**Scots Language Publication Grant Guidelines for Publishers**

The Scots Language Publication grant exists to support Scottish publishers to publish and promote work written in Scots.

The Scots Language Publication grant was set up by The Scots Language Resource Network which meets twice a year to discuss the coordination and publication of new and existing resources (online and in print) that support the learning and teaching of Scots. It currently includes representatives from the following organisations:

* ASLS
* Creative Scotland
* Education Scotland
* Glasgow Women's Library
* Literature Alliance Scotland
* National Library of Scotland
* Publishing Scotland
* Scots Language Centre
* Scots Language Dictionaries
* Scottish Book Trust
* Scottish Poetry Library
* SQA
* Wigtown Book Festival

The publication grant is funded by the Scottish Government and administered by Scottish Book Trust

**Applications are welcome from publishers seeking assistance with:**

* Publishing new work, including translated texts
* Reprinting existing historical or culturally significant work
* Effective marketing and promotion of existing and new work

**We will cover some or all of the costs relating to the following:**

* Copy editing and proofing
* Advances
* Illustrations and cover design
* Typesetting
* Indexing
* Printing
* Audio production (CD/DVD/MP3/other appropriate format)
* Digital production (text only)
* Marketing and promotion costs of new or existing work

**Ineligible applications**

There are a number of formats which the publication grant fund will not support. These include:

* Stationery
* Promotional material such as cards and calendars, websites and blogs
* Games, apps, maps and guidebooks
* Textbooks or other educational material
* Technical guides or handbooks
* Publications with less than 70% Scots content

**Levels of support**

Successful applications for individual publication grants can receive up to £5,500 per publication. Publications must be entirely or predominantly written in Scots.

**Assessment**

All funding decisions are based upon the panel’s evaluation of the information provided by the publisher assessed against the eligibility criteria

**Advance payment**

In order to assist with the pre-publication costs of approved individual titles, Scottish Book Trust will pay an initial instalment of up to 75% of the publication grant. This will only be paid after a contract has been agreed by both parties. The balance of the grant will be paid on publication of the work and once verification of actual expenditure has been received.