



Meet the Funder

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 **The National Lottery**[®]



Big Lottery Fund is the largest community funder in the UK. Last year we distributed £573m to nearly 12,000 projects, using money raised by National Lottery players.



8,589

Awards to voluntary organisations with an income

<£1m



85%

of grants (by volume) are

Awards for All

and for

<£10,000



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Our Vision: People in the lead

Britain depends on the strength of its communities, and we believe it is local people, working together, who have the skills and ideas to make our communities stronger.

We want to fund people with great ideas to take the lead and make a difference in their communities.





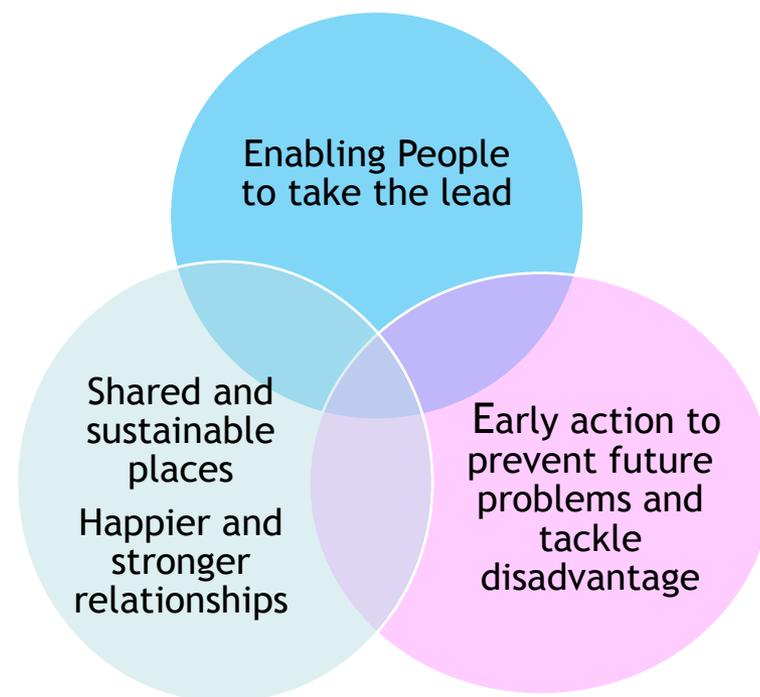
Our Funding in England

We will enable people across England to take the lead by using their local knowledge to test and grow ideas that matter most to them.

We will support people to share learning about what went well, and what didn't so that many more can benefit.

By taking the lead, people will create:

- Happier and stronger relationships in and across communities
- Shared and sustainable places and spaces
- Early action to prevent future problems and tackle disadvantage





Funding approaches

1. Small amounts of funding to support grassroots action in local communities
2. Long term and flexible support for charities
3. Funding collaborations



Current Funding Programmes



Awards for All

Reaching Communities

- Rolling grant programmes so no closing date
- Open to a wide range of ideas
- Aim to build on community strengths to address issues



Awards for All - The applicant

- At least 3 unrelated people on the governing body
- A UK bank account in the name of the organisation, with at least two unrelated signatories - most rejects for this reason
- Can be: voluntary and community organisation, school, parish or town council, health body, social enterprise

The idea



- £300 - £10,000
- 12 months to spend grant
- Up to £10,000 in any 12 month period
- New activity and projects
- Repeat and regular activities -
If income less than £30,000 in last financial year
- Not for running costs i.e. *ongoing organisation costs*

The application



- Simple application form
- Decision within 8 weeks however leave at least four months before the project is planned to start
- Application process moving online over the Summer
- There are no deadlines, it's a rolling programme
- Answer the questions!



Key examples of what we can and can't fund through Awards for All

CAN FUND	CAN'T FUND
Project costs	Day to day running costs
Equipment hire/purchase	Salaries inc. fixed term
Sessional workers	Retrospective costs
Venue hire	Items that mainly benefit an individual
Volunteer expenses	Projects or activities that the state has a legal obligation to provide
Small scale refurbishment	Existing activities and repeat or regular events for groups where their income was more than £30,000

Reaching Communities



- Larger grants between £10,000-£500,000
 - Revenue projects funding from £10,000
 - Smaller capital projects funding from £10,000-£100,000
- Grants can run for up to 5 years
- Fewer restrictions than Awards for All
- Very competitive programme
- 2 stage application process



Before applying...

- What experience/skills can local people contribute?
- What is already going on in the area?
- Who else could you work with?
- What local approaches have worked so far?
- Can small approaches/pilots be scaled up?
- **Read the guidance!**

What does a strong idea look like?



- Aligns with our vision of ‘People in the Lead’ and funding priorities
- Focuses on the strengths people bring
- Demonstrates understanding of local context
- Involves beneficiaries in the design and development of services
- Clearly articulates evidence of need
- Clearly demonstrates impact, with measurable outcomes

Support and Guidance Available



- Big Advice Line: 0345 4 10 20 30
- Email enquiries: general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk
- Big Lottery Fund website: <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk>
- Programme Guidance Notes
- Good Practice Guides e.g. equalities, involving young people
- Case studies of successful projects
- Weekly online courses -
<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/englandwebinars>



Questions?

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