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Dafydd Rhys

Chief Executive

Arts Council of Wales

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Scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2023-24

Dear Dafydd

We are writing to you following our evidence session with Welsh Government Ministers on the Draft Budget for 2023-24.

As you will be aware, revenue funding for the Arts Council increases from £32.4 million in the 2022-23 Final Budget to £33.3 million in the 2023-24 Draft Budget. Over the same period, capital funding remains at £400,000.

The Committee was informed previously by your predecessor, Michael Elliott, that additional investment was needed from the Welsh Government to establish a £5-10 million fund, just for the arts, "that will help stabilise companies through the critical period".

What assessment have you made of the additional needs for the culture and arts sector in Wales? Can you confirm the additional levels of National Lottery funding for the Arts Council in 2023-24 and whether this would mitigate the difference between the settlement in your draft budget and the funding level called for?

We would be grateful for a response by no later than 26 January 2023 to allow us to consider the information for our report on the Draft Budget.

Yours sincerely,



**Senedd Cymru
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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

