beneficial causes, and activity should not financially benefit the applicant or any of the participants involved. • If you apply to undertake an in-person event it should be open to Fellows in that area. • There are up to 5 grants available, and they are limited for the financial year ending in March 2023 and priority will be given to activity happening or launching before or by April 2023. • The initiative proposed should align with the RSA's mission and values, and ideally have a participatory or collaborative component.
Budget	<p>If any of the following expenses are included, please justify them as integral to the success of the project. We are simply looking to ensure that they do not reflect ongoing business costs and clearly contribute to the project achieving sustainable social impact.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel • Website development • Equipment • Films or books should have a public reach beyond the duration of a grant; there should be a life to the project beyond the production of the film or book • Salaries - applications with over 50% of the grant budget dedicated to salaries are rarely successful • Marketing campaigns and associated printing costs - applications with over 50% of the grant budget dedicated to marketing are rarely successful.
What is the deadline and timeline?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for applications is midday on Wednesday 1 March 2023 • Decisions will be made by the RSA's Area Manager and the South West Fellowship Councillors. • Decisions will be communicated in the coming weeks following the deadline. • Successful grants shall be disbursed before April 2023 and should aim to support activity happening or launching before or by April 2023. • Successful grantees will be expected to share a short news piece about their project in the RSA South West newsletter.