

Update on Creative Scotland Budget 2023/24

Addendum to submission to the CEEAC Committee inquiry into culture budgets
Wednesday 27 September 2023

This is an addendum to Creative Scotland's submission to the CEEAC Committee: [creative-scotland-2.pdf \(parliament.scot\)](#)

In that submission, we stated the following regarding our Grant in Aid budget from the Scottish Government for 2023/24:

"While we welcomed the Scottish Government's decision in February 2023 to reverse the 10% cut to our Grant in Aid Budget which was originally announced in December 2022, it should be noted that the £6.6m this cut related to has not yet been confirmed in Creative Scotland's budget."

We are extremely disappointed to report that the £6.6m budget has not been included in the Autumn Budget Revisions, and the cut is being reinstated.

This has been confirmed in writing by the Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Angus Robertson, in a letter to our Chief Executive on 20 September.

To address the cut, the Creative Scotland Board has agreed today, 27 September, to use £6.6m of our National Lottery reserves to prevent us having to pass on the cut to the Regularly Funded Organisations, especially given the next RFO payments are due in 2 weeks' time.

This step of using our National Lottery reserves in this way will only happen once. The budget for 2024/25 will not be decided by the Scottish Government for some months yet but should the Scottish Government choose to sustain any cuts, we will require to pass them on to the sector.

Creative Scotland will be able to give oral evidence on this when our Chief Executive and Executive Director, Screen appear before the Committee tomorrow.