

# Big Lottery Fund

Enabling Communities to take the lead



Your local Funding Officer

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# Our Local presence



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# What we will cover today

- Our new approach to grant making
- What this means for you
- Further discussion

# How we are funded



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## National Lottery Sales including:

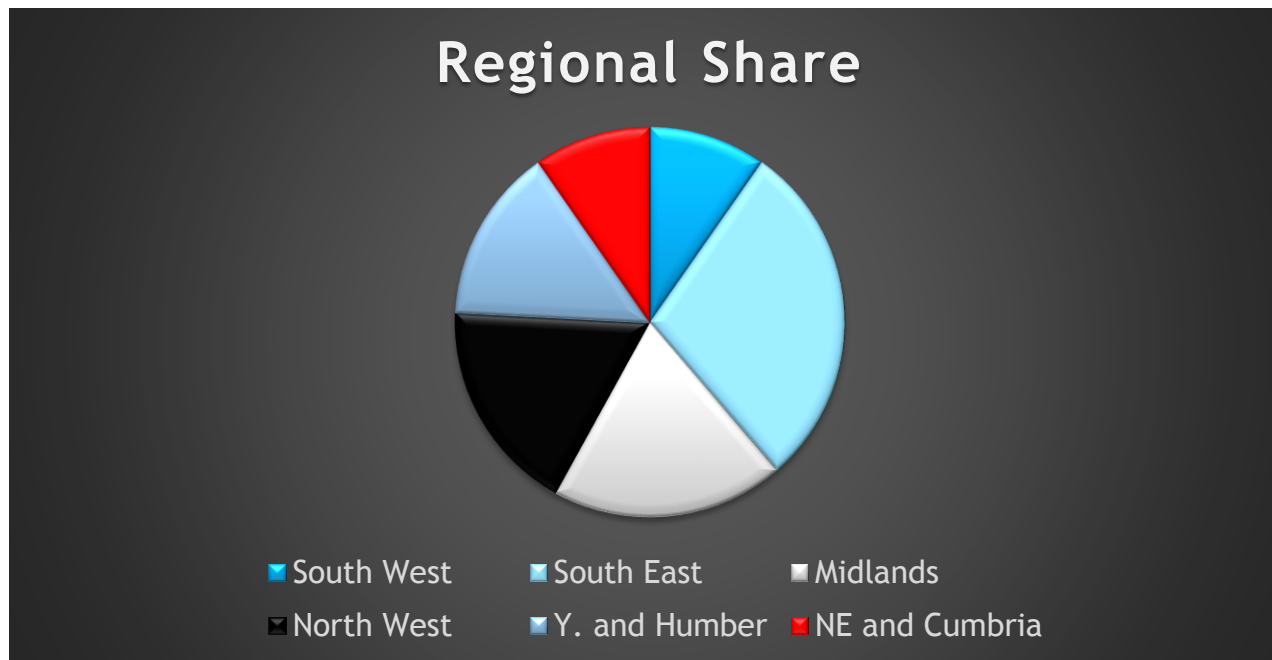
- National Lottery
- Euro-millions
- Lottery Scratch Cards





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# Big Lottery Fund England Distribution







## NE and Cumbria by Local Authority

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There are 18 local authorities in the NE and Cumbria. How many grants per local authority area (per year) do you think we could award based on an average size RC grant of £350k?

**TWO**

# Changes to our ways of working

What we've done:

- Introduced - A North East and Cumbria Hub
- Designed simpler guidance and processes
- Working collaboratively with others



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# Our Vision: People in the Lead



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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.





# People in the Lead

What does this mean for you?



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**Ideas** - We're interested in the origin of your ideas

**Design & Development** - We're interested in how your idea has been developed

**Influence** - We're also interested in how you will collect feedback from people involved in the idea

# Making a difference



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# Our funding priorities



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## Stronger relationships

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

# National Lottery Awards for All



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In 2016/17 we gave out £67.6 million to more than 7,000 projects

- Eligibility - smaller grassroots community organisations and larger organisations which are valued by their communities.
- Funding one off activities or testing new ideas.
- Can apply at any time.
- Our most popular programme in England
- Grants of up to £10,000 for one year.



# Reaching Communities



In 2016/17 we gave out £212 million to more than 600 projects

- **For ideas costing above £10,000**
- **What will we fund?**
  - Project costs
  - Organisation development
  - (skills & capabilities)
  - Capital costs

Organisations and communities with an aspiration to work together on big challenges.

- **How to apply is changing to meet the needs of our customers. It will begin with a conversation**



# Partnerships



In 2016/17 we awarded over £19 million to 25 projects

## Eligibility

Ideas that inspire joint action that goes beyond what any single organisation can achieve alone.



## What will we fund?

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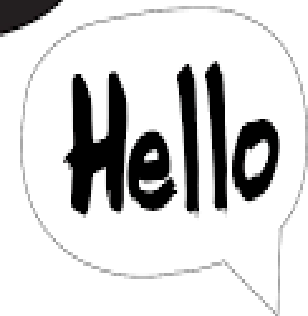
# TOP TIPS

**Make this your checklist**



# Speak to us first

If you want to apply to Reaching communities -  
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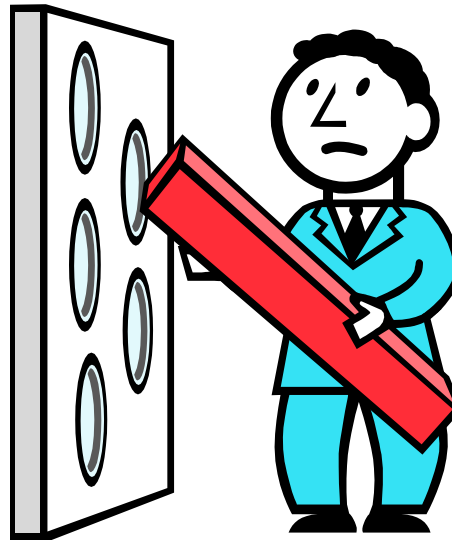


# Don't chase funding streams



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



# Who else is doing this work?



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Is there others in your area doing this work - we can't fund everyone



# Keep in touch with your Funding Officer



**When putting  
applications  
together -**

**who needs to be  
part of the  
conversation**

# Find out more



Talk to your local Funding Officer

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# Any Questions

