

The National Lottery Community Fund

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About the National Lottery Community Fund

- We're the largest single source of funding for community activities in the UK
- National Lottery players contribute around £30 million to good causes every week
- The National Lottery Community Fund distributes around £600m a year to communities across the UK
- Since April 2021, we have awarded around £3.1m in Bassetlaw- £2.6m through Reaching Communities (11 projects), £500k through Awards for All (£56 projects)

Our New Strategy: It Start with Community

Our New Strategy - It starts with community

In June 2023 we published our strategy, *It starts with community*. We set out how we will make a bigger difference in the years ahead, by listening and responding to communities and by focusing on supporting bolder change.

Our strategy is built around three hallmarks:

1. Strengthening our grassroots community funding

Enhancing National Lottery Awards for All

2. Bolder in pursuit of change

Through four community-led missions

3. Building on the success story of the National Lottery

New values and renewal of our ways of working

Our community-led missions



Our funding supports communities across the UK to:

Come together

Help children and young people thrive

Enable people to live healthier lives

Be environmentally sustainable

Our funding has always supported these areas. Now we're going further, bringing renewed focus to make a bigger impact.

England Mission Focus Areas



Across England, we will prioritise the following outcomes:

All delivered through a blend of small grants, Reaching Communities, national and regional partnerships, targeted programmes and grant holder support.

Inclusive places, spaces and activities, prioritising communities least set up to help people come together

Positive social and emotional skills development, supporting babies, children, young people and their families to navigate key transition points in their lives

Tackling health inequalities

Environmental justice and access to quality nature

Taking an equity-based approach to tackling inequality

England Portfolio



Alongside our flagship Reaching Communities and Awards for All programmes, we will also be launching several new grant programmes and partnerships over the coming years:

- The Solidarity Fund
- Community Power Fund
- You Decide -Community Leaders Programme
- Grant Holder Support Programme National Early Years Partnership
- National Youth Work Partnerships
- Greater investment into environment & climate projects.

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Current Callouts for EOI's



Community Power Fund

- £100m over 10 years in dozens of Neighbourhoods investing in projects that aim to build community empowerment

You Decide

- 5% of £500m portfolio each year to communities to directly decide which good causes our funding should support
- We will do this in a range of ways across our portfolio, but we will only partner with organisations who involve communities in funding decisions in a way that builds community capacity in some way.

Grant Holder Support Programme

- £150m to building resilience of existing and developing civil society organisations and communities
- We will design a support programme with partners, which will launch in Autumn 2025.

Key Messaging up to Spring 2025

Reaching Communities

We're starting to make some changes to Reaching Communities to fit our new strategy.

Where possible, we strongly recommend that you do not apply until we launch our new criteria in Spring 2025.

Until then we:

- Along with our current priorities, we will start to prioritise projects that fit best with [our vision for funding in England](#)
- We are expecting higher demand, so your chance of success is lower
- Turnaround time around 16 weeks for the Idea Stage (currently 12 weeks)
- Will not be able to have a feedback call with most unsuccessful applicants
- Advise you not to apply again for the same project if you've been unsuccessful.

Awards for All

Will continue to be accepting applications but will work more towards the new missions as well as the current priorities

We offer funding from £300 to £20,000. And can support your project for up to two years.

You can apply for funding to deliver a new or existing activity or to support your organisation to change and adapt to new and future challenges.

We can fund projects that'll do at least one of these things:

- bring people together to 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
- support people, communities and organisations facing more demands and challenges because of the cost-of-living crisis.

What to think about for Spring 2025

Missions Framework



Mission	Who for?	Overarching outcomes
Communities come together	For everyone, focused most on those experiencing poverty, disadvantage and discrimination – and the intersection of these.	<p>1.1 Communities have inclusive places and activities (physical and virtual), that bring people from all backgrounds together</p> <p>1.2 People are empowered and make a positive difference to their communities</p> <p>1.3 People feel a sense of safety, belonging and trust in other people in their local area</p> <p>1.4 People have positive relationships and connections</p>
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Communities are environmentally sustainable	For everyone, focused most on those at risk of negative environmental impacts, and/or least engaged in environmental action.	<p>4.1 Community organisations have a positive impact on the environment (in relation to nature, pollution and/or climate)</p> <p>4.2 People are empowered and make a positive difference to the environmental impact of their communities</p> <p>4.3 Communities prepare for and adapt to changes in climate</p> <p>4.4 People have access to quality natural spaces in their communities, enabling regular connection to nature</p>

Projects can meet more than one mission



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REACHING COMMUNITIES

- Moving wholly to the community missions in Spring 2025 - exact timing TBC
- Work around criteria and the details of how the new Reaching Communities will work from Spring are still in progress
- 2025/26 will still be a year of transition as we work through applications submitted under the current Programme Priorities for Reaching Communities
- Due to current messaging telling people to wait until Spring, demand is expected to be very high and the process highly competitive

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