



Deptford X Supported Application Guide

ABOUT DEPTFORD X

Deptford X is a visual arts charity based in Deptford, South East London. We foster artistic talent and nurture community within the borough of Lewisham and beyond. We achieve this through a free annual festival in Deptford, artist studio provision and ongoing activity supporting artists and our local communities throughout the year.

Founded in 1998, Deptford X is London's longest-running visual arts festival. Each year we work with hundreds of artists to locate art at the centre of everyday life for all of the area's communities and to engage large & diverse audiences.

Our Vision

Deptford X:

- Is led by local artistic ambition, interests and practice.
- Brings art into informal contexts and public spaces for all to access.
- Seeks to make a positive contribution to our locality, communities, and to art, and to lead by example.
- Places equity, accessibility and care at the heart of the organisation.
- Holds space and advocates for difference, creativity, experimentation and learning within art

Fundamentally we support artists and creative practice, as well as those who do not yet identify as artists.

This year's festival is the organisation's 25th anniversary. It will include our longstanding Fringe programme of local artists and projects; our annual artist-led community parade; and this year an archival exhibition and publication looking back at the festival's history. Two artists will be commissioned in the context of the exhibition and publication and a further three commissions will be selected by open call through this Supported strand.

ABOUT SUPPORTED

Deptford X Supported is intended to widen access to participation in the festival by providing funding, production and curatorial support to successful applicants. We are committed to the aim of celebrating and promoting the creativity in our area and with 49.3% of Lewisham's population constituting BPOC residents, this opportunity is for BPOC artists based in the London Borough of Lewisham who are at the start of their careers and have not previously received a commission for their work.

We are open to all kinds of projects from installations, public realm works, films, performances, happenings, workshops, interventions, and other kinds of art project that will contribute to 2023's 10 day Deptford X festival.

Selected artists will receive a fee of £1000 and a production budget for the work of up to £800. They will receive close curatorial and technical support in producing and installing the work.

SELECTION PROCESS

A longlist of applications will be reviewed by a guest selection panel who will consider the concept, quality and cost of each project before selecting the finalists. Finalists will be invited to Deptford X [Either in person or via Zoom, depending on what is possible] for an interview by the Deptford X team, following which the three Deptford X Supported projects will be chosen.

It is important to include a realistic budget with your application, together with a minimum figure necessary for your project to go ahead. This is to enable the panel to ensure that each successful project will have the sufficient funding it needs to go ahead.

The deadline for Supported applications is midnight, Sunday 11 June 2023

⇒ **For assistance with your application or alternative formats, e.g. large type, please get in touch with us at admin@deptfordx.org**

CRITERIA

- ◇ We reserve the right to decline any project that we deem discriminatory, offensive or contrary to our values.
 - We define values as principles of behaviour and/or judgements of what is important.
 - Our organisational values are: learning, care, respect, openness and equality.
- ◇ 'Supported' is only open to Black and People of Colour artists who are resident within the London borough of Lewisham or close to the borders of the borough.
- ◇ Well-conceived and thought-out projects – this is both in terms of concept but also in terms of practical construction and installation process.
- ◇ A clear budget / spending plan

As a Supported applicant/participant you will be asked to:

- ◇ Complete a Monitoring Form, which can be found at the end of the submission form.
- ◇ Participate in any evaluation procedure required by Deptford X. Your final fee will be released once evaluation is complete.
- ◇ All successful Supported applicants must be willing and available to participate in publicity calls, public talks, events and tours during the festival period, including any preview events.

KEY DATES

- **The festival runs from Friday 22 September – Sunday 1 October**
- **The public preview takes place on Friday 22 September**
- **Projects will be installed the week prior to opening**

UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS

If your Supported application is unsuccessful, you are still eligible for inclusion in this year's Fringe programme. Please indicate on your Supported application if you would like to be included in the Fringe if unsuccessful.

BUDGET GUIDELINES

We ask you to submit a budget for the cost of producing your work with your application and have provided a template for you to use for this. Please download this and use it to indicate your estimated costs. This budget is for guidance only and if accepted you will work with Deptford X to refine your budget.

Deptford X has a maximum production budget of £800 allocated per Supported project.

We have included general cost headings to guide you. You may use these or add or amend as applicable to your project. We are grateful for detailed costs (e.g., costs of specific materials or labour) but if you are unsure, or if you have never written a budget before, please do your best and get in touch if you need help.

The cost of installing your project (e.g., paint for walls, hire of equipment, building of plinths) will be covered by Deptford X and you do not need to include this in your budget.