

Music Capital Scheme 2026

Award 2 (Individual established professional performing musicians)

Full Conditions of the Award

- Up to 50% of the total cost of the item(s) may be awarded; the award amount may not exceed 50% of the total cost of the item(s). The applicant must fund the remaining 50%, which cannot include a discount from a supplier.
- Awarded musicians will make regular (not necessarily exclusive) use of the item(s) in the Republic of Ireland for at least three years. In the case of pianos or other large non-portable instruments, the instrument will be housed in the musician's normal place of practice.
- Awarded musicians must make adequate provision for housing, insurance, care, maintenance and repair of the item(s).
- Awarded musicians must complete drawdown documentation within two weeks of receiving their results. All awardees must list their PPS number, and those receiving awards in excess of €10,000 must list their Tax Reference Number and Tax Clearance Access Number, in order to draw down the award.
- Any proposed change made by an awarded musician to the item(s) for purchase must be approved by Music Network in advance of purchase.
- Awarded musicians must provide the receipt(s) for the purchase of the approved item(s) to Music Network – or confirmation of the order, in the case of bespoke instruments - within four months of award payment. Where receipts are in a currency other than euro, confirmation of the euro amount paid may be requested. Where such documentation is not received, awardees will forfeit the award, and refund it to Music Network. If the final cost is lower than anticipated, the awardee will refund the unused portion of the award to Music Network. Any such refunds will be added to the Music Capital Scheme fund for subsequent rounds.
- Awarded musicians must provide annual reports to Music Network on the use of the item(s) for three years from the date received. A template for these reports will be provided by Music Network. See an example here [Award 2 Annual Report Form](#)
- Awarded musicians must acknowledge the support of Music Network, the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport and the Arts Council in all public facing material (for example: websites, printed programmes and posters, biographies), from the date of the

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award, for at least three years. The relevant logos and a template for the acknowledge text will be sent to awardees following confirmation of the award results. Awardees will be required to submit proof of acknowledgement with annual reports (for example: provision of sample concert programmes, website screenshots, posters, flyers and other material which carries the acknowledgement).

- Awarded musicians agree to be bound by the conditions of this award. In the case of an unforeseen change in circumstance leading to an inability to abide by the conditions of the award, musicians will refund the amount awarded to Music Network, or return a minimum of 50% of the resale value to Music Network, should Music Network decide that selling the items is the preferred course of action. This will then be added to the Music Capital Scheme fund for subsequent rounds.