

Big Lottery Fund

Enabling Communities to take the lead



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Your Local Team

Covering Camden, Westminster, Hammersmith & Fulham, K&C



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Our Funding in England

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The Big Lottery Fund is the largest community funder in the UK, and one of twelve distributors of money raised by National Lottery Players.

Last year in England, we awarded **£509.6m** across **8,704** grants.

Most of our grants go to local charities, run by volunteers, and whether the grant is for £500, or £5m, our funding is used by communities to support amazing projects led by local people.



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Our Vision: People in the Lead



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We believe people should be in the lead in improving their lives and communities. Our approach focuses on the skills, assets and energy that people can draw upon and the potential in their ideas.

We feel that strong, vibrant communities can be built and renewed by the people living in them, making them ready for anything in the face of future opportunities and challenges.





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Rather than simply asking.....
“what’s the matter with your community”

We’re asking you.....
“what matters most to your community” & “how can we
support what matters”.

“What's strong, not what’s wrong”



Our Funding in England



We give out money in three ways:

- £300 - £10,000 through [National Lottery Awards for All](#)
- Over £10,000 through new [Reaching Communities](#)
- Over £10,000 for people to work together through [Partnerships](#)

[National Lottery Awards for All](#): our most popular

[Reaching Communities](#): Flexible funding over £10,000 for up to five years

[Partnerships](#): Through our Partnerships funding, we make grants over £10,000 for organisations which work together with a shared set of goals and values.

Our funding priorities



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Stronger relationships

We support ideas that bring people together, strengthening relationships in and across communities



Shared and sustainable places and spaces

We support people to shape and sustain the places that matter to them, like a park, community centre or online network



Early action to prevent problems and tackle disadvantage

We support activity that empowers people to fulfil their potential, working to address problems at the earliest possible stage

What we look for in organisations we support- 'People in the lead'



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People -led

We're looking for meaningful involvement of the people you're working with in the development, design and delivery of your activity. We want to hear how the community you are working with has influenced your project and will continue to shape its delivery.

Strengths Based

We want to hear how you will be making the most of, and building on, the skills and experiences of people and what already exists within communities.

Connected

We want to ensure you have a good understanding of what others are doing, developing good working relationships. So tell us:

- How you have connected with other relevant organisations and how your idea complements what they are doing
- How you have used these relationships to develop your idea.



We like to see....



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You developed your idea by involving the people who will benefit

We want to see that you've spoken to people and listened to what they have to say.

You'll support what's already working well

Use your knowledge of the skills and experience people already have and explore how you can build on it.

You can test new approaches

We're interested in your original and creative ideas for achieving your mission, and are keen to share what you learn with others.

You understand the existing activities and services that do similar work

Have you spoken to other groups? What can you learn from them, and how can you contribute to what they already do?

You're committed to equalities and the environment



What we cant fund



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- activities where a profit will be distributed for private gain
- religious activity (although we are able to fund religious organisations if they are providing benefit for the wider community)
- activity that replaces government funding, for example, we can only fund school activities that are additional to the curriculum
- activities that benefit individuals, rather than a wider community
- retrospective costs and loan repayments.



What should you consider before you apply?

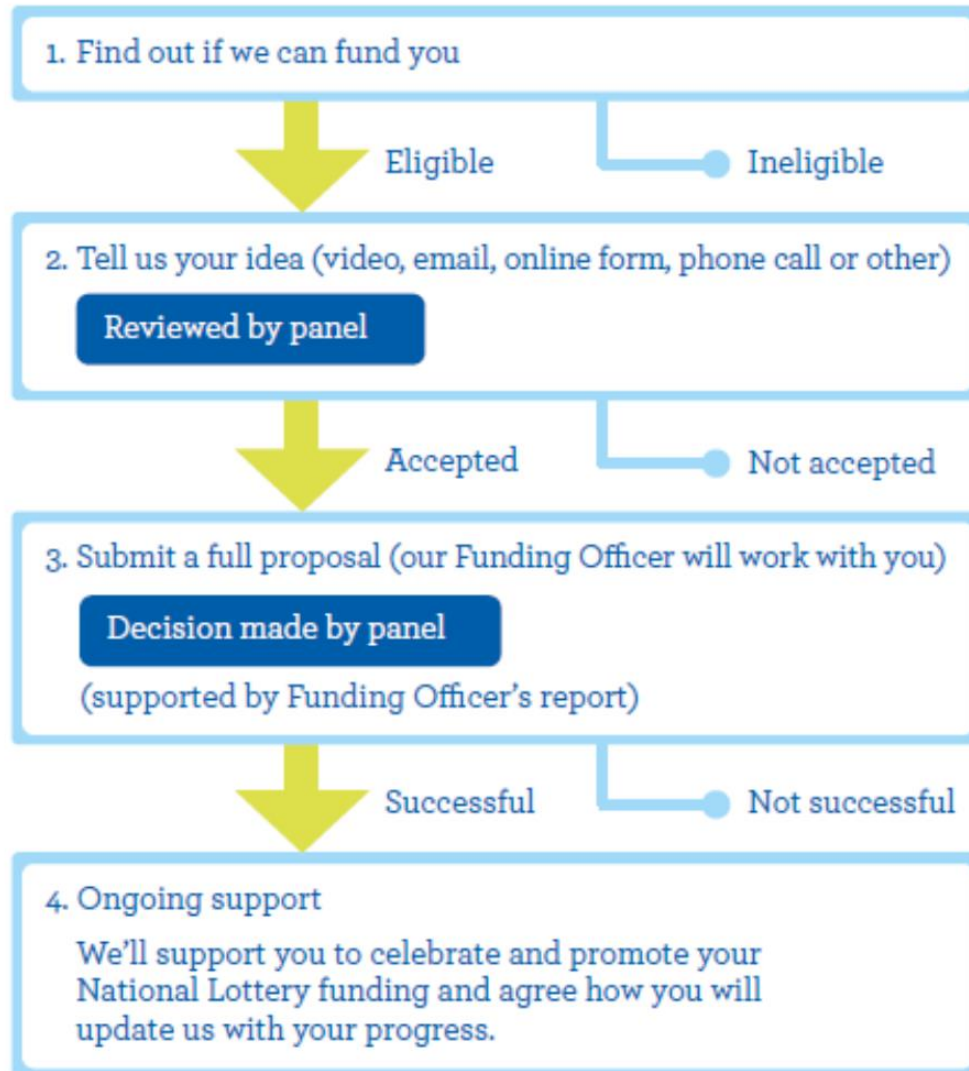


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- the background to your organisation
- what you want to do and why
- what difference you think your idea will make
- how people and communities are involved with your project
- how your idea fits in with other activities
- the length of your project budget and how much funding you'll need from us



The Application Journey



In the tri-borough we are supporting the following types of work.



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- Young People - arts, employment and skills, empowerment/leadership
- Families
- Women and girls
- Mental Health
- Disability
- Older people
- Carers
- HIV
- Homelessness



Finding out more



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