



The National Lottery Community Fund

East London Meet the Funder
Location: Old Town Hall, Stratford
Date 12th Sept 2023



Agenda

1. Our New Strategy “It starts with community”
2. Our funding offer in England
3. Who & what we can fund
4. How to apply



African Caribbean
Community
Association

About the National Lottery Community Fund

- We're the largest single source of funding for community activities in the UK.
- National Lottery players contribute around £30 million to good causes every week.
- The National Lottery Community Fund distributes around £600m a year to communities across the UK
- Last year under Reaching Communities and Partnerships 6.6m across Hackney, Newham and Tower Hamlets.



Dance Syndrome

It starts with community – our 2030 strategy.

We support activities that create resilient communities that are more inclusive and environmentally sustainable - activities that will strengthen society and improve lives across the UK.



Our community-led missions

We're supporting communities to tackle the challenges they face, strengthening our grass roots funding. We've set four community-led missions where we'll focus funding, learning and efforts.

Our four community-led missions:

- supporting communities to come together
- supporting communities to be environmentally sustainable
- supporting communities to help children and young people thrive
- supporting communities to enable people to live healthier lives.



Focus on grassroots community funding

We will double both the size of available grant and the time any project can run for on National Lottery Awards For All, up to £20,000 over a period of up to two years.

This change will take effect from late autumn 2023.

This is the biggest change in National Lottery funding for a generation.



Who we support



Though our funding is available to all communities, we'll take an equity-based approach.

This means across all our work with communities and our four missions, we'll invest most in places, people and communities who experience **poverty**, **disadvantage** and **discrimination**.

Our Funding in England

Our current funding priorities



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 center, or online network



Early action to prevent problems and tackle inequalities

We support activity that empowers people to fulfil their potential, working to address problems at the earliest possible stage



Our funding offer

Have a look at our website for [National Lottery Awards for All Reaching Communities & Partnerships](#)

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



Music in
hospitals
and care

National Lottery Awards for All

- Grants from £300 up to £10,000 for one year
- Can only hold one grant and for a maximum of £10,000 within a 12-month period
- Prioritises groups with smaller incomes
- Applications must show meaningful community involvement in planning and delivery of work
- Organisations cannot apply to other programmes for the same project over the same period if awaiting decision
- Applications are on-line, using a response to 3 questions
- Apply at any time - decisions typically within 12 weeks



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Reaching Communities and Partnerships

- We can fund individual organisations or partnerships
- Grants over £10,000, running for up to 5 years
- Can apply at any time
- Applications are on-line with other formats available

Will fund:

1. Direct costs / project related costs
2. Organisational development
3. Core / fixed costs
4. Capital costs

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

Who we can't accept applications from:

- Individuals or sole traders
- Companies that can pay profits to directors, shareholders or members
- Organisations based outside the UK
- 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
- one organisation applying on behalf of another

Reaching Communities & Partnerships – how to apply

Your Proposal for Funding Form

We'll ask you:

1. What your organisation does
2. What you'd like to do
3. Where your work will take place
4. How you'll involve your community
5. How your work fits with local activities
6. Who will benefit & what difference you'll make
7. How much money you need & what you'll spend it on
8. How long you need the money for



Reaching Communities & Partnerships Application Process

Visit TNLCF website, check eligibility & apply online
- receive an acknowledgement email

If your proposal is not something we're interested in progressing, we'll let you know, providing feedback why in around 12 weeks

If we're interested in your proposal, you'll move to the next application stage and we'll ask for more information about your proposal and organisation

Submit the additional information & meet and/or chat with your Funding Officer to develop your proposal

Confirm completion of your full proposal & await a decision.

Reaching Communities & Partnerships – how to apply continued



If your application is eligible and fits well with our priorities, we'll ask for more information:

1. More detail about your proposal
2. Proposed budget
3. Overview of your financial position



Safeguarding

All Children and Adults at Risk have a right to protection and freedom from abuse or exploitation, regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage or racial culture, religious belief, sexual orientation, economic status or otherwise.

All grant holders need to have a tailored policy in place that explains how anyone involved in any activity will be safe.

The NSPCC have lots of [helpful advice about setting Up and following good child safeguarding policies.](#)

NCVO also host a number of [safeguarding resources.](#)

If we do fund your organisation, you must comply with [our safeguarding policy.](#)



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Reaching Community & Partnerships - If you're successful

Grant set up

- Return your offer letter and recent bank statement within one month
- Start your grant within six months

End of year & grant reporting

- How you've involved people from your community
- What difference the funding has made
- What you're learning
- How you're spending the money

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/managing-your-grant/over-10k>

Our flexibility



Cost of Living Challenges

We aim to support people and communities most adversely impacted by the cost-of-living crisis.

We want to do more than support organisations to survive; we want to support communities to thrive and grow.



Questions?

Find out more

Visit our website - www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk

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