

Storm Ltd receives lifeline grant from Government's £1.57bn Culture Recovery Fund

Storm Ltd has been awarded a **Grant** 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.

Storm Ltd 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.

Storm Ltd have been an important part of the Creative supply chain for 25 years and this lifeline will enable the servicing of existing immovable Running costs. This aid is a huge help to the continuation of Storm as a Company of which we are truly thankful. It will go a long way to ensure the survival of our company and our ability to assist with the rebuilding of work within the creative industry.

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."

Peter Kramer, from Storm said: The realisation of the Government and arts council of the importance of the supply chain within the Creative sector and their understanding of the massive hit it has taken is truly refreshing. We are very aware we are one of the lucky organisations and are truly thankful for this aid.

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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 billion for the culture and heritage sector. Find out more at www.artscouncil.org.uk/covid19