



Arts Council England
London, England
www.artscouncil.org.uk

Industry:

Public Sector

Annual Revenue:

US\$1.16 billion

Employees:

850

Oracle Products & Services:

Oracle Financials
Oracle Cash Management

Implementor:

Oracle Consulting

“Oracle Consulting’s proven implementation methodologies, combined with the expertise and resources of Oracle’s offshore centers of excellence, enabled us to re-implement Oracle Financials to tight deadlines and within budget.” – Andrew Watt, IS Manager, Arts Council England

Arts Council England Aligns Technology with New Business Strategy to Increase Efficiency and Cut Costs

Arts Council England develops and promotes the arts in England using public money from government and the National Lottery. Between 2006 and 2008, Arts Council England has plans to invest more than \$2 billion supporting individual artists and art organizations.

Challenges

- Restructure chart of accounts in Oracle Financials following the implementation of a grant lifecycle management solution that replaces eight diverse legacy systems with standard processes
- Improve the timeliness and accuracy of reporting, automate reconciliations and cash management, and enhance forecasting
- Synchronize the new grant lifecycle management solution with Oracle Financials

Solution

- Re-implemented Oracle Financials rather than upgrading to simplify code conversion from the seven legacy systems
- Evaluated potential implementation partners with Oracle expertise who could build the solution in a tight time frame
- Worked closely with Oracle Consulting, which offered proven end-to-end project management expertise from consultancy through to implementation and integration with the new grant management solution for 25% less than the nearest competitor
- Completed the applications configuration, trial data migration and user acceptance testing in two months
- Benefited from the Oracle Aim Advantage methodology toolkit for deploying Oracle applications to create a tailored project roadmap, ensuring a faster implementation and mitigating risk
- Leveraged Oracle’s extensive offshore facilities to carry out the migration of balances from old to new account codes and convert custom AP and AR reports.
- Managed all payments to grant recipients in Oracle Financials
- Used Oracle Financial Statement Generator to create timely management reports