

National Lottery funding

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For every £1 that the public spends on National Lottery tickets, 28 pence goes to the lottery good causes. These good causes include activities within the arts, charities and voluntary groups, heritage, health, education, the environment and sports.

Lottery funders are the organisations that distribute the good cause's money to local communities and national projects. The funders include: The Big Lottery Fund, the Arts Council, Sports England and the Heritage Lottery Fund. These funders allocate the lottery money through a number of grant schemes, as outlined below:



Big Lottery Fund

The Big Lottery Fund is committed to improving communities and the lives of people most in need. They have a variety of funding available to local voluntary, community and faith groups, many of which have specific deadlines. The two main funds which are currently open to applications at any time are **Awards for All** and **Reaching Communities**. To apply to either of these funds, projects need to achieve at least one of

the following:

- **People have better chances in life** – with better access to training and development to improve their life skills
- **Stronger Communities** – with more active citizens working together to tackle their problems
- **Improved rural and urban environments** – which communities are better able to access and enjoy
- **Healthier** - including more active people and communities

Awards for All - funds projects that improve communities and the lives of people within them. Awards for All is an open scheme aimed at voluntary, community and faith organisations, schools, parish or town councils, and health bodies. Grants are available of between £300 and £10,000. Applications can be submitted anytime and need to describe the project, the need for it, the cost of the project and how it meets the aims (see above).

Reaching Communities - funds projects that help people and communities most in need. Projects can be new or existing, or be the core work of your organisation. The Reaching Communities programme has two strands:

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- **Reaching Communities** – Funding from £10,000 to £500,000 for revenue projects and/or smaller capital projects up to £50,000.
- **Reaching Communities Buildings** – Funding of between £100,000 and £500,000 for large capital projects.

In addition to meeting the outcomes above, each project must **respond to need and involve its beneficiaries** (the people who will benefit from the project) in planning and running the project

Key Words

Need – a circumstance, condition or situation which requires some course of action in order to make it better



Arts Council England

Arts Council England works to bring great art to everyone by championing, developing and investing in artistic experiences that enrich people's lives. They

support a range of artistic activities from theatre to music, literature to dance, photography to digital art, carnival to crafts.

Arts Council funding is for arts activities that 'engage' people in England and help artists and arts organisations to carry out their work. By engage, they mean stimulating or inspiring people to become actively involved with the arts. This could include attending an arts event, taking part in an arts activity, or creating a work of art.

Grants normally range from between £1,000 and £100,000. Grants for the arts are a continuous programme so you can apply at any time. The grants are for time limited, self contained activities. Applications can be made online (the preferred method), or in a printed copy.



Sports England

The Sports England vision is to make England an active and successful sporting nation. Their Community Investment Fund helps to achieve three sports and physical activity objectives:

- **Start** – to improve the health of the nation, particularly for disadvantaged groups.
- **Stay** – through a thriving network of clubs, coaches and volunteers, and a commitment to equality.
- **Succeed** – through an infrastructure capable of developing world class performers in sport.

Their funding programmes include:

- **Small Grants programme** – Set up to support local community sport projects that increase and participation, or develop opportunities for people to excel at their chosen sport. You can apply for £300 to £10,000.

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- **Sportsmatch** – this programme funds new community projects that grow or sustain participation in sport. Specifically for not-for-profit organisations, Sportsmatch works by providing match funding for grassroots community sport. Priority is given to applications who have secured sponsorship from the commercial sector but donations from private individuals or charitable trusts are also acceptable. They will match up to five eligible sponsors, each of which must contribute a minimum of £1000, although your sponsorship must be confirmed prior to submitting an application. In total you can apply for Awards of between £1,000 and £100,000.



The Heritage Lottery Fund

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) sustains and transforms a wide range of heritage for present and future generations to take part in, learn from and enjoy. From museums, parks and historic places to archaeology, natural environment and cultural traditions, they invest in every part of our diverse heritage.

The HLF grant-making has three aims which relate to learning, conservation and participation. Firstly they aim to conserve the UK's diverse heritage for present and future generations to experience and enjoy. Secondly they aim to help more people, and a wider range of people, to take an active part in and make decisions about their heritage. Thirdly they aim to help people to learn about their own and other people's heritage.

The HLF offer grants from £3,000 to multi-million-pound awards. They welcome all applications but give priority to not-for-profit organisations and partnerships. Their funding strands include:

- Your Heritage – Small Grants Programme, £3,000 - £50,000
- Heritage Grant – Main Grant Programme, £50,000 upwards
- Young Roots – Grants for young people age 13-25 yrs, £3,000-25,000
- Repair Grants – For places of worship, £10,000 to £250,000

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Further links:

- **Reaching Communities** – www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/reachingcommunities
- **Awards for All** – www.awardsforall.org.uk
- **Arts Council England** – www.artscouncil.org.uk
- **The Heritage Lottery Fund** – www.hlf.org.uk
- **Sports England** – www.sportengland.org
- The Big Lottery Fund also recommend that you contact them on 0845 410 2030 to discuss your project or idea before beginning a funding application, particularly if it is for a larger pot of money. They also have other funding strands that are available. For more information on the National Lottery and its funding visit - www.lotteryfunding.org.uk
- For any further information, guidance and support, please visit www.vaoldham.org.uk

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