



Big Lottery Fund

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 **The National Lottery**[®]



Outline

- Overview of the Fund
- Our funding principles
- Early contact
- Funding your project
- Top tips for success

BIG's share of the Lottery pound



- 28p to good causes
- This is shared between all Lottery distributors
- 11p (40%) to Big Lottery Fund
- 17p shared between Sport England, Arts Council and Heritage Lottery Fund

Big Lottery Fund Mission



“The Big Lottery Fund is committed to bringing real improvements to communities and to the lives of people most in need”

Outcomes funder



- People having better chances in life with better access to training and development to improve their life skills
- Stronger communities with more active citizens working together to tackle their problems
- Improved rural and urban environments which communities are better able to access and enjoy
- Healthier and more active people and communities

Early contact



Investing in Projects (big and small)

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Awards for All

- 90% of awards
- up to £10,000

Reaching Communities

- £10,000 +
- better
- simpler
- quicker



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Awards for All - summary



- £300 - £10,000 (capital and revenue funding available)
- Maximum of £10,000 per year
- All grant money must be spent within 12 months
- Each organisation is allowed to apply for and have one grant at a time. So, make sure what you are applying for is definitely what you need the most!

Awards for All - Who Can Apply?



Eligible

- Voluntary Groups
- Schools
- Parish/Town Councils
- Health Bodies

Not Eligible

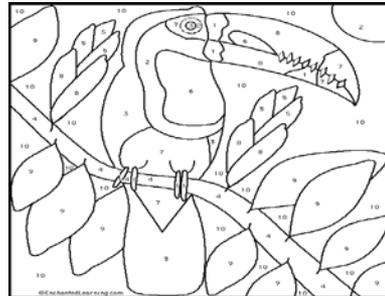
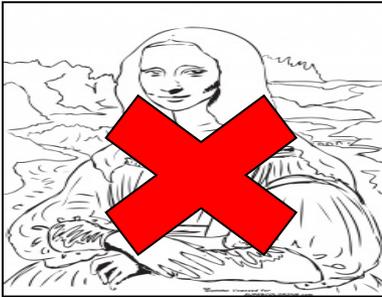
- Individuals/sole traders
- Profit making organisations



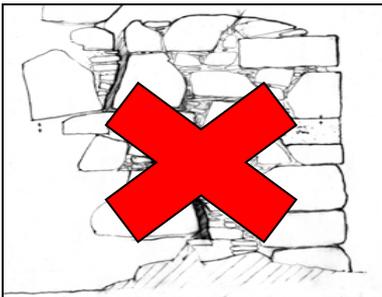
Awards for All-Eligibility



Using sport as a means to get people fit and healthy



Using art as a way of engaging people and helping them work through issues



Using heritage and storytelling to bring different generations together to break down barriers

What Awards for All will pay for?

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Equipment
Hire/Purchase

Venue Hire

Feasibility
Studies

Volunteer expenses

Training

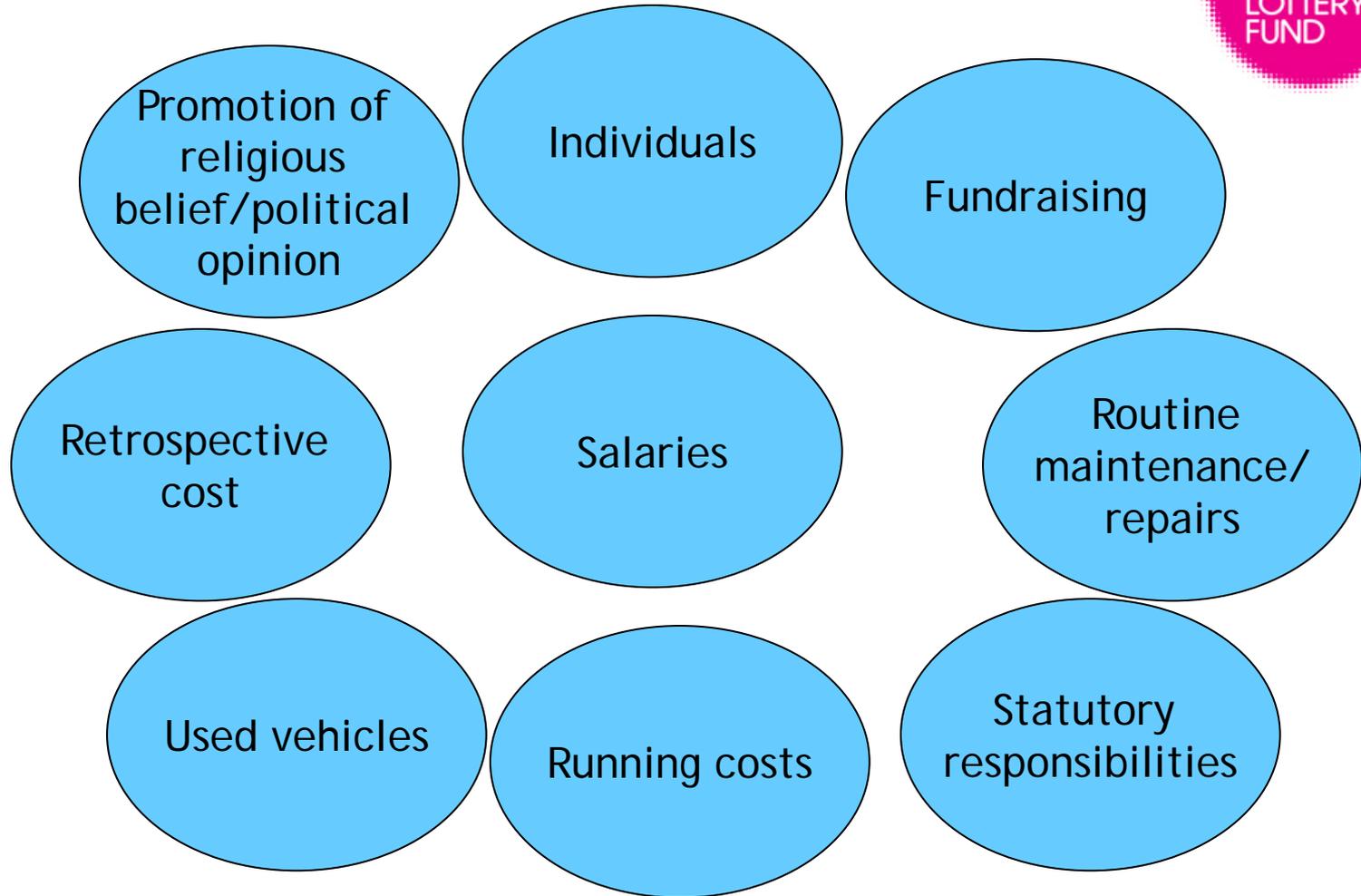
Transport Costs

IT
Equipment

Upgrading
Equipment

Session
Workers

What Awards for All won't fund



Reaching Communities - summary



- £10,000 +
- We can fund over £500,000 - no upper limit
- However we expect average grant size to still be around £300,000
- 1-5 years funding
- Two stage application process
- Up to £100,000 capital (land, buildings or refurbishment)

Reaching Communities Buildings - summary



- £100,000 + (capital and revenue funding available)
- Up to 5 years funding
- Multi-purpose buildings
- Eligible areas (check website)
- Mainly refurbishment and alterations
- 3 stage application process

The Reaching Communities refresh: More responsive funding



- More flexibility about the amount of funding available
- Clearer indication, earlier in the process, of the chances of receiving funding
- Revenue and capital funding together
- No total project cost limits

You must contact us if.....



- You are applying for Reaching Communities Buildings project

OR

- You are planning to apply for more than £500,000

OR

- Your project has previously been funded by us



The Big Advice Line



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Top Tips for success

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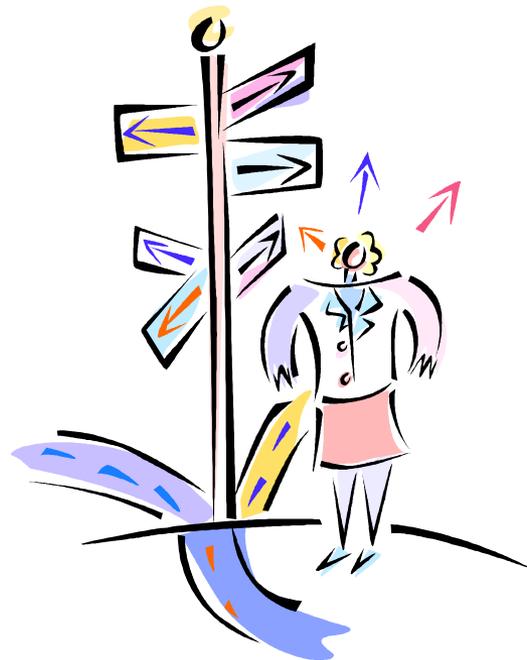
Make this your checklist



10 - Read the guidance notes



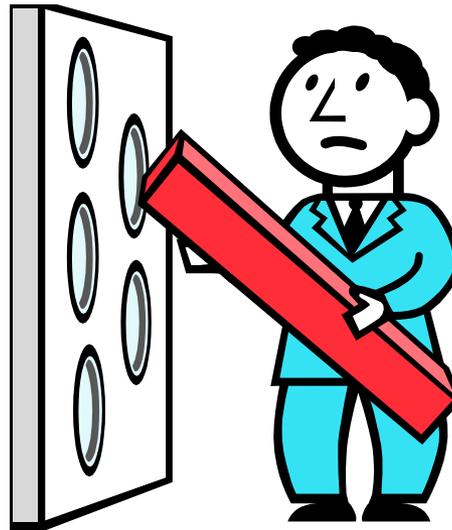
It's written for the benefit of the applicant



9 - Don't chase funding streams



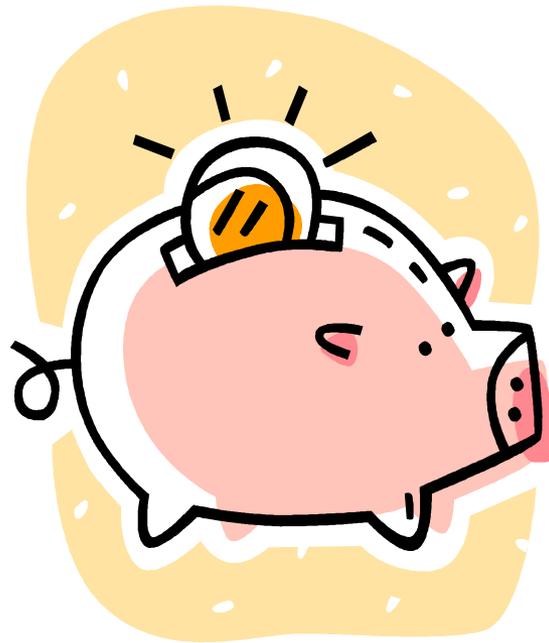
Funders can tell if you're forcing your project to fit



8 - Get your finances sorted



Know your budget



7 - Get your governance sorted



Insurances, policies and procedures



6 - Evidence the need



It's not just about what you think



5 - Find a critical friend



They can be more honest



4 - Be aware of timescales



Consider the time you will need to allow



3 - Involve your beneficiaries



They will be fundamental to the design of the project



2 - Outcomes



Are you clear about the difference your project will make



1 - Plan your project



Know how it links to your organisation and your aims



Where to get help



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