

## Dance Hub Birmingham Call Out for Proposals - Condensed Version

The Dance Hub Birmingham (DHB) strategic Investment Programme is open for proposals.

The Investment Programme aims to invest in a diverse range of projects that make dance a vibrant and resilient contributor to the artistic and economic life of Birmingham and the West Midlands, achieving significant long-term benefits.

### Key Details:

- Total Investment: £500k
- Minimum proposal: £30k
- At least 30% of your total project value must come from other investment (max 10% in kind)
- ACE Project Funds cannot be used as match
- Added value will be monitored

### DHB Investment Fund Priorities

The Investment Programme is centred around the four key development priorities for the sector. They are:

- Infrastructure
- Sector
- Artists
- Audience

Cross Cutting themes:

- Diversity & Representation
- Artform & Sector Research

We are particularly looking for proposals :

- That embrace and intersect across more than one of these investment priorities

- That bring together multiple partners in new and unexpected collaborations
- That are from a diverse range of companies working in dance practices and styles, representative of the wider cultural community
- And that have national and/or international significance

We welcome proposals which engage with partners outside dance, however dance must be the focus.

**The Investment is not for:**

- Individual artists or companies with no partnership working
- COVID-19 recovery projects
- Applications to cover salaries already funded from elsewhere

**Application Criteria:**

Proposals should articulate how your project will:

- Address more than one of the four investment priorities
- Address any DHB cross-cutting themes
- Demonstrate partnership working and sector connectivity

You'll also need to show how your project will:

- Support DHB's ambition to position Birmingham and the West Midlands as a globally significant area for dance
- Achieve national/international significance (where appropriate to your project)
- Generate learning, knowledge or research that will benefit the sector
- Provide work opportunities, exposure and/or professional development opportunities for West Midlands Artists, Producers and/or Practitioners
- Generate added value through strategic partnerships, investment and in-kind support
- Demonstrate the experience, expertise and capacity of your team and partners to deliver the project effectively
- Outline plans for monitoring and evaluation, articulating how you will assess the benefits, reach and impact of your project, and disseminate learning
- Include an appropriate budget, showing income and in-kind support, in line with the Match Funding policy above
- Demonstrate an understanding of the context of the city of Birmingham and the wider region
- Have at least one person working on the project based in the West Midlands

## Deadlines

- 3 application rounds
- Deadlines: 28 Feb 2022, 26 Sep 2022 and 27 Feb 2023
- The investment programme will be fully committed by June 2023

## How to Apply

- 2000 words; video or audio file (15 mins.)
- Budget
- Timeline
- Two suitable Referees
- Equal Opportunities Monitoring form
- One optional attachment (up to 2 sides of A4) for additional supporting information
- Submit proposals to [dhb-callouts@fabric.dance](mailto:dhb-callouts@fabric.dance)
- There may also be a process of negotiation and refinement with short-listed applicants

## About DHB

Dance Hub Birmingham (DHB) is an active partnership of organisations and individuals, representing the region's professional dance sector.

It is governed by a voluntary Steering Committee, currently made up of 9 organisations along with independent artists – and comprises a studio facility, this strategic investment programme and an active collaboration that enables exciting future collective ambition for dance across the region.

## Further useful information:

Full Call-Out can be found here:

<https://www.dancehubbirmingham.org.uk/proposals-call-out-investment-programme/>

## Contact information:

Please contact Charlotte Mackie (DHB Project Manager) with any questions or access requests on [dhb-callouts@fabric.dance](mailto:dhb-callouts@fabric.dance) or call the FABRIC office on 0121 667 6730