

The National Lottery Community Fund



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The National Lottery Community Fund



- National Lottery players contribute around £30 million to good causes every week
- The National Lottery Community Fund distributes over **£700m a year** to communities across the UK
- Largest single source of funding for community activities in the UK
- In the London, South-East and East region, we committed £156 million in the previous financial year

Funding Available

National Lottery Awards for All
(£300-£20,000)

Reaching Communities
(Above £20,001)

All applications should go through the website unless you have specific communication or accessibility requirements.



Who can apply?

You can apply if your organisation is a:

- registered charity
- constituted voluntary or community group/organisation
- not-for-profit company or Community Interest Company
- statutory body such as a local authority, council or school.

We can't accept applications from:

- Individuals or sole traders
- Organisations that don't have at least two trustees who aren't married / in a civil partnership / long-term relationship, living at the same address, or related by blood.

If not listed, please check our website to see if your organisation is eligible - www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk



What can you spend the money on?

- Organisation running costs
- Equipment & materials
- One-off events
- Staff costs
- Training costs
- Transport
- Utilities
- Volunteer expenses
- Land, building or refurbishment projects



On Reaching Communities we also fund organisational development costs, including cost to help you become more environmentally sustainable

National Lottery Awards for All

(£300 - £20,000)

National Lottery Awards for All



- Grants from £300 up to £20,000 for up to two years
- Can only hold one grant at a time and for a maximum of £20,000 within a 12-month period
- Prioritises groups with lower incomes
- One-stage online application process - apply at any time

Please note, Awards for All is one of our busiest programmes and we are currently experiencing very high levels of demand

Reaching Communities (over £20,001)

Reaching Communities

- Grants over £20,001, running for up to 5 years
- Two-stage application process
- Applications are online with other formats available
- Requests should be proportionate to organisation's income and experience





We will fund projects that:

1. Support places, people or communities experiencing poverty, disadvantage or discrimination
2. Support people and communities to shape the decisions that affect their lives
3. Align strongly with at least one of our missions

Priority 1

Supporting those most in need



To do this we will prioritise:

- Places with higher levels of poverty, disadvantage or discrimination
- Communities that are least set up to help and support people
- Projects or organisations supporting people or communities experiencing poverty, disadvantage or discrimination.
- Projects that work to address barriers to participation

Priority 2

Supporting communities to shape the decisions that affect their lives

To do this we will prioritise projects that involve your community. For example:

- Meaningfully involving the community in designing, developing and delivering your project
- Your organisation being run and led by people with personal experience of the issues you help deal with
- Supporting people to influence decisions that affect them
- Communities having real control over things that are important to them



Priority 3

Our Missions

We will also prioritise projects that fit best with at least one of our missions

Come together

by providing inclusive places, spaces and activities. Especially for communities where people are least able to come together

Help Children & Young People to Thrive

by developing positive social and emotional skills

Be healthier

by addressing health inequalities. And helping prevent poor health

Be Environmentally Sustainable

by engaging with climate issues and having a positive environmental impact. And improving access to quality natural spaces

Other Funding in England



- We will be launching other funding programmes in the future. These are all detailed in [our vision for funding in England](#)
- We will also be developing a [new Partnership Approach](#) in England to help deliver our strategy
- To get updates please visit [News](#)

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