

Voluntary and Community Action

National Lottery Funding Streams

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The National Lottery raises 28p for good causes from every pound spent on a lottery ticket. So far £20 billion (April 2007) has been raised since the first Lottery balls were drawn in 1994. Lottery funders are the organisations that distribute the good causes money to local communities and national projects. These are the arts, charities and voluntary groups, heritage, health, education, the environment and sports. The money is distributed between the National Lottery distribution bodies, includes the *Arts Council England, Awards for All, Big Lottery Fund, Heritage Lottery Fund* and *Sport England*.

This information sheet explores the national lottery grants most suitable for voluntary organisations and community groups based in Bedfordshire.

Awards for All



Awards for All award grants of between £300 and £10,000 for people to take part in art, sport, heritage, community activities and projects that

promote education, the environment and health in the local community. Organisations can receive up to £10,000 in any two year period.

The aims of Awards for All are to:

- extend access and participation of people to become involved in local groups and projects
- increase skills and creativity by developing people and organisations
- improve the quality of life by supporting local projects that improve people's opportunities, health, welfare, environment or local facilities.

Grants can be used for the putting on of an event or performance; training; pilot projects; start up

costs; publicity material; equipment and materials; transport costs; volunteers' expenses etc.

The funders will assess and score an application against a set of national and regional criteria. Eastern region criteria are:

- better understanding of different people, places and cultures in our local community
- increased involvement from people who face barriers to participation
- more use of outdoor spaces
- greater use of community buildings
- healthier lifestyles for the whole community.

There are no deadlines, organisations can apply at any time. Decisions will normally be made within eight weeks.

For an application pack telephone 0845 600 2040 or visit www.awardsforall.org.uk
For help with filling in the application form contact our Funding Adviser on 01525 850559.

Funding Information Sheets

The Funding Advice Service has produced a series of Funding Information Sheets on:

- the different types of grants available
- good practice when applying for funding
- sustainable fundraising

These can be downloaded from our website or obtained from our office.





“DON'T JUST APPLY FOR SHORT-TERM NEEDS; THINK ABOUT USING YOUR GRANTS TO ACHIEVE LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY.”

“CONSIDER ASKING FOR A GRANT TO DEVELOP THE EARNING OR FUNDRAISING CAPACITY OF YOUR ORGANISATION, IF THAT IS WHAT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOUR BENEFICIARIES IN THE LONG-TERM.”

Heritage Lottery Fund

Funding can be provided for a diverse range of projects covering the care, conservation, interpretation and preservation of natural land and countryside, urban parks, historic buildings, library and museum collections and industrial, transport or maritime heritage:

Your Heritage (£5,000 to £50,000) provides grants to support community-focused heritage projects that conserve and enhance the diverse heritage or encourage communities to identify, look after and celebrate their heritage.

Heritage Grants (£50,000 plus) projects should conserve and enhance our diverse heritage or encourage more people to be involved in their heritage.

Sport England

The overall aim of Sport England's Community Investment Programme is to support projects that actively promote participation in sport and benefit the community. Organisations can apply for grants over £10,000. There is no upper limit at present but on average the programme tends to fund thirty five percent of the total cost of projects. For grants between £300 and £10,000, Sports England recommends groups to apply to the Awards for All grants programme.

There are no set deadlines for application. Decisions in the first instance are made locally by the regional office within fifteen working days of application. A case officer is assigned to successful

Repair Grants for Places of Worship (£10,000 to £200,000) to help conserve and sustain heritage at risk, through urgent repairs to places of worship.

Young Roots (£5,000 to £25,000) the scheme aims to involve 13-20 year-olds (up to 25 for those with special needs) in finding out about their heritage, developing skills, building confidence and promoting community involvement.

There are other programmes like the Townscape Heritage Initiative, Parks for People and Landscape Partnerships with grants starting from £250,000 to £5 million.

For more information contact: Team Administrator, Heritage Lottery Fund. Telephone: 020 7591 6131. Website: www.hlf.org.uk

projects to help with preparing the business plan which goes through the regional sports boards. The board meets every quarter.

Eligible projects are assessed against the regional priorities laid out in each region's sports plan and the National Framework for Sport.

Applicants can either choose to apply online or request for an application pack by calling the helpline.

For more information contact: Sport England. Telephone: 08458 508 508. Website: www.sportengland.org

Arts Council England

Grants for the Arts are designed to encourage and develop new ideas, linked to artistic needs and future plans. The grant is to help the council achieve its five ambitions for the arts:

- supporting the artist
- enabling organisations to thrive, not just survive
- championing cultural diversity
- offering opportunities for young people
- encouraging growth.

Grants to organisations normally range from £200 up to £100,000, and can cover activities lasting up to three years. Types of activities that can be funded are: projects and events; activities for people to take part in; educational activities; buying equipment, instruments and vehicles; refurbishing and improving buildings for arts use; professional development and training etc.

They also fund national activities with grants ranging from £5,000 up to £200,000.

The council expects projects to

have at least 10% of the total cost from other income sources.

The Arts Council assess and score each application against five assessment criteria:

- the artistic quality of the activity or its ongoing effect on artistic practice (or both)
- how the activity will be managed and its ongoing effect
- how practical the activity is financially, and its future effect
- how the public will benefit from the activity, immediately or in the longer term, and
- the contribution of the activity to meeting the Council's ambitions for the arts.

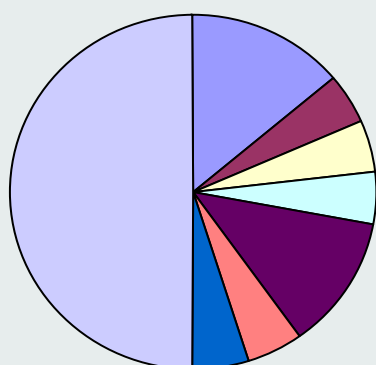
Grants for the Arts is a continuous programme, there are no deadlines. Arts Council requires six working weeks after receiving a complete application to process applications for £5,000 or less, and 12 working weeks for applications over £5,000.

For more information contact: Arts Council East, Eden House, 48-49 Bateman Street, Cambridge CB2 1LR. Telephone: 0845 300 6200. Website: www.artscouncil.org.uk



How much Lottery Money goes to Good Causes?

For every £1 spent on a National Lottery ticket 28p goes to good causes and is allocated in the following way:



- Big Lottery Fund (14p)
- Sports (4.7p)
- Arts (4.7p)
- Heritage (4.7p)
- Lottery Tax (12p)
- Retailers (5p)
- Camelot (5p)
- Prizes (50p)

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Big Lottery Fund

Big Lottery Fund is responsible for giving out half the money for good causes raised by the National Lottery, giving a budget of about £630 million a year. The funding covers health, education, environment and charitable purposes. They are committed to bringing real improvements to communities and the lives of people most in need.

BIG have a clear focus to fund projects and programmes within three key themes:

- supporting community learning and creating opportunity
- promoting community safety and cohesion
- promoting well-being.

These themes are supported by four outcomes that they hope their funding will achieve:

- people having better chances in life, including being able to get better access to training and development to improve their life skills
- strong communities, with more active citizens, working together to tackle their problems

- improved rural and urban environments, which communities are better able to access and enjoy
- healthier and more active people and communities.

Project Outcomes

BIG likes to know about the 'project outcomes' i.e. the changes that happen as a result of their funding. Groups are required to describe the outcomes that they expect to achieve in their application. Part of the decision on funding is based on the assessment of the quality of project outcomes. Projects may want to read through a booklet produced by BIG *Explaining The Difference Your Project Makes* for help on writing project outcomes. It also explains how to collect information to show what projects have achieved them.

New programmes are planned for 2007/8 so it is worth checking their website regularly at www.biglotteryfund.org.uk or call the advice line on 0845 410 2030.



Reaching Communities

The Reaching Communities programme provides funding to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need.

Communities are at the heart of Reaching Communities. BIG wants to fund projects that respond to needs identified by communities, and actively involve them. These include geographic communities and also communities with shared interests, such as people with poor mental health. They want to fund

projects that help those most in need including those people or groups who are hard to reach. BIG will give support to those projects they think best meet their communities' needs.

The three-year programme, launched on 7 December 2005, can give grants of more than £10,000 and up to £500,000, including a maximum of £50,000 for capital grants. They have set a maximum overall project size of £750,000 and £200,000 for the total capital

element within a project. Capital and revenue grants are available for projects lasting up to five years.

Projects need to demonstrate how they meet at least one of the Big Lottery fund outcomes.

Applications are assessed against how well they meet the following criteria:

- the proposed project outcomes meet an identified need and

help to achieve the programme outcomes

- the organisation can deliver the project well and achieve the proposed project outcomes.

It usually takes three to four months to make a decision on the grant and there are no set deadlines for applications.

For information visit www.biglotteryfund.org.uk or call the advice line on 0845 410 2030.



Advice Plus

Advice Plus aims to help people in need access good quality advice on their legal rights and responsibilities, so that they can avoid or overcome disadvantage. They will only fund projects focusing on legal rights and responsibilities.

Funding will only be open to those groups who are eligible to apply and can answer **YES** to **ALL** these questions:

- Are you a voluntary and community sector organisation?
- Do you have an idea for a project that will improve people's access to legal advice on their rights and responsibilities?
- Does your project involve working in partnership with all or most of the voluntary and community organisations that deliver legal advice services in your area, as well as other relevant statutory and commercial advice organisations?
- Can you explain the need for the project in detail and who will benefit from it?
- Do you need between £10,000 and £500,000 for a project last-

ing from one to five years?

- Will your project raise the quality of legal advice services?
- Can you sustain the benefits of the project when our funding ends?

Funded projects must deliver **all** of the following outcomes:

People in greatest need have better access to legal advice services that help them to avoid or overcome disadvantage and improve their lives.

People in greatest need receive timely, accurate and effective legal advice that is quality assured and joined up with other services, so they are better equipped to deal with their problems and improve their lives.

People in greatest need avoid disadvantage because commonly encountered legal problems are identified and prevented.

Website: http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_advice_plus

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BIG - Changing Spaces

Changing Spaces is an environmental programme focusing on three priority areas – community spaces, local community enterprise and access to the natural environment. It will invest around £200 million in environmental projects across England. The programme is being delivered in partnership with other organisations who are either delivering a large strategic portfolio or an England wide, open grants programme on their behalf.

Community groups across England are all set to spring clean their neighbourhoods with the launch of a £50 million lottery-funded grants programme.

The Community Spaces programme will provide grants and support to community groups wanting to make their neighbourhoods cleaner and greener. Community Spaces will help local people improve and create play areas, community gardens, parks, wildlife areas, ponds, courts and village greens.

Community Spaces

(run by Groundwork UK)

It funds community groups who want to improve local green spaces such as play areas, community gardens, parks, wildlife areas and village greens. Grants start at £10,000.

For more information visit www.community-spaces.org.uk

Local Food

(run by the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts)

This programme funds a range of organisations who want to deliver a variety of food related projects to make locally grown food more accessible and affordable to local communities.

There are three levels of funding available through Local Food:

Small Grants: £2,000 to £10,000,
Main Grants: £10,001 to £300,000,

Beacon Grants: £300,001 to £500,000.

For more information visit www.localfoodgrants.org

Community Sustainable Energy

(run by Building Research Establishment)

The Community Sustainable Energy Programme will help community-based organisations for the installation of microgeneration technologies, such as solar panels or wind turbines and energy efficiency measures including loft and cavity wall insulation. It will also provide development grants that will help community organisations establish a microgeneration and energy efficiency installation that will work for them.

For more information visit www.communitysustainable.org.uk

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Access to Nature (run by Natural England)

Access to Nature aims to encourage more people to enjoy the outdoors, particularly those who face social exclusion or those that currently have little or no contact with the natural environment - perhaps because they lack the confidence to get out and enjoy natural places or have few opportunities to do so and will award grants of between £50,000 and £500,000

For more information visit www.naturalengland.org.uk/accesstonature

Ecominds (run by Mind)

This programme is due to launch in mid 2008. It will fund a range of groups who want to encourage people with experience of mental distress to get involved in environmental projects, such as improving open spaces and wildlife habitats, designing public art and recycling.

For more information visit www.ecominds.org.uk

For information on any of the above, Changing Spaces Advice Line, 0845 3 671 671 or visit www.biglotteryfund.org.uk



BIG - myplace

myplace aims to deliver world class youth facilities driven by the active participation of young people and their view and needs.

Do you have the vision and drive to work with young people to deliver a world class place for them to go? If so, myplace may be able to help you turn your ideas into reality.

Funded projects must deliver all the following outcomes:

- more young people, parents and communities feel that young people have exciting and safe places to go in their leisure time where they can get involved in an attractive range of activities;
- more young people, particularly the most disadvantaged, participate in positive leisure time activities that support their personal

and social development;

- more young people have access to information, advice and support services from within places they feel comfortable;
- stronger partnership working between local authorities, third, private and public sector partners to plan, deliver and operate financially sustainable youth facilities with and for young people.

myplace will only fund projects that will deliver on all four of these outcomes and demonstrate evidence of the real participation of young people, particularly disadvantaged young people, in the development, design and future of running of the project.

For more information visit <http://digbig.com/4wwbh>
BIG advice line: 0845 4 10 20 30

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Funding Information Sheets Available

- Developing a Sustainable Fundraising Strategy (1)
- Identifying Funding for Your Organisation (2)
- Making a Successful Funding Application (3)
- Grant Schemes in South Bedfordshire (4)
- Local Government Grants (5)
- Local Trusts and Foundations (6)
- National Lottery Funding Streams (7)
- Introducing Social Enterprise (8)
- Environmental Grants (9)
- Full Cost Recovery (10)
- Budgeting For An Application (11)
- Funding for Places of Worship (12)
- Social Enterprise Resources (1)



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How can our Funding Advice Service help?

We can help you discover which grant making trusts, foundations or funders are the most appropriate for your organisation to approach for funding, help you to fill out the application form or provide help and support with any funding related issues.

Please give us a call on 01525 850559 to arrange a meeting so we can guide you through the maze of funding opportunities available.