



# The National Lottery Community Fund

Enabling Communities to  
take the lead



# **Your local Team**

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# Our Funding in England

❖ The National Lottery Community Fund (formerly known as The Big Lottery Fund) is the largest community funder in the UK, and one of twelve distributors of money raised by National Lottery Players.

❖ Most of our grants go to local charities, run by volunteers, and whether the grant is for £500, or £5m, our funding is used by communities to support amazing projects led by local people.

# Quote

Dawn Austwick, Chief Executive of the National Lottery Community Fund, says: “Groups and charities use our funding, be it £500 or £500,000, to bring people together, make good things happen and help their communities to thrive. We want to make sure that as many people as possible understand who we are, what we do, and how National Lottery funding could help them make a difference in their community.

# Our Vision: People in the Lead



❖ We believe people should be in the lead in improving their lives and communities. Our approach will focus on the skills, assets and energy that people can draw upon and the potential in their ideas.

❖ We feel that strong, vibrant communities can be built and renewed by the people living in them, making them ready for anything in the face of future opportunities and challenges.

# **Big Lottery Fund likes to support organisations who are:**

## **❖ People Led**

- Meaningfully involving the people you're working with in the development and delivery of your activity.

## **❖ Strengths based**

- Making the most of the skills that already exist in communities.

## **❖ Connected**

- Understanding what other relevant organisations are doing and developing good working relationships.

# Our funding priorities

## ❖ Stronger relationship

❖ 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 Funding in England

We give out money in three ways:

- £300 - £10,000 through **National Lottery Awards for All**
- Over £10,000 through new **Reaching Communities**
- Over £10,000 for people to work together through **Partnerships**

## Under £10,000

**National Lottery Awards for All:** our most popular funding stream, providing a quick and simple way to get small Lottery grants of between £300 and £10,000.

## Over £10,000

**Reaching Communities:** Flexible funding over £10,000 for up to five years to organisations in England who want to take action on the issues that matter to people and communities.

**Partnerships:** Through our Partnerships funding, we make grants over £10,000 for organisations which work together with a shared set of goals and values.



## Who can apply

- ❖ voluntary and community organisation
- ❖ registered charity or charitable incorporated organisation (CIO)
- ❖ group of organisations, as long as they are led by a voluntary and community organisation
- ❖ school
- ❖ statutory body (including *local authorities*, town, parish or community council)
- ❖ not for profit company including companies limited by guarantee and Community Interest Companies with two or more directors

## We cannot accept applications from

- ❖ individuals
- ❖ sole traders
- ❖ organisations based outside the UK
- ❖ anyone who is applying on behalf of another organisation
- ❖ organisations that are aimed at generating profits primarily for private distribution
- ❖ organisations without at least two unconnected\* people on the board or committee

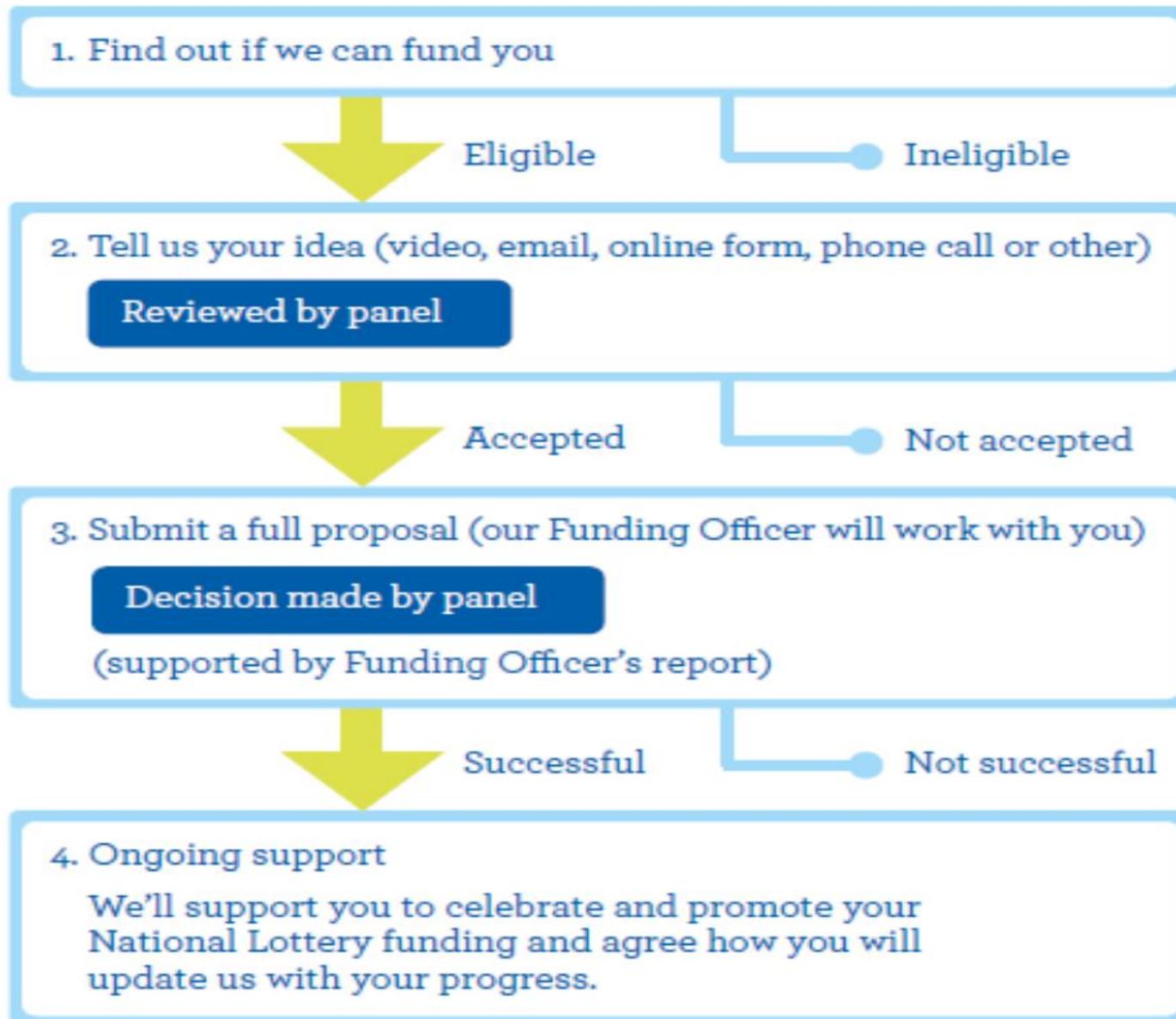
## **We can fund:**

- ❖ **staff salaries**
- ❖ **project activities**
- ❖ **running costs**
- ❖ **small scale refurbishment**
- ❖ **equipment**
- ❖ **organisational development**

## **We can't fund:**

- ❖ **activities that replace government funding**
- ❖ **political or religious activities**
- ❖ **profit-making activities for private gain retrospective costs**
- ❖ **loan repayments**

# The Application Journey



# Your idea

- ❖ what you want to do and why
- ❖ what difference you think your idea will make
- ❖ how people and communities are involved with your project
- ❖ the background to your organisation
- ❖ the length of your project budget and how much funding you'll need from us
- ❖ How your idea fits in with other activities

# Finding out more

Website:

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

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