



CYNGOR LLYFRAU CYMRU BOOKS COUNCIL of WALES

WELSH-LANGUAGE PUBLISHING GRANTS

GUIDELINES AND CONDITIONS

PAYMENTS FOR VISUAL AND DESIGN MATERIALS – SCHEME A (and SCHEME B)

A GUIDELINES

1 AIMS AND BACKGROUND

The Payments to Illustrators and Photographers Scheme aims to enable publishers to commission original work for illustrated books of wide appeal for adults and children. Payment for visual material can include payment for original artwork or photographs or payment of copyright to use artwork or photographs that already exist.

2 ELIGIBILITY

Who may apply?

The scheme is open to publishers who are eligible to receive Books Council of Wales publishing grants.

In each case, the publisher, not the illustrator/ photographer, must apply for funding. Illustrators/photographers interested in the scheme should first contact a publisher.

Which books are eligible for support?

The emphasis of the Scheme is on providing visually ambitious books to a wide audience especially. There's also an emphasis on providing factual books for adults and young people.

Books for Children: including illustrated storybooks, collections of fables, collections of bedtime stories, ABC books, counting books, gift books, books about Welsh heroes, etc. In the case of illustrated storybooks, the story must be of a quality which merits ambitious visual treatment.

Books for Adults: including gift books, factual books, especially ones for adults and young people and titles for the tourist market etc.

Work commissioned from illustrators/photographers/designers must be part of the 'authorship' of the book.

General: print-runs of at least 1,000 copies are expected.

3 THE GRANT

- The maximum sum that can be applied for is £8,000 and this may include payments for artists or photographers and payment for design.
- Publishers should discuss with each designer / photographer / illustrator to find out if other applications for grant funding have been submitted on their behalf. It is possible for them to work on more than one grant funded book at the same time, but the total of all payments within one financial year must not exceed £15,000.
- Publishers with an annual Funding-B budget are allowed to use a portion of the money for relatively small payments for visual work, but the total amount used for this should not exceed around 10% of the total annual budget.

4 ASSESSMENT CRITERIA AND PRIORITIES FOR APPLICATIONS UNDER SCHEME A FUNDING

Priority is given to the following:

- attractive, colourful books which are likely to appeal to a wide readership, especially factual material for adults and young people;
- material of specifically Welsh interest;
- story books and factual books for children;
- popular books that are representative of the diversity of society and with consideration given to articulating the life experiences of black, Asian and minority ethnic writers, as well as others with the protected characteristics of the Equality Act 2010.
- efforts to develop new designers and illustrators are particularly welcomed especially from the backgrounds noted above.

Applications are assessed according to the following criteria:

- the quality of the photographic/illustrative/design work;
- the quality of the publisher's production work;
- the quality of the text;
- the appeal of the work and therefore the projected sales.

5 APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND TIMETABLE

- Applications must be made on the application form which may be obtained from the address at the end of this document.
- Grants are awarded through a competitive application process. (Scheme A)
- Applications must be accompanied by samples of work by the illustrator/ photographer/designer. The artist, photographer or designer may not be changed after the award of a grant, without the consent of the Books Council of Wales.
- Applications for illustrated storybooks must be accompanied by the complete text of the story, in as final a form as possible.
- Other applications should be accompanied, if possible, by a sample of the text or, at the very least, a detailed description of the work proposed.
- Publishers must note on the application form the number of illustrations/ photographs to be commissioned and give an indication of how text and illustration will relate to one another.

- Applications may be considered in any of the Sub-Committee meetings discussing applications specifically.
- Meetings are held regularly (at least bi-monthly). Publishers are notified of exact dates in advance and information is also posted on the web.
- In exceptional cases applications between meetings may be considered and confirmed at the following formal meeting.
- All grants are offered in accordance with general conditions (Section B, below), as well as any specific conditions which might be applied to individual applications. **All applicants must agree to accept these conditions when submitting an application.**

6 PAYMENT OF GRANTS UNDER SCHEME A FUNDING

There will be two payments. In the case of the largest grants three payments may be considered.

The publisher will need to provide copies of invoices to claim the payment.

The actual cost of the work will be paid up to the grant offered. If the total amount invoiced is less than amount offered then the second payment will be reduced. Payment will not exceed the total amount of the grant offered.

7 OTHER GRANTS

- Publishers receiving Scheme B funding are permitted to use a portion of the funding towards relatively minor payments for visual material (up to a total of around 10% of the payment).
- In the case of a grant offered under Scheme B funding, the publisher will pay the illustrator / photographer / designer in accordance with the procedure of that scheme.
- Note that amounts up to £1,500 can be included towards illustrations / photographs within applications for individual titles' publishing grants.

Please note that an **Individual Book grant** application can be made for:

Hard covers

- Up to £750 can be applied for to bind a popular volume, such as a coffee table volume, in hardback if it can be demonstrated that it is essential for that volume to significantly benefit from the investment. The difference that the investment would make to the sales and profits of the volume as well as its appearance should be demonstrated.

Young Adults

- Up to £500 can be applied for to improve the production quality of Young Adult novel covers - ie include a fifth color, embossing, or golden paper content. This funding will not be available for each volume and a strong case should be made for considering specific applications.

8 MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF WORK FUNDED

The Books Council of Wales will request sales figures for each title funded by the Publishing Grant in the usual manner.

In the case of programme publishers, all their grant-aided books will be assessed as part of the annual appraisal process.

These factors will be taken into account when appraising future applications by the same illustrator / photographer / designer.

B GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1 The offer of grant is made on the basis of the information contained in the application and in any supplementary correspondence. The Books Council of Wales reserves the right to reconsider the grant awarded in cases where the published work does not correspond to the details given on the application form.
- 2 The grant recipient shall comply with any additional conditions and scheme requirements specified in the formal offer of grant or in any covering letter.
- 3 If the purposes for which the grant has been offered are not fulfilled in due time, or if the relevant conditions have not been complied with, the Books Council of Wales may require the recipient to return all or part of any grant which may have been paid.
- 4 When Scheme A grants are given for visual material and design work, the publishers are expected to provide copies of invoices for the work to prove expenditure.
- 5 All payments from this fund are in addition to the royalty payments (if any) agreed between the illustrator/photographer/designer and the publisher in the publishing contract.
- 6 In the case of Scheme B payments, the illustrator/photographer/designer should receive any payment claimed on his behalf from the Books Council of Wales under the scheme within a month of that payment reaching the publisher.
- 7 No illustrator/photographer/designer can receive a total sum greater than £15,000 in one financial year from the fund for authors and illustrators/photographers/designers.
- 8 If the purposes for which the grant has been offered are not fulfilled, or not in due time, or if the relevant conditions have not been complied with, the Books Council (through the publisher) may require the recipient to return all or any part of any grant which may have been paid.
- 9 A book aimed at Welsh learners in receipt of a Books Council grant is expected to comply with the language standards of the National Centre for Learning Welsh. Therefore, the books have to go through the Books Council Editorial Team to be edited to those standards, as well as proofreading. By going through this process the book will be able to be branded as part of the Amdani series and promoted through the Centre's network. The publisher should consult the Books Council's Design Team to ensure that the design complies with the series.
- 10 All original books in receipt of books Council grants are also expected to be published as an e-book, and placed on folio.cymru at the same time as the paper publication or within a maximum of six months.

Application forms and further advice can be obtained from:

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