

GUIDELINES TO APPLICATION TO CREATIVE RESIDENCIES LOULÉ CRIATIVO

CONTEXT

Loulé Municipal Council, through Loulé Criativo (a local development project), promotes a range of initiatives aimed at enhancing traditional knowledge, stimulating innovation in crafts and design, and encouraging contemporary creation based in the cultural identity of the territory.

The Loulé Criativo project is founded on a vision of the sustainable economic development of the territory, rooted on the identity of traditional arts and knowledge. This project seeks to combine, in a sustainable manner, the values of tradition with contemporary approaches, investing in cooperation, local partnerships and the empowerment of local communities, while respecting and valuing the origins and local resources of the territory. It encourages sustainable practices and the creation of new products and innovative solutions that enhance the value of both people and territory.

As a partner of the Algarvensis UNESCO Global Geopark, Loulé Criativo positions itself as a laboratory for creation and experimentation, where artisans, designers, artists, researchers and creators work in collaboration with the local community, promoting the transmission of knowledge, the experimentation of traditional materials and techniques, and the development of new cultural and creative products.

Within this context, the Creative Residencies, aligned with the spirit and mission of the UNESCO territory, serve as a tool for artistic and cultural development, fostering projects that build bridges between tradition and contemporary practice and contribute to the enhancement of the crafts, and resources of the Loulé territory.

1 – SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES

1.1 The main objective of the Creative Residencies is to promote contemporary creation based on traditional knowledge and the distinctive resources of the territory of the Municipality of Loulé, thereby contributing to its cultural, social and economic development.

1.2 Under the Loulé Criativo project, residencies may be hosted if they:

- a) promote the creative exploration of traditional crafts, particularly in the area of plant fibres, clay, copper, textiles, or other craft practices associated with the territory;

- b) encourage collaboration between local or external creators and local artisans, promoting the transmission and reinvention of traditional knowledge;
- c) enhance local products, raw materials and traditional techniques, incorporating principles of environmental and cultural sustainability;
- d) develop projects that strengthen Loulé's position as a creative territory and a centre for innovation in crafts and design;
- e) contribute to the production of knowledge, research or artistic experimentation related to local culture, heritage and identity;
- f) promote interaction with the local community, namely through sharing activities, workshops or public presentations.

1.3 Self-proposed creative residencies may have a maximum duration of three (3) weeks. Exceptionally, a longer period may be authorised, subject to justification and approval by Loulé Municipal Council.

1.4 Residencies may be hosted for participants who do not speak Portuguese, provided that they are proficient in English.

2 - APPLICATIONS

2.1 Applications for Creative Residencies are open to artisans, designers, artists, researchers and creators over eighteen (18) years of age who wish to develop projects aligned with the principles of Loulé Criativo and the framework of the Algarvensis UNESCO Global Geopark.

2.2 Priority areas include:

- a) crafts;
- b) design;
- c) research in culture and creativity.

2.3 The applications must include:

- a) a duly completed application form;
- b) a description of the project to be developed, including its objectives, its connection to Loulé Criativo and the UNESCO spirit (Algarvensis UNESCO Global Geopark), expected outcomes, and images/diagrams if possible;
- c) specification of the support requested;
- d) the applicant's curriculum vitae;
- e) a portfolio or examples of previous work (where applicable).

2.4 Applications must be submitted by email to: geral@cm-loule.pt and loulecriativo@cm-loule.pt, with the subject line “Application for Creative Residencies – Loulé Criativo”.

2.5 Two (2) residencies will be supported each calendar year:

Application Period	Residency Start Period
1 - 30 November	January to April
1 - 30 junho	September to December

3 – EVALUATION CRITERIA

- a) Relevance of the project to the creative ecosystem of Loulé Criativo and/or the Algarvensis UNESCO Global Geopark;
- b) Connection to traditional arts and crafts or to the cultural identity of the Loulé territory;
- c) Potential for collaboration with local artisans, workshops or creators;
- d) Degree of innovation and artistic or technical experimentation;
- e) Potential impact on the cultural and creative enhancement of the territory.

3.2 Each criterion will be scored on a scale from one to ten (1–10), with the final score corresponding to the average of the scores obtained in the evaluation criteria.

3.3 Applications will be assessed by municipal technicians and partners from the Loulé Criativo project and the Algarvensis UNESCO Global Geopark. The decision will be communicated to the applicant by email no later than the twentieth (20th) day following the end of the application period.

3.4 As a contribution in return for the residency, the resident undertakes to provide one example of the work produced to Loulé Municipal Council (for inclusion in the Loulé Criativo collection) and to organise a public event to share their work, which may take one of the following forms:

- a) a project presentation or lecture;
- b) a workshop open to the public;
- c) a training activity aimed at craftspeople;
- d) an educational activity in schools;
- e) a technical or artistic demonstration.

4 – SUPPORT PROVIDED

4.1 Loulé Municipal Council may provide the following support, according to the nature of the project and available resources:

- a) accommodation at Palácio Gama Lobo during the residency period;
- b) access to workspaces integrated within the Loulé Criativo network and the Algarvensis UNESCO Global Geopark;
- c) facilitation and mediation with local artisans and creators, supporting learning and collaborative processes;
- d) a creative grant (which should cover the purchase of materials) of up to a maximum of eight hundred euros (€800.00);
- e) payment for subcontracted local creators of up to a maximum of four hundred euros (€400.00).
 - i) The creative grant and subcontracting support may be cumulative, provided that this is duly justified within the application.
 - ii) For residents who are incubated participants of Loulé Criativo, the grant awarded shall correspond solely to the creative grant, up to a maximum of eight hundred euros (€800.00).

4.2 Access to workshops and collaboration with local artisans shall be subject to the following conditions:

- a) mediation with craftspeople will be carried out by Loulé Municipal Council;
- b) any prototyping or production undertaken with craftspeople must be agreed directly with them, including the costs of materials and labour;
- c) the resident must submit a sketch, design or proposal for the piece to be developed;
- d) copyright and intellectual property rights relating to the pieces produced shall belong to the resident, unless otherwise agreed between the parties.

5 - PROTOTYPE DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCT ENHANCEMENT

5.1 Whenever applicable, projects developed within the framework of the Creative Residencies should seek to explore the creation of new products, prototypes or experimental pieces resulting from the combination of contemporary creation, traditional knowledge and local resources.

5.2 Prototypes or pieces developed during the residency may be presented in displays, exhibitions or events promoted by Loulé Criativo and the Algarvensis UNESCO Global Geopark, contributing to the public dissemination of the work carried out.

5.3 Products resulting from these collaborations may, subject to agreement between the parties, be integrated into the network of shops or points of sale associated with Loulé Criativo and the Algarvensis UNESCO Global Geopark, contributing to the promotion of contemporary crafts within the Municipality of Loulé and the wider Algarvensis territory.

5.4 Any subsequent production of pieces shall respect the creator's intellectual property rights and the agreements established with participating artisans, ensuring fair recognition of both creative work and artisanal expertise.

6 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

6.1 Expenses relating to travel, meals, insurance and personal costs are at the responsibility of the resident.

6.2 Residents must comply with the rules governing the use of Loulé Criativo spaces and workshops.

6.3 The residency implies acknowledgement of the institutional support of Loulé Criativo, Loulé Municipal Council and the Algarvensis UNESCO Global Geopark in any publications, communications or promotional materials relating to the project.

6.4 Any matters not covered by these Guidelines shall be analysed and decided by Loulé Municipal Council.