

Funding from the UK National Lottery

What Is It?

Of the pound for a National Lottery ticket 50 pence is returned in prizes, 28 pence is allocated to Good Causes, 12 pence goes to the Government in Lottery tax, 5 pence on sales, kept by the retailer, 5 pence to Camelot (4.5 pence to cover operating costs; 0.5 pence profit).

National Lottery players have raised £20 billion for Good Causes since it was launched in 1994. The National Lottery generates over £25 million for Good Causes every week. The UK National Lottery returns a higher proportion of Lottery revenue back to society than any other Lottery operator in the world. Over 280,000 grants given out across the arts, sport, heritage, charities, health, education and the environment. Over half of all grants awarded have been for under £5,000. Around 70% of adults regularly play a National Lottery game.

Who Can Apply?

The National Lottery works in partnership with the 14 lottery distributors, to support 'Good Causes' in the arts, heritage, health, education, environment, community and charity sectors.

Each Lottery 'Good Cause' funds its programmes with their own criteria and application process.

Each distributor makes decisions about who shall receive awards independently of the government and according to guidelines established by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport.

What Do They Fund?

'Good Causes' in the arts, sports, heritage, health, education, environment, community and charity sectors.

Currently Lottery funding is allocated to Good Causes in the following way: Charities, Health, Education & the environment 50%; Sports 16.67%; Arts 16.67%; Heritage 16.67%.

£1.5 billion will also be raised by The National Lottery for the London Olympics over the years until 2012.

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? • How Do You Apply?

Application form. It is best to contact the appropriate body to discuss your project idea.

£ How Much?

The amount you can apply for varies – anything from a small amount for new or small groups to large amounts over a number of years. The amount you can apply for is stated for each funding programme.

+ Pros:

- Funds a wide variety of good causes
- Can be large grants, including salaries
- Some pots of money require very little or no match funding e.g. Big Lottery and Awards for All
- Can provide medium term project funding
- Very communicative funder and support usually available

- Cons:

- Larger applications can be complicated and time consuming
- There is less money available as less people are doing the lottery
- There can be ethical issues for some groups not wanting to access money raised from gambling

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Lottery Funding

Lottery Funding is a joint website run by all Lottery funders in the UK. This site allows you to search information on current funding programmes across the UK. The funding search will help you to find the funding programmes that best match your project. It will search programmes offered by Lottery funders that are currently open to applications. The funding search will take you through a series of four questions about: the location of your project; about you as an applicant; about the project itself; and about the amount of money you are applying for.

Tel: 0845 275 0000 Textphone: 0845 275 0022 Website: www.lotteryfunding.org.uk

The Lottery Good Causes Distributors

There are details and links to the lottery distributors below:

Big Lottery Fund

The Big Lottery Fund is the largest Lottery distributor. They are responsible for giving out half the money raised by the National Lottery for good causes: 14 pence of every pound spent on a Lottery ticket. Their mission is to bring real improvements to communities and the lives of people most in need. Their remit covers health, education, environment and charitable purposes. They receive 50 percent of the proceeds for good causes, which is anticipated to be will be between £600 and £700 million a year until the end of the current Camelot licence in early 2009. They fund programmes UKwide with many of their programmes specifically designed for national areas for England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Big Lottery Fund Head Office, 1 Plough Place, London EC4A 1DE Helpline Tel: 08454 10 20 30 Fax. 0207 211 1750 Textphone: 0845 039 0204 Email: general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk Website: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

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Awards For All (changed arrangements from April 2009)

The BIG Lottery Fund launched its own new version of the highly popular Awards for All small grants scheme in England and Wales from 1st April 2009. BIG's Awards for All programme is the Fund's biggest-ever commitment to a small grant scheme supporting community projects, offering a more easily accessible programme with even quicker decision times.

A total of £45 million is available in England offering Big Lottery Fund grants of between £300 to £10,000 to grassroots groups in the community and voluntary sector, health bodies, schools and parish or town councils. In Wales grants of between £500 and £5,000 are available with a total of £2.4 million available.

The programme aims to make a difference to communities and the lives of those most in need and will focus on social and environmental projects that benefit local communities.

The new easy-to-use application form, available in English and Welsh, can be downloaded, filled in and emailed direct to the Big Lottery Fund as well as being available in hard copy.

The Big Lottery Fund's Awards for All programme will build on the features that made the previous scheme so popular. A simpler application process and a maximum turnaround time of six weeks for a decision are among the changes to the programme which will make it much easier for applicants to successfully apply for small pots of funding that can have such a big impact on local communities and lives.

The other Lottery awarding bodies will now operate their own small grants schemes for England and Wales.

Application forms are available from Website: www.awardsforall.org.uk Tel: 0845 4 10 20 30.

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Arts

Arts Council England

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

Between 2008 and 2011, they will invest £1.6 billion of public money from government and the National Lottery in supporting the arts. This is the bedrock of support for the arts in England.

Arts Council England - Small Grants (replacement for Awards for All)

Grants for the arts - This scheme is for individuals, arts organisations and other people who use the arts in their work. Grants are for activities over a set period which engage people in England in the arts, and help artists and arts organisations in England carry out their work.

Grants to individuals range from £1,000 up to £30,000, and will pay for activities lasting up to three years.

Grants to organisations range from £1,000 up to £100,000, and will pay for activities lasting up to three years.

To find out more and apply Visit Website: www.artscouncil.org.uk or contact Tel: 0845 300 6200 for more details.

Arts Council England, 14 Great Peter Street , London SW1P 3NQ Tel: 0845 300 6200 Fax: 020 7973 6590
Textphone: 020 7973 6564 Email: enquiries@artscouncil.org.uk Website: www.artscouncil.org.uk

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Film

The UK Film Council (and Scottish Screen) provide funding for film production and training.

UK Film Council

The UK Film Council are the Government's strategic agency for film in the UK.

They are here to help make the UK a hub and natural home for film in the digital age: a place with a diverse and vibrant film culture and a flourishing, competitive film industry.

They work closely with the Government and the film industry – offering policy advice about industrial, economic and cultural issues affecting film. They make policy and provide funding.

Every year they distribute around £27 million from the National Lottery and £27 million from the Government to support: script development, film production, short films, film export and distribution, cinema, film education, culture and archives, festivals and audience support schemes.

The UK Film Council, Head Office, 10 Little Portland Street, London W1W 7JG Tel: 020 7861 7861 Fax: 020 7861 7862 Textphone: 0845 039 0204 Email: info@ukfilmcouncil.org.uk Website: www.ukfilmcouncil.org.uk

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Sport

UK Sport

UK Sport is the Government agency responsible for maximising British success in the Olympic and Paralympic Games through investing in our most talented athletes. This involves working together with other sports bodies to deliver excellent results. To achieve this they target Lottery funding at athletes capable of delivering medal-winning performances.

UK Sport, 40 Bernard Street, London WC1N 1ST Tel: 0 20 7211 5100 Email: info@uksport.gov.uk
Website: www.uksport.gov.uk

Sport England

Sport England's vision is to make England an active and successful sporting nation. Their Community Investment Fund helps them 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 in sport – through an infrastructure capable of developing world class performers.

Sport England - Small Grant Scheme (replacement for Awards for All)

Sport England's small grants scheme funds community projects that encourage people to become involved in sport and ensure that they have a quality sporting experience. The scheme also helps people to improve their performance in their chosen sport. The scheme is for not-for-profit sports clubs, voluntary and community organisations, local authorities and education institutions.

Grants of between £300 and £10,000 are available for revenue and small capital projects.

Application is via a single-stage online form. They offer advice and support to applicants, and the whole process, from receipt of application to decision, will take no longer than six weeks. Visit Website: www.sportengland.org or call Tel: 08458 508 508 for more details.

Sport England, 3rd Floor Victoria House, Bloomsbury Square, London WC1B 4SE Tel 08458 508 508 (Monday-Friday, 8am to 6pm) Fax: 020 7383 5740 Email: info@sportengland.org Website: www.sportengland.org

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Heritage

Heritage Lottery Fund

Using money raised through the National Lottery, 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. HLF has awarded over £4 billion in grants to heritage projects throughout the UK.

Heritage Lottery Fund - Small grants (replacement for Awards for All)

The Heritage Lottery Fund have two small grants schemes:

Young Roots - This scheme makes grants to involve 13-25 year-olds in finding out about their heritage, developing skills, building confidence and promoting community involvement.

Your Heritage - This scheme supports projects that relate to the local, regional or national heritage of the UK and that help people to learn about and look after their heritage.

Young Roots makes grants of between £3,000 and £25,000, and Your Heritage between £3,000 and £50,000.

They offer advice and help before you apply, the application forms are short and simple and they can offer you a mentor to help you run your project. You can apply at any time and will receive a decision on your application within 10 weeks of them receiving your completed application.

Visit Website: www.hlf.org.uk or contact Tel: 020 7591 6042 for more information.

Heritage Lottery Fund, 7 Holbein Place, London SW1W 8NR Helpline Tel: 020 7591 6000 Fax: 020 7591 6001 Textphone: 020 7591 6255 Email: enquire@hlf.org.uk Website: www.hlf.org.uk

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NESTA

NESTA offers tailored support to enable individuals, groups and organisations to explore new ideas, develop new products and services, or experiment with new ways of nurturing creativity in science, technology and the arts for commercial and social benefit.

NESTA's funding can range from £500 to £85,000 upwards, depending on the funding programme. Some of their funding programmes are open for application all year round, others are open for selected periods only, others use a process of nomination.

NESTA, Fishmongers' Chambers, 110 Upper Thames Street, London EC4R 3TW Enquiry line Tel: 020 7645 9538 Email: nesta@nesta.org.uk Website: www.nesta.org.uk

Olympic Lottery Distributor

The Olympic Lottery Distributor is an independent body set up by Parliament and uses money raised by the National Lottery to fund the delivery of the infrastructure for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and their legacy.

They provide funding to some of the bodies tasked with ensuring the successful delivery of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

They will have £1,835m available to us during our lifetime and these funds will help to ensure the successful delivery of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and the regeneration of the Lower Lea Valley. Olympic Lottery Distributor, 1 Plough Place, London, EC4A 1DE Tel: 020 7880 2012

Email: info@olympiclottery2012.org.uk Website: www.olympiclotterydistributor.org.uk

Millennium Commission

The Millennium Commission was wound up 30 November 2006.

As the Millennium Commission's role as a funder was coming to an end, in 2002 the Millennium Commission granted an endowment of £100 million to the **Millennium Awards Trust**, the income from this is used to fund **UnLtd**,

UnLtd

UnLtd supports social entrepreneurs - people with vision, drive, commitment and passion who want to change the world for the better. They do this by providing a complete package of funding and support to help individuals make their ideas a reality.

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