

## **Voices Foundation receives lifeline grant from Government's £1.57bn Culture Recovery Fund**

**Voices Foundation** has been awarded **£50,000** as part of the Government's £1.57 billion Culture Recovery Fund (CRF) to help face the challenges of the coronavirus pandemic and to ensure they have a sustainable future; the Culture Secretary has announced today.

Voices Foundation is one of 1,385 cultural and creative organisations across the country receiving urgently needed support. £257 million of investment has been announced today as part of the very first round of the Culture Recovery Fund grants programme being administered by Arts Council England. Further rounds of funding in the cultural and heritage sector are due to be announced over the coming weeks.

As a result of this grant, Voices Foundation can maintain our viability through 20/21, continuing to deliver inspiring and impactful singing programmes and products in the short term, and will be in a position to return to financial stability and growth once schools move beyond this crisis. This will then put us in a strong position for future development and growth as we work towards the goals of our 2020-23 strategy.

### **Culture Secretary Oliver Dowden said:**

"This funding is a vital boost for the theatres, music venues, museums and cultural organisations that form the soul of our nation. It will protect these special places, save jobs and help the culture sector's recovery. "These places and projects are cultural beacons the length and breadth of the country. This unprecedented investment in the arts is proof this government is here for culture, with further support to come in the days and weeks ahead so that the culture sector can bounce back strongly."

### **Chair, Arts Council England, Sir Nicholas Serota, said:**

"Theatres, museums, galleries, dance companies and music venues bring joy to people and life to our cities, towns and villages. This life-changing funding will save thousands of cultural spaces loved by local communities and international audiences. Further funding is still to be announced and we are working hard to support our sector during these challenging times."

### **Voices Foundation Interim CEO, Jennifer Coleman-Peers, said:**

"We are thrilled to have been awarded a Culture Recovery Fund grant. The Covid-19 pandemic has created huge uncertainty for our funding whilst at the same time requiring us to rapidly innovate to ensure that we can continue to support schools in delivering a high-quality music education. Support such as this, which is designed to bridge organisations back to sustainability, is therefore desperately needed. Huge thanks to the Arts Council and DCMS for this grant and to all our supporters who are ensuring we can continue working to help every child find their voice, no matter what."

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**Arts Council England** is the national development agency for creativity and culture. We have set out our strategic vision in [Let's Create](#) that by 2030 we want England to be a country in which the creativity of each of us is valued and given the chance to flourish and where everyone of us has access to a remarkable range of high quality cultural experiences. We invest public money from Government and The National Lottery to help support the sector and to deliver this vision. [www.artscouncil.org.uk](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk)

- Following the Covid-19 crisis, the Arts Council developed a £160 million Emergency Response Package, with nearly 90% coming from the National Lottery, for organisations and individuals needing support. We are also one of several bodies administering the Government's Culture Recovery Fund and unprecedented support package of £1.57 for the culture and heritage sector. Find out more at [www.artscouncil.org.uk/covid19](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/covid19)

**Voices Foundation** has been working since 1993 to help schools, academies, Music Education Hubs and other partners across the UK to establish sustainable and effective music education in their settings through singing. For more information about our work, please visit [www.voices.org.uk](http://www.voices.org.uk)