

Big Lottery Fund

Enabling Communities to take the lead



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Who are we?



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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 we awarded **£712.7m** across **13,814** grants. This included **£75.3m** awarded to projects supporting older people and **£81.2m** awarded to support disabled people.

We fund in every single local authority in the UK and most of our grants go to local charities, run by volunteers.



Our Vision: People in the Lead



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Our funding empowers people to make a difference to their communities and lives.

Strong, vibrant communities can be built and renewed by the people living in them.

We invest in people's strengths and assets, developing and supporting thousands of amazing projects run in communities around the country.



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

How we're funding in England



- We will listen to people's ideas, so we won't just talk about projects
- We will ensure our processes are simpler, more responsive and proportionate
- We will make good judgements using our knowledge about the local and national context



Our funding in England



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National Lottery Awards for All

This is our most popular funding stream. We award grants of £10,000 or under. Last year, we made more than 12,352 grants, reaching over 6m people across every local authority in the UK (7,786 in England).

Reaching Communities

This stream provides longer-term funding, with awards upwards of £10,000 and up to £500,000.

Partnerships

Funding for joint action that goes beyond what any single organisation can achieve alone. Supporting ideas that address long terms issues in a place or with a theme.



How we're making a difference in Rural Communities



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How will we work in the future?



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Local ways of working

- Currently, the England Local Team are a network of managers and officers based across the country
- We're trialling new ways of working in the 'Southern Cluster' (London, South East & Eastern regions) and the 'Hothouse' (Yorkshire & Humber)
- Big Lottery Fund's ambition is to have:-
 - More localised assessment
 - More localised grant management
 - Increased levels of local stakeholder relations



What does our new approach look like?



- Conversational
- Iterative
- Strengths-based
- Identifying collaborations and partnerships





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Our Influence



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Policy and Public Affairs



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- **Policy:** Using the learning from all of our programmes to design and develop solutions to social issues
- **Public Affairs:** Communicating with government and parliament, sharing our knowledge with policy makers and building relationships with political stakeholders



We what need



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- We rely on the expertise and knowledge of our colleagues and stakeholders in wider sector
- We work in partnership with other orgs to maximise potential
- Our policy positions and funding decisions are influenced by what people tell us needs to happen
- We are working to become a ‘trusted advisor’ to government, so we can tell them what we have learnt - what works and what doesn’t



Find out more



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Talk to your local Funding Officer - we can put you in touch

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