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## **September Publishing receives lifeline grant from Government's £1.57bn Culture Recovery Fund**

**September Publishing** has been awarded £50,000 as part of the Government's £1.57 billion Culture Recovery Fund (CRF) to help face the challenges of the coronavirus pandemic and to ensure they have a sustainable future, the Culture Secretary has announced today.

**September Publishing** is one of 1,385 cultural and creative organisations across the country receiving urgently needed support. £257 million of investment has been announced today as part of the very first round of the Culture Recovery Fund grants programme being administered by Arts Council England. Further rounds of funding in the cultural and heritage sector are due to be announced over the coming weeks.

**September Publishing produces beautiful, award-winning books that expand readers' worlds, from Sharon Blackie's bestselling *If Women Rose Rooted* on myth, landscape and feminism to Rachel Morris's historical exploration *The Museum Makers*. September publish into areas of interest and fascination – such as Vicki Pipe and Geoff Marshall on their *Railway Adventures*, Simon Phipps's photography book *Brutal North* and S.I. Martin and Michael Ohajuru's forthcoming historical *Guide to Black London*. It is a broad list of visionary, diverse writers and artists. With offices in Kent and Cumbria, September Publishing has been run by a remote, home-based team for over five years. Its mission to build an author-focused, fair-share publisher – one where authors receive a decent and growing share in their success – has seen it awarded a Regional Small Press of the Year award and shortlisted for the IPG Newcomer Award. This grant will enable September to continue its remote internship programme, invest in its webshop and production processes, grow community involvement with schools and commission new writers and artists for 2021 and beyond.**

### **Culture Secretary Oliver Dowden said:**

"This funding is a vital boost for the theatres, music venues, museums and cultural organisations that form the soul of our nation. It will protect these special places, save jobs and help the culture sector's recovery.

"These places and projects are cultural beacons the length and breadth of the country. This unprecedented investment in the arts is proof this government is here for culture, with further



support to come in the days and weeks ahead so that the culture sector can bounce back strongly.”

**Chair, Arts Council England, Sir Nicholas Serota, said:**

“Theatres, museums, galleries, dance companies and music venues bring joy to people and life to our cities, towns and villages. This life-changing funding will save thousands of cultural spaces loved by local communities and international audiences. Further funding is still to be announced and we are working hard to support our sector during these challenging times.”

**September Publishing’s Publisher and Founder Hannah MacDonald said: ‘At September we have worked hard to create a resilient, low-overhead, remotely-based publisher that invests in its authors, collaborates successfully with other arts and heritage organisations and seeks out diverse talent to develop. At an incredibly difficult point in the arts industry we feel both lucky and grateful to be the recipient of this grant. It will enable us to weather a difficult year and commission new writers, artists and freelance creatives through the winter of 2020 and in years to come.’**

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Following the Covid-19 crisis, the Arts Council developed a £160 million **Emergency Response Package**, with nearly 90% coming from the National Lottery, for organisations and individuals needing support. We are also one of several bodies administering the Government’s **Culture Recovery Fund** and unprecedented support package of £1.57 billion for the culture and heritage sector. Find out more at [www.artscouncil.org.uk/covid19](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/covid19)