

# THE GUIDE TO NATIONAL LOTTERY FUNDING



# THE NATIONAL LOTTERY IS FOR EVERYONE



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# WELCOME TO OUR GUIDE TO NATIONAL LOTTERY FUNDING

**The National Lottery has provided over £40 billion of funding to nearly 600,000 projects across the UK over the last 25 years. That funding spans arts, community, charity, film, heritage and sports activities and is distributed by teams of specialist funders for each of those sectors. This guide lists each funder and summarises the good causes they support.**

Founded in 1994, The National Lottery is a national treasure and one of which we can all be proud, particularly this year as we celebrate its 25th birthday.

Each week National Lottery players raise around £30 million for good causes, helping to transform the lives of thousands of people and communities across the UK.

I hope this guide acts as a useful way to find out more about The National Lottery and the amazing ideas it brings to life every day across the UK.

**Dawn Austwick**

Chair of The National Lottery Forum



# COMMUNITY



## THE NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND

**The National Lottery Community Fund is the largest community funder in the UK. We're passionate about funding great ideas that matter to communities and believe that communities thrive when people are in the lead.**

In the last 25 years, we have made over 200,000 grants, awarded over £9 billion to projects and positively impacted millions of people across the UK.

Awarding around £600 million a year, we offer grants from under £10,000 via National Lottery Awards for All and support charities and community groups with longer term funding and partnership working at a local level.

We listen to people and communities, supporting them to bring their ambitions to life and make a difference.

**Find out more about funding opportunities at:  
[tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding](http://tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding)**



# HERITAGE



Wales Kick the Dust (c) NHMF

## THE NATIONAL LOTTERY HERITAGE FUND

**The National Lottery Heritage Fund is the largest dedicated funder of heritage in the UK. We believe that understanding, valuing and sharing our heritage brings people together, inspires pride in communities and boosts investment in local economies.**

Investing around £200 million a year, we distribute grants, ranging from £3,000 to more than £5 million, to projects that sustain and transform heritage across the UK. We have awarded over £8 billion to more than 45,000 heritage projects across the UK.

We support museums, libraries and archives, historic buildings, industrial sites, parks, landscape and natural heritage, and the intangible: cultures and traditions. We encourage new groups to explore heritage, with two-thirds of applicants for grants under £100,000 applying for the first-time.

**Find out more about funding opportunities at:  
[heritagefund.org.uk/funding](http://heritagefund.org.uk/funding)**



# ARTS AND CULTURE



BFI Film Academy delivered by Ffresh in Cardiff



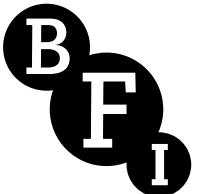
## BRITISH FILM INSTITUTE (BFI)

**BFI is the UK's leading cultural charity for film, television and the moving image, and we use National Lottery funds to help preserve the past and support the future. This includes caring for the National Archives, funding the next generation of UK filmmaking crew and talent, and helping audiences to access a wider range of UK and international cinema.**

Over the past 25 years, we (and our predecessors) have invested National Lottery funds in well over 400 UK independent films, which have attracted in excess of 100 million cinema admissions – and won over 400 awards such as Oscars® and BAFTAs. During our current five year plan, we will be investing around £48 million of National Lottery funding a year, with the amount of our awards in 2018/19 ranging from £2,000 to £5 million.

We work with government and industry to make the UK the most creatively exciting and prosperous place to make film internationally. We seek to reflect the diversity of the UK public in the films we support, the audiences who watch them, and the filmmakers, actors and crews who make them.

**Find out more about funding opportunities at:  
[bfi.org.uk/supporting-uk-film/film-fund](http://bfi.org.uk/supporting-uk-film/film-fund)**



# ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

**Arts Council England is the national development body for arts and culture across England.**

We invest money from government and The National Lottery to support a range of activities across the arts, museums and libraries – from theatre to digital art, reading to dance, music to literature, and crafts to collections. We believe that great art and culture inspires us, brings us together and teaches us about ourselves and the world around us.

Over the past 25 years we've invested over £4 billion from The National Lottery, funding 67,671 projects and organisations across England to help create cultural experiences for as many people as possible.

Between 2018 and 2022, we will invest £1.45 billion of public money from government and an estimated £860 million from The National Lottery.

**Find out more about funding opportunities at:  
[arts council.org.uk/funding](http://arts council.org.uk/funding)**



**ARTS COUNCIL  
ENGLAND**



The Bowes Museum



Cara Murphy

## ARTS COUNCIL OF NORTHERN IRELAND



**Arts Council of Northern Ireland funds people and organisations in Northern Ireland who develop and deliver arts programmes. Since 1995, we have awarded over 7,000 grants, totalling £179 million, to arts projects transforming the lives of countless people and communities.**

Over 25 years, National Lottery investment has helped to build a 21st century arts infrastructure, with a dedicated arts venue within 20 miles of everyone in Northern Ireland. Artists have created world-class work, more people have engaged with the arts through outreach programmes, and we have been able to tackle areas of social need. We promote peace and reconciliation, improve the wellbeing of our children and young people and the mental health of our older people.

**Find out more about funding opportunities at:**  
[arts council-ni.org](http://arts council-ni.org)



Open Doors Arad Goch

## ARTS COUNCIL OF WALES

**Since 1995, the Arts Council of Wales has awarded £294 million to 13,813 projects across Wales. During this time there has been a transformation of arts facilities in Wales, including new landmark buildings opened and a number of important refurbishments that have brought new life to old buildings in all parts of Wales.**

National Lottery funding has supported artists and organisations to make new and exciting work across the country, including Oscar nominated and BAFTA winning films. New funding programmes such as Creative Learning through the Arts have given over 100,000 children the chance to take part in new and innovative arts activities.

**Find out more about funding opportunities at:**  
[arts.wales/funding](http://arts.wales/funding)



# CREATIVE SCOTLAND

An incredible £583 million of National Lottery funding has been awarded to over 24,000 arts, screen and creative organisations and projects across Scotland over the last 25 years.

Creative Scotland supports Scotland's arts, screen and creative industries on behalf of everyone who lives, works or visits the country.

We award National Lottery funding and grants from Scottish Government to enable people and organisations to work in and experience arts, film and culture in Scotland.

The National Lottery has played a huge role in transforming the cultural landscape in Scotland, supporting and inspiring new work by individual artists, award-winning venues and facilities and renowned festivals.

It continues to help bring together communities and people from across Scotland to enjoy some of the very best artistic and creative experiences, adding joy and pleasure to people's lives.

Find out more about funding opportunities at:  
[creativescotland.com/funding](http://creativescotland.com/funding)



Hidden Door Festival

# SPORT



Alastair Brownlee competing at the ITU Triathlon Leeds

## UK SPORT

At UK Sport, our vision is to inspire the nation through Olympic and Paralympic success and in the last 25 years we have invested over £1.18 billion of National Lottery funding to make this a reality. Together with our partner sporting organisations, we work to support UK sportspeople to achieve medals at the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Our strategic direction helped British sports and athletes make history at the Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games by winning more medals than London 2012, when we hosted the historic event, with 67 Olympic and 147 Paralympic medals won. National Lottery funding has played a key role in this success.

We are responsible for UK-wide sporting activities, bidding for and staging major sporting events in this country; increasing sporting activity and influence overseas; and promoting sporting conduct, ethics and diversity in society.

Find out more about funding opportunities at:  
[uksport.gov.uk](http://uksport.gov.uk)



This Girl Can

## SPORT ENGLAND

**Sport England has an ambitious mission to transform sport and physical activity, enrich lives, build stronger communities and create a healthier, happier nation. We provide expertise, insight and funding to help everyone feel able to participate in sport and physical activity regardless of age, background or level of ability.**

Sport England invests up to £300 million of National Lottery and government money each year in local sporting offers and facilities, innovative new models that drive participation and inspiring national campaigns to help people get active and play sport.

Across England, the groups least likely to take part in sport or physical activity are women, disabled people and less affluent people. We work with partners, professionals and volunteers to reduce these inequalities.

**Find out more about funding opportunities at:  
[sportengland.org/funding](http://sportengland.org/funding)**



Paralympic gold winner Kelly Gallagher

## SPORT NORTHERN IRELAND

**Sport Northern Ireland has awarded more than £182 million of National Lottery funding to over 3,200 sports projects in Northern Ireland, representing over 70 different sports.**

As the leading public body developing sport in Northern Ireland, we are passionate about maximising the power of sport to change lives. We foster a strong sporting culture and a shared commitment to meaningful sporting outcomes. We achieve this through National Lottery funding outcomes.

Sport Northern Ireland's mission statement for the next five years is clear: by 2025 we want the power of sport to be recognised and valued by all.



**Find out more about funding opportunities on our website:  
[sportni.net/funding](http://sportni.net/funding)**





Misfits Netball Team

## SPORT WALES

**Sport Wales has awarded more than £300 million of National Lottery funding to over 10,000 sports projects in Wales, representing 80 different sports. These range from high profile, large-scale projects such as Wales National Pool Swansea, right down to small grants for grassroots clubs to enable them to deliver sport in their community.**

Our community grant schemes have changed the face of grassroots sport in Wales, ensuring that people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities have been able to access sport in their local area. Through National Lottery funding, we've helped create an active nation in which everyone can have a lifelong enjoyment of sport.

**Find out more about funding opportunities at:**  
**[www.sport.wales/funding-support](http://www.sport.wales/funding-support)**



Glenmore Lodge, National Outdoor Training Centre

## SPORTSCOTLAND

**sportscotland is the national agency for sport in Scotland with a vision for an active Scotland where everyone benefits from sport. Thanks to the support of National Lottery players, sportscotland help the people of Scotland get the most from the sporting system.**

Since The National Lottery launched 25 years ago, sportscotland has invested £199 million to 5,960 community sports projects in Scotland; funding sports facilities, creating playing fields and increasing sporting opportunities for millions of people.

We influence, inform and invest in the organisations and people who deliver sport and physical activity. We want people to be active more often. An active Scotland is one where people are encouraged to participate, progress and achieve in sport, becoming more active and staying active.

**Find out more about funding opportunities at:**  
**[sportscotland.org.uk/funding](http://sportscotland.org.uk/funding)**

**sportscotland**  
the national agency for sport

