



## Lottery Funding

### What is a Lottery funder?

For every £1 that the public spends on Lottery tickets 28 pence goes to the Lottery good causes. These are the arts, charities and voluntary groups, heritage, health, education, the environment and sports. Lottery funders are the organisations that distribute the good causes money to local communities and national projects.

### Who should we apply to?

Lottery funding is distributed by many different independent lottery funders in the UK. You should apply directly to each individual funder. Voluntary and community groups will most often get grants from Awards for All or the BIG Lottery Fund. The BIG Lottery Fund is made up of several different programmes which support different kinds of projects. For example, the Reaching Communities programme supports projects that will bring real improvements to communities, and to lives of people most in need, while the Changing Spaces programme funds environmental activity.

### Can we apply for more than one lottery grant?

Yes. You can apply to more than one Lottery funder for the projects that you wish to fund. You may also be able to make more than one application to in individual funder. Check their rules before you decide what applications you want to make.

### For more information

Website: [www.lotteryfunding.org.uk](http://www.lotteryfunding.org.uk)

Telephone: 0845 275 0000

## Awards for All

### **Type of work funded**

The Awards for All scheme funds projects that improve communities and the lives of people within them. The type of work and types of groups that can be funded vary between England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, so you should check what is available in your country before you apply.

### **Range of grant size: minimum – maximum**

You can apply for between £300 and £10,000 depending on the country.

### **Application process**

You can apply at any time and you will need to describe the project you would like funded, how you know that people in your community need your project, how it meets one or more of our aims and how much it will cost.

### **Contact Details**

To obtain an application pack or for more information about Awards for All visit their website [www.awardsforall.org.uk](http://www.awardsforall.org.uk) or call 0845 4 10 20 30



## Arts Council England

### **Type of work funded**

Funds arts activities that engage people in England or that help artists and arts organisations from England to carry out their work.

### **Range of grant size: minimum – maximum**

Grants to organisations normally range from £1,000 up to £100,000. The average grant given in 2006/07 was around £24,697

### **Application process**

Grants for the arts is a continuous programme so you can apply at any time. Grants are for time limited, self contained activities. Apply using the current application pack on their website.

### **Contact details**

Arts Council England  
National Support Centre  
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Textphone: 020 7973 6564  
[www.artscouncil.org.uk](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk)

## Heritage Lottery Fund

### **Type of work funded**

The Heritage Lottery Fund helps groups and organisations of all sizes with projects that aim to:

- conserve and enhance the UK's diverse heritage
- encourage more people to be involved in, and make decisions about, their heritage
- make sure that everyone can learn about, have access to and enjoy their heritage.

### **Range of grant size: minimum – maximum**

Heritage Lottery Fund operates a number of grant schemes with differing grant amount thresholds. The lowest amount available is £5,000. Grants in excess of £1million are also available.

### **Application process**

Most grants programmes are open and you can apply at any time. However, some have deadlines and depending on the amount of money you want, assessment times will differ. Grants of between £5,000 and £50,000 take at least three months to assess. Grant requests of more than £1million must go through a two-stage assessment process. All applications must be made by a not-for-profit organisation. You will need to send supporting information with the application.

### **Central contact details**

Enquiries number: 020 7591 6042.

Website: [www.hlf.org.uk](http://www.hlf.org.uk)



## Sport England

### **Type of work funded**

Sport England funds projects that help people get involved in sport and physical activity. This includes refurbishing existing facilities or building new ones and developing programmes and initiatives that use sport and activity to support community cohesion, improve health and raise education levels.

### **Range of grant size: minimum – maximum**

Minimum is £10,000

There is no maximum.

### **Application process**

Applications should be made on line at our website or by telephoning 08458 508 508. Decisions are made by the regional sports boards through the year. Regional deadline details can be found on the Sport England website.

### **Contact details**

Sport England phonenumber - 08458 508 508

Website: [www.sportengland.org](http://www.sportengland.org)

## Changing Spaces

### **Type of work funded**

Changing Spaces is part of the BIG Lottery fund. It funds a range of environmental activity that will help improve the lives of people and communities across England. It is made up of five programmes, each with a particular focus including, increasing access to local food, enabling community based organisations to install sustainable energy technologies, improving local green spaces, promoting access to the natural environment and encouraging people with experience of mental distress to get involved in environmental projects.

### **Range of grant size: minimum – maximum**

- Capital grants – projects can apply for up to £50,000 or 50 per cent of the project cost (whichever is lower).
- Project Development Grants – maximum grant available is £5,000 or 75 per cent of the study cost – whichever is lower.

### **Application process**

There are five Changing Spaces programmes run by different organisations. The programmes are – Community Sustainable Energy (run by Building Research Establishment), Community Spaces (run by Groundwork), Ecominds (run by Mind), Access to Nature (run by Natural England) and Local Food (run by Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts). Voluntary and community sector organisations can apply to all of the programmes.

If you have questions about how to apply or plan your project, there are many sources of advice and help. Call or e-mail the Big Advice line using the contact details below with any questions you have.

### **Contact Details**

Big advice line: 08454 10 20 30

Website: [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk)

Email: [enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk)



## Reaching Communities

### **Type of work funded**

Reaching Communities is part of the BIG Lottery fund. The key aim of the programme is to fund projects which help meet the Big Lottery Fund's mission: 'to bring real improvements to communities, and to lives of people most in need.'

Projects can meet any of the following four outcomes:

- People having better chances in life, including being able to get better access to training and development to improve their life skills
- Strong 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 and more active people and communities

### **Range of grant size: minimum – maximum**

The programme will make grants of between £10,000 and £500,000, and will fund projects for up to 5 years.

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