

TRAILER PARK COMPETITION FAQs

How many grants are awarded?

Up to 25, including some proposals that may be selected but not funded if deemed deliverable without our help.

When may I apply for a grant?

The deadline for emailed grant proposals is Sunday 5th March 11:59. No exceptions. We much prefer that you email your proposal, but if you cannot, your mail must be received by us before the deadline.

When will I know if I've been awarded a grant?

You will be informed of the final decisions shortly after the application period closes. Our team will review all submissions and notify selected applicants within a few weeks of the deadline.

What if I have an idea, but not a caravan?

We thoroughly advise that you go in search of your own caravan - the country is full of them, often people will be delighted for you to take them away, and we prefer to see older caravans being remodelled. You will obviously retain ownership of their caravan (and the concept you submitted) at the conclusion of the event.

Should I be awarded a grant, how much will I receive?

This varies from project to project but grants normally pay for only a portion of production costs – predominantly to cover material costs, but not for your own labour or time. Designers should be ready to provide other methods and sources of funding if they are going to be needed and illustrate an effort to encourage collaboration and co-operation with other practitioners (for example performative groups). Previous grants have ranged from £500 to £3000.

When and how will I receive money?

A schedule of payment is developed for each project, agreeable to you, to ensure delivery of the final work.

When does the complete piece need to be delivered or collected?

Your caravan must be in position by the weekend of 17th July 2026. Note that further work on the caravan can be completed onsite, but the caravan itself MUST be available for positioning onsite on that date.

Who is responsible for keeping my installation safe?

Site Security will be responsible for anti-vandalism measures in the weeks running up to the event, but you should make sure your caravan is lockable and safe. During the Festival, you are wholly responsible. Trailer Park will provide infrastructure to stop festival-goers from going where they shouldn't.

Who is responsible if an accident occurs during the event?

Ensuring your creation does not physically harm anyone is a key responsibility of the designer. You will need to think about a method statement if appropriate, and Festival Republic's own structural engineer and their safety officer will inspect each creation to ensure they are fit for

purpose. Festival Republic will then provide public liability insurance for during the Festival. You must take responsibility for the safety of anyone involved in the design, manufacture, transport and removal of the structure before and after the event.

Are residential caravans (creations which provide bedding) eligible?

No. This competition promotes interactivity and artwork, although caravans can have the functional aspects of sleeping areas included etc.

What are your criteria for awarding grants?

It has to be visually spectacular. Experiential. Interactivity with festival-goers. Interactive design brings people together around it, provoking reactions and creating roles and transforming voyeurs into active contributors. (Sometimes, the mere act of encounter (such as a mobile sculpture) is sufficient, but most of the time more is needed). The thoroughness of your proposal, including a detailed budget, a construction schedule, and at least one drawing. Make it easy for us to choose you.

Is retailing to the public from the caravan possible?

In certain rare instances it is, but food concessions and bars of any kind should not use this competition as a back door for a commercial venture.

Does ownership of the caravan/vehicle remain with the designer/maker?

If the designer/maker owns the caravan or vehicle, yes. If they are making use of a caravan or vehicle supplied by us, no.

What happens to these installations after the Festival?

The creators must leave the site 'greenfield'. We may be able to help with storage, and this can be discussed individually, and will carry a cost.