



The National Lottery Community Fund

Funding Workshop – Stepping into Nature Conference 1 Nov 2022

Info current as of Nov 2022, please check website for any updates or changes



Putting Communities First

The new National Lottery Community Fund strategy will set the direction for the Fund up to at least 2030. It is focused on the best possible ways we can support communities to thrive.

- listen to what matters to communities, exploring thoughts and ideas, including through today's conversations
- combine what we hear with other sources of evidence to take judgements on where we can make the biggest difference for communities in the years ahead



For more information:
<https://www.puttingcommunitiesfirst.org.uk/>



Funding Priorities in England



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

Our support for communities

Under £10,000

National Lottery Awards for All - our most popular funding stream of small grants of between £300 and £10,000.

Over £10,000

We provide long-term support to single organisations through **Reaching Communities**, to help communities take action on the issues that matter to them.

We support organisations to work together through our **Partnerships** funding, inspiring joint action that goes beyond what any single organisation can achieve alone.

Awards for All England

- Grants from £300 up to £10,000 for one year
- Can apply at any time (Only one award in any 12 months)
- Applications are online
- Decisions typically within 12 weeks



Eligibility

Who can apply?

You can apply if your organisation is a:

- Voluntary or community organisation
- Constituted group or club
- Registered charity and Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
- Not-for-profit company or Community Interest Company
- Bank account in legal name of organisation
- Statutory body (including local authorities, town and parish councils)



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/directors that are not related.
- One organisation applying on behalf of another

For help with governance

Community Action
Network

<https://www.can100.org/Pages/Category/support-and-advice>



What can we fund?

CAN fund

- organisation's running costs
- small land or refurbishment projects
- equipment
- one-off events
- staff costs
- training costs
- transport
- utilities
- volunteer expenses

CANNOT fund

- Alcohol
- Statutory activities including improving educational attainment (PHSE, STEM, English, Maths)
- Recoverable VAT
- Paying someone else to write your applications
- Religious activities
- Contingency costs, loans, endowments or interest
- Profit-making/fundraising activities
- Overseas travel or project that take place outside of the UK



Our vision – Community lead

People Led

Ensuring the people you work with are meaningfully involved in the development, design and delivery of your work.

Strengths based

Supporting people and communities to build on the knowledge, skills and experience they already have to make the changes they want.

Connected

Demonstrating a good understanding of other activities and services in the community and showing how your proposal will complement these.

Application Process

3 Main Questions:

Your Project Idea

How Meet Priorities

How Involve Community

Your Project Idea

What would you like to do?

Here are some ideas of what to tell us about your project:

- What you would like to do
- What difference your project will make
- Who will benefit from it
- How long you expect to run it for. *(This can be an estimate)*
- How you'll make sure people know about it
- How you plan to learn from it and use this learning to shape future projects
- Is it something new, or are you continuing something that has worked well previously? We want to fund both types of projects

Maximum 300 words

(but do not worry if you use less)



How meet priorities

How does your project meet our funding priorities?

Details of how your project meeting at least one of these three things:

- Build strong relationships in and across communities
- Improve the places and spaces that matter to communities
- Help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage.

In addition to meeting one or more of the above funding priorities we are also able to fund projects that

- support people, communities and organisations that are facing increased demands and challenges as a direct result of the cost-of-living crisis.

Maximum of 150 words



Involving Community

How do you involve your community?

The Fund believe that people understand what's needed in their communities better than anyone.

- How does your organisation/project involve its community?
- How did the community come up with the idea?
- How did they help you come up with the current project idea?
- How might they be involved in developing the project?
- Are they involved in delivering the project?
- How do you get feedback about your services?

Maximum 200 words



What do we mean by community?

When we say community -

It should include:

- The people that take part and benefit from your project(s)

It can also could include:

- Your beneficiaries networks (such as family, friends, carers)
- The wider community that might benefit from your project

Communities come in all shapes and sizes and could include:

- People living in the same area
- People with a similar life experience
- People who have similar interests
- It could be an online community
- One of the Fund's principles is to be open to everyone and it is for you to define and describe your own community

Ways to involving

There is no 'one size fits all' approach to involving people in the design and delivery of projects. However people should be involved in a meaningful way. This will look different for different projects.

This is not an exclusive list, but offers some examples:

Consultation - Regular chats with community members, in person or on social media; surveys, focus groups, steering groups, open days.

Methods of delivering services - Peer Support; Social Action; Role of volunteers; Support Groups; Person Centred approaches; feedback and evaluation of services that informs

Governance and Decision Making - Organisation is led by people with lived experience; beneficiaries on your board or committee; methods from consultation list above

Management of Staff & Volunteers - Beneficiaries involved in: Recruitment; Training; Supervision (360 Reviews)

Voice - Championing views and voice of those who don't get heard; Providing Advocacy and developing advocacy skills



Common Unsuccessful reasons

- Lack of community involvement in developing the idea
- Budget costs don't clearly match with the project
- Smaller organisations are prioritised
- Organisation's online presence is inactive or out of date

DON'T MEET ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Asking for more than £10k or for a project that takes place over more than one year
- Project start date too close

INFORMATION is MISSING or INCORRECT

- Not attaching a bank statement with the correct information
- Misspelling the organisational name or the contact details - so details can't be verified
- Not answering all the questions
- Group state their legal status incorrectly
- Only 1 director is registered
- Connected contacts

Reaching Communities & Partnerships Application Process

Visit TNLCF website, check eligibility & apply online

Receive acknowledgement and possibly a request for extra information

Decision by the South West Panel and either invited to submit a Full Proposal or receive an unsuccessful email

Meet with your Funding Officer & submit a Full Proposal

Confirm completion of your Full Proposal & await a decision by final Decision Panel

Tips for Success

- ✓ Read the guidelines
- ✓ Involve your local community in the proposal and tell us how it is people led.
- ✓ Get a 'critical friend' to review your application before submission.
- ✓ If not successful first time, read the feedback, apply this and try again! (*but not if your ineligible!*)

Wednesday 23 November 2022

We are changing to a new online application system

If you start an application now:

- You will need to complete and submit it by noon on 23rd November (even if the system says you have more time)
- Any uncompleted application will not move over to the new system.
- If you will not be ready to complete and submit your application by then, you should apply on our new system from 2pm on 23rd November 2022

Insights from our funding

Over the last 25 years we've funded thousands of evaluations and learning reports on our grants and investments. This library offers a new way to access this evidence through a tagged and searchable library.

It includes:

- Case Studies
- Evidence Review
- Factsheet
- Guide
- Insight Report
- Local and National Evaluation
- Research

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/insights/documents>

Monthly Newsletter

- Hints and tips
- Info on funds
- Other stories

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30 youth led projects share in £2.2 million of Young Start funding

Projects helping thousands of young Scots to explore their creative talents are

www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/about/newsletter

Find out More

Visit our website - www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk

Awards for All

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REACHING COMMUNITIES & PARTNERSHIPS

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