



## BABS & LABBS Regional Event Grants

The purpose of these Regional Event Grants is to enable LABBS and BABS clubs to work together to organise non-competitive regional events or festivals involving BABS and LABBS clubs along with other local groups and to promote barbershop as an enjoyable hobby and an attractive entertainment.

- The expectation is for the event to be jointly run by a BABS member chorus and a LABBS member chorus.
- There will be 1-2 Regional Event Grants of up to £500 each available in 2024, and no further BABS or LABBS funding for the same events will be available, although clubs are encouraged to source any local grants in addition.
- An event should ideally involve a minimum of five musical organisations of which at least three must be a BABS or LABBS member clubs where practical (including the organising clubs).
- Events can take a number of forms and innovative applications are welcome. Clubs must submit an outline of their event including but not limited to location, clubs and other groups involved, estimated costs and charges to be made. Events may include education, coaching, performances, celebrations or any combination of these.

The board will consider and prioritise applications based on the following criteria:

- The submitted outline of the event
- The planned involvement of more than the minimum number of groups
- How the proposal will promote barbershop to the wider public
- The extent to which the event will be inclusive
- The geographical distribution of the events

### How to apply

Applications will be considered by a Panel of the BABS and LABBS Board. Following your application being received, you will receive a confirmation of receipt, and this will be tabled at the next joint funding panel. Applications must be emailed to [jointgrants@labbs.org.uk](mailto:jointgrants@labbs.org.uk)

### Timescales

Events must be held within 6 months of the grant being awarded. The grant will be paid on submission of the claim form with supporting paperwork.

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## Terms of Reference

1. Occurrence and Attendance  
The panel convenes as applications are received to review grant applications. Panel members will attend by prior arrangement.
2. Purpose  
The Joint Panel facilitates the allocation of grants to support regional events organized jointly by clubs affiliated with either the British Association of Barbershop Singers (BABS) or the Ladies' Association of British Barbershop Singers (LABBS) in the UK, fostering collaboration and community engagement within the barbershop harmony community.
3. Grant Amount  
Grants of up to £500 per application are considered.
4. Eligibility Criteria
  - Applicants must be a club affiliated with BABS or LABBS.
  - Each application must involve participation from choruses or quartets and should ideally involve a minimum of five musical organisations of which at least three must be a BABS or LABBS member clubs where practical (including the organising clubs).
  - Events must be held within the UK.
5. Panel Composition  
The panel consists of a minimum of six members split equally between the LABBS and BABS Board
6. Funding Objectives
  - Support Regional Events: The primary objective is to provide financial support to regional events organized by choruses or quartets affiliated with BABS or LABBS. These events should aim to promote the growth and development of the barbershop harmony community at the regional level.
  - Foster Collaboration: The funding aims to foster collaboration among clubs within the barbershop harmony community. Events should encourage cooperation, networking, and the exchange of ideas among participating groups.
  - Promote Innovation: Funding is intended to support innovative approaches to event planning and execution. Events should strive to introduce new concepts, formats, or activities that enhance the barbershop experience and attract diverse audiences.
  - Enhance Community Engagement: The funding seeks to enhance community engagement by ensuring that events are inclusive, welcoming, and accessible to a wide range of participants and audience members. Events should strive to build connections within the local community and promote the values of camaraderie and harmony.
  - Advance Musical Excellence: Lastly, the funding aims to advance musical excellence within the barbershop harmony community. Events should provide opportunities for performers to showcase their talents, receive constructive feedback, and continue their musical development journey.
7. Reporting  
Periodic reports are submitted to the BABS and LABBS Council annually at each organization's AGM.  
Financial reports on fund allocation and expenditure for transparency.
8. Communication  
All communication occurs via email.
9. Conflict of Interest  
Panel members disclose conflicts of interest and recuse themselves when necessary.
10. Duration  
Is reviewed annually.
11. Amendments  
Any proposed amendments must be approved by BABS and LABBS Boards of Directors.
12. Confidentiality  
Strict confidentiality regarding applications and deliberations is maintained.
13. Discretion  
Panel exercises discretion in exceptional circumstances.