

HOW?

Understanding the National Lottery funds

The National Lottery is controlled by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and is run by Camelot, a private sector consortium including Cadbury Schweppes, ICL, De La Rue and Racal. Camelot has so far raised over £12 billion for good causes, and its licence was renewed in 2001 for another seven years. Camelot has its own charitable trust, the Camelot Foundation, which is quite separate from the 'good causes' money.

Of the money received in sales 12% goes in tax,, 50% to prizes, 5% to the operator, 5% to retailers, with the remaining 28% going in donations to good causes. There are five good causes which share this money, they are: charities, arts, sport, heritage and the New Opportunities Fund. The funding is distributed 33.3% to the New Opportunities Fund (NOF) and the other good causes each receive an equal share. There are also some other 'good causes' which receive lottery money: the Film Council, Scottish Screen and the National Foundation for Youth Music. The National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (NESTA) received a one-off endowment.

NB. With the decline in lottery sales, the amount of money going to the good causes is declining and all distributors are having to re-assess their priorities for funding.

Contact

OFLOT (Lottery Regulator) tel: 0345 125596
Camelot, tel: 0645 100000
Department of Culture, Media & Sport,
tel: 020 7211 6200
Official government website:
www.culture.gov.uk/national_lottery/default.html

There is an internet portal - a one-stop-shop - with information on all the lottery programmes and how to apply at: www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk and a telephone hotline to provide the same information on tel: 0845 275 0000.

Arts

The Arts Councils distribute the arts' share, mostly as part of their general funding process. It is an on-going process - applications are often dealt with as they come in. In general bids are expected to be for more than £5,000 (apply to the Foundation for Sport and the Arts or Awards for All for lesser amounts). In addition, arts lottery schemes are also operated by the Film Council and the National Foundation for Youth Music.

Contact

Arts Council of England
tel: 020 7312 0123, www.artscouncil.org.uk
Film Council
tel: 020 7861 7861, www.filmcouncil.org.uk
National Foundation for Youth Music
tel: 020 7902 1060, www.youthmusic.org.uk

Awards For All

This is a programme for small local groups across the UK. The scheme is a combination of funds from each of the lottery distributors, although in Wales the Arts and Sports Councils are not involved. Projects could be in the area of arts, sports, heritage, charitable or community activity. Grants range from £500 to £5,000 and priority is given to groups with an annual income of less than £15,000 (£20,000 in Scotland). The priorities are: increasing participation; extending activities; increasing skills and creativity; making a difference to a community and longer term benefit.

Contact

Application pack phone line tel: 0845 600 2040,
text phone 0845 755 655, www.awardsforall.org.uk

Community Fund

The Community Fund (the operating name of the National Lottery Charities Board) is responsible for distributing money to charities and voluntary organisations.

Changes afoot

There are major changes in line for the Community Fund, the most important of which is the intended



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merger, after consultation, with the New Opportunities Fund. This is likely to happen within the next year or so. In addition, the Fund is moving towards an outcome funding approach. This means that organisations will have to demonstrate that they are making a measurable short term difference and contributing to making a long term difference to the lives of people they seek to help. The intention is that the Fund's present application assessment system will be scrapped in favour of one which will address just two questions: How far do the promised outcomes meet their policies and priorities? How likely are these outcomes to be achieved? by summer 2004. For more information about outcome funding see the briefing by DSC at:

www.dsc.org.uk/charityexchange/outcome_funding.html

Priorities

The amount of money the Community Fund has to distribute is reducing and so it has a set of six strategic priorities which targets money at specific beneficiaries and local authority areas. Priority groups are:

- children and young people
- people in areas of disadvantage
- disabled people and their carers
- black and minority ethnic communities (including travellers)
- refugees and asylum seekers
- older people and their carers.

These priorities apply to the Strategic grants, but each region has some, but not all, of these as priorities in their area.

Programmes

Grants for large projects is for groups whose total project costs more than £60,000 (or more than £30,000 if it involves property).

Grants for medium-sized projects is for groups whose total project (not just in one year) costs less than £60,000, or the total cost of any building construction or refurbishment work is less than £30,000 excluding VAT.

The **Strategic grants** programme is for UK-wide or England-wide projects, or for those covering more than one country of the UK or three or more England regions. Grants are made under the

Large or Medium grants programmes. There is no upper limit to the size of grant and funds are targeted to the six priority groups and the Fair Share areas.

The **International Grants Programme** (£60,000 plus) is aimed at UK based voluntary organisations working overseas. Up to five years funding is available and it will "fund development projects which address the causes of poverty and inequality and make a significant improvement to the quality of life of some of the most disadvantaged people". Funding priorities are: Education, Health, Natural Resources and Human Rights.

The **Research Grants Programme** (£500 - £50,000) funds high quality medical and social research in the areas of health and social well-being. Particular priorities are projects working with young people, older people, black and minority ethnic groups and people with learning difficulties. There is no closing date and decisions on grants are expected to be made three times a year. Groups should be able to show a track record of research ability.

The **Awards for All** programme gives small grants to small groups (see above).

Applications

Application forms are available in: English, Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, Gujarati, Punjabi, Somali, Swahili and Urdu from tel: 0845 791 9191, textphone: 0845 755 6656. Forms are also available from the website.

Contacts

UK & Corporate: The Community Fund, St Vincent House, 16 Suffolk Street, London SW1Y 4NL, tel: 020 7747 5299, textphone: 020 7747 5347

International grants team address as above, tel: 020 7747 5294

Research grants team: address as above, tel: 020 7747 5360

Strategic grants: First floor, Chiltern House, St Nicholas Court, 25-27 Castle Gate, Nottingham NG1 7AR, tel: 0115 934 2950, textphone: 0115 934 2951

Website: www.community-fund.org.uk

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Fair Share

A new partnership between the Community Fund and the New Opportunities Fund. This programme comprises three strands delivering £176 million ring-fenced fund over three years to 77 disadvantaged areas that have not had their fair share of Lottery funds. The three strands of fair share differ in both their aims and approaches and they are at different stages of development:

The **Community Fund** allocates funds to fair share areas through the Large and Medium grants programme and through its participation in Awards for All. In addition, **Countryside Communities**, a joint initiative between Community Fund and the Countryside Agency, will deliver, over five years, an extra £10 million to eight rural areas of England that haven't yet received their 'fair share' of Lottery funding.

The **New Opportunities Fund Fair Share Trust** has ring-fenced £50 million for 70 areas across the country for the next 10 years. Of the 70 areas, there are 45 in England, 14 in Northern Ireland, five in Wales and six in Scotland. The Trust will become a registered charity, with the funds being managed by the Community Foundation Network.

Transforming your space has £49.5 million available. Funding will be awarded to projects that will improve local environments, enabling communities to make them safer, healthier, greener, cleaner, better designed, more welcoming and accessible to all. National funding allocations available under this scheme will be delivered to complement ongoing national, regional and local strategies.

For further information about fair share see: www.nof.org.uk/index.cfm?loc=fairshare&inc=main

Heritage

The Heritage Lottery Fund distributes money raised by the Lottery to support all aspects of heritage in the UK, from historic buildings and museums to archives, nature conservation and oral history. It provides both capital and time-limited activity grants. For the period 2002 - 2007 there are four aims:

- to encourage more people to be involved and make decisions about their heritage
- to conserve and enhance the UK's diverse heritage
- to ensure that everyone can learn about, have access to and enjoy their heritage
- to achieve a more equitable distribution of grants across the UK, by making more grants available to those parts of the UK and those communities which have received little funding from us to date.

Applications need to match one of the 'strategic priorities': heritage conservation, national heritage, local heritage and heritage education and access. Heritage is taken as including:

- countryside, parks and gardens
- industrial, transport and maritime history
- local history archives, photographic collections or spoken history records
- historic buildings
- museum and gallery collections
- cultural and local traditions.

Projects runs by small local groups may find Awards for All (see above) and the Local Heritage Initiative (see separate HOW? Guidance sheet) more appropriate.

The Main Grants Programme funds capital expenditure which can be for physical work or purchases. There is no upper limit. Applications for projects over £500,000 now go through a two stage process. Revenue grants are usually up to £100,000, the priority for these grants is to widen and enhance popular access to the heritage. The minimum grant is £5,000 and partnership funding is required for heritage projects.

Contact

National Heritage Lottery Fund, 7 Holbein Place, London SW1W 8NR, tel: 020 7591 6000, textphone: 020 7591 6255, website: www.hlf.org.uk

Millennium Fund

Supposedly a temporary beneficiary until the year 2000, the Millennium Commission is still with us. It runs: the Millennium Awards to individuals - a number of which are still continuing; has given a £100 million endowment for future awards to

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individuals to unLTD and has set up ReDiscover - a £33 million renewal fund for science centres and museums across the UK.

Contact

The Millennium Commission, Portland House, Stag Place, London, SW1E 5EZ, tel: 020 7880 2001, fax: 020 7880 2000
www.millennium.gov.uk

New Opportunities Fund

Set up in 1998, the New Opportunities Fund's areas of benefit are identified by the Secretary of State, and are health, education and environment. The Fund delivers programmes that are designed to improve the quality of life for people and communities, address disadvantage, encourage community participation and complement Government strategies. Applications for current initiatives can be submitted at any time; the exact programmes vary slightly for each country.

Contact

New Opportunities Fund, 1 Plough Place, London EC4A 1DE www.nof.org.uk
General tel: 0845 0000 121
Textphone tel: 0845 602 1659

Sport

The Sports Councils are distributing the Sports lottery money. The division of funds is based on population. It is an on-going process - applications are dealt with as they come in. Each Sports Council has its own priorities and programmes, Sport England has two core funds: a Community Projects Fund for local projects everyone can access and a World Class Fund targeted at producing the medal winners of tomorrow and delivered in partnership with Sport UK. Both funds are open to capital and revenue costs. However, Sport England is currently reassessing its grant making because of funding difficulties - see their website for further information. In Wales only capital projects are funded, organisations only, not individuals. Scotland and Northern Ireland also fund both individuals and organisations with a wide variety of projects and programmes.

Contact

Sport England, tel: 0845 7649 649
www.sportengland.org

NESTA (National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts)

Established to support and promote talent, innovation and creativity in the fields of science, technology and the arts, NESTA has an endowment of £200 million from the National Lottery. It has four programmes (largely aimed at individuals): Invention and Innovation, Fellowship, Learning and Graduate Pioneer (launched June 2003).

Contact

NESTA, Fishmongers' Chambers, 110 Upper Thames Street, London EC4R 3TJ, tel: 020 7645 9500, website: www.nesta.org.uk

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