



Funding Guides



FUNDING GUIDE 12 : The National Lottery

For every £1 that the public spends on Lottery tickets, 28 pence go to the Lottery 'Good Causes'. These are the arts, charities and voluntary groups, heritage, health, education, the environment and sports. Lottery funders are independent organisations that distribute the 'Good Causes' money to local communities and national projects.

For England, the distributors of Lottery money are:

- Arts Council England
- Awards for All
- Big Lottery Fund
- Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF)
- NESTA (the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts)
- Sport England
- UK Film Council
- UK Sport.

The Ethical Aspect of Applying for Lottery Money

Some parishes may question whether they should have anything to do with the National Lottery. Each parish is free to make its own decision. The policy agreed nationally in 1995 by the House of Bishops is as follows:

"Throughout the debate on the establishment of the National Lottery, the Church of England, along with other churches, has made known its reservations. We accept freely our own financial responsibility in worship, witness, evangelism and pastoral care, and see no basis on which Lottery money should be used by the Church in these areas.

"However, it is clearly the Government's intention that the Church's heritage responsibilities should attract grants from public funds made available through the Lottery.

"Sometimes the Church resists proposed changes in our society, but when the decision is made we have to live with it. In this instance we recognise that the Government has made it clear that the Lottery is the way it will increasingly fund heritage and charitable and other matters.

"The decision whether or not to apply for such help is a matter for the responsible body in each case."

It should be noted that the HLF will not, in any event, provide money for worship, witness, evangelism or pastoral care: the HLF's priorities are learning, conservation and participation.

In the case of the 'Repair Grants for Places of Worship' scheme (see Funding Guide 12a), if a parish decides not to seek Lottery funding on moral grounds, this should be indicated on the application form and supported by the relevant PCC resolution. Any grant will then be offered from English Heritage (EH) alone. However, EH's remit is more restricted than that of the HLF (in practice, it will only fund grade I or II* buildings) and you should check before applying that you are eligible for EH help.

The Arts Council can also arrange other funding if a parish cannot accept lottery funding. A letter explaining this and including the PCC resolution should accompany the normal application material.

'Awards For All' Scheme

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'Awards for All' is a joint Lottery grants scheme aimed at local communities, supported in England by the Arts Council England, the Big Lottery Fund, the Heritage Lottery Fund and Sport England. The scheme is operated independently from these and its aims are broader than those of the individual lottery distributors. Eligible projects may involve art, sport, heritage and community activities, as well as promoting education, the environment and health in the local community.

'Awards for All' is a grant scheme for local groups and awards small grants (£300 - £10,000 in England / £500 - 10,000 in Scotland and Northern Ireland / £500 - £5,000 in Wales).

To be eligible you need to show how you will meet at least one of the following aims: to extend access and participation by encouraging more people to become actively involved in local groups and projects, and by supporting activities that aim to be open and accessible to everyone who wishes to take part; to increase skill and creativity by supporting activities which help to develop people and organisations, encourage talent and raise standards; to improve the quality of life by supporting local projects that improve opportunities, welfare, environment or local facilities, for example through voluntary action, self-help projects, local projects or events.

For further information, the application pack and guidance notes please see the 'Awards for All' website or call the General Enquiries number above. The 'Awards for All' scheme is run from two regional offices. The guidance notes provide further details on which office is responsible for your region.

Update: Following a review of the Awards for All England programme, changes are to be made to this small grants scheme's existing format when it comes to an end in March 2009. From 1 April 2009 each of the lottery distributors supporting the scheme will have their own small grants programmes up and running. Applications can still be made under the current arrangements until 31 March 2009.

The change will mean that each distributor can better address the needs of their applicants and the themes they support. Overall, across all the distributors, it is anticipated that new money available for small grants in 2009-10 will be comparable to money that was available to community groups through Awards for All in 2008-2009.

To ensure this change will be as seamless as possible, the distributors will each run their own small grants programme as follows:

- **Big Lottery Fund** will launch a new small grants programme on 1 April 2009 awarding grants of £300 to £10,000 to local communities in 2009-2010.
- **Sport England** will provide small grants for sports ranging from £300 - £10,000 from 1 April 2009.
- **Arts Council England** will provide small grants through their existing 'Grants for the arts' programme, supporting awards between £1,000 and £100,000.
- **Heritage Lottery Fund** small grants will be provided through the existing 'Your Heritage' (£3,000 to £50,000) and 'Young Roots' (£3,000 to £25,000) schemes.

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These Funding Guides have been developed by a "Good Practice" group of the National Stewardship Committee of the Church of England and are intended to support your church's fundraising. They are available on-line at www.parishresources.org.uk/funding or at www.churchcare.co.uk/funding.php