



Micro Rainbow, London

Community funding in England



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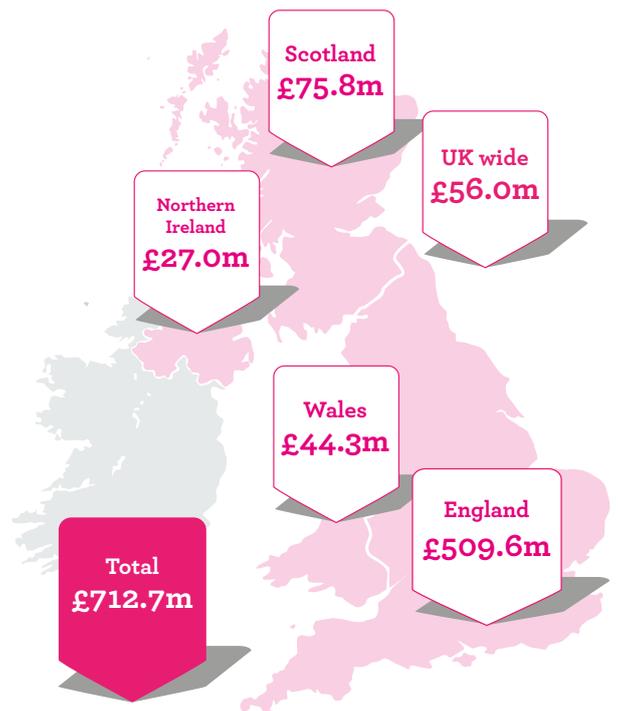
Big Lottery Fund is the largest community funder in the UK.

Each year, we distribute millions of pounds of the National Lottery's good causes money to community groups and charitable projects around the UK.

A snapshot of funding in the UK for 2016/17

-  **13,814** Grants in total
-  **9.3m people** reached by our funding
-  **£67.6m** of grants are National Lottery Awards for All and for <math>< \pounds 10,000</math>
-  At least **1** project funded in every local authority

Money awarded by country



Here are some examples of beneficiaries supported by our funding

-  **£164.3m** Awarded to projects supporting children and young people
-  **£75.3m** Awarded to projects supporting older people
-  **£81.2m** Awarded to projects supporting people with disabilities

Our funding in England

We believe people should be in the lead when improving their lives and communities.

Our approach focuses on the skills and energy people can draw upon and the potential in their ideas.

We are asking what matters to communities, not what's the matter with them.

We are interested in ideas that support:

- Relationships – supporting ideas that bring people together, strengthening relationships in and across communities.
- Places and spaces – supporting people to shape and sustain the places that matter to them, like a park, community centre or an online network.
- Early action – supporting activity that empowers people to fulfil their potential, working to address problems at the earliest stage.

We do this through:

- Funding grassroots community action across England.
- Offering long-term, flexible funding and support to charities and community groups.
- Supporting organisations to work together with others to improve communities and solve problems.
- Working more closely with other funders.



People First Tameside



Oxford City Farm



Whizz-kidz, across England

What funding is available?

National Lottery Awards for All: £300 – £10,000

- Grants for grassroots and community activity that aims to improve life for local people and neighbourhoods.
- It doesn't have a deadline, so you can apply at any time.
- This is our most popular grants programme, so we will prioritise groups with smaller incomes.
- We recommend you send us your application at least four months before you want your project to start.
- We are planning changes to this programme in the coming months, make sure you check our website regularly to keep up-to-date.

Reaching Communities: £10,000 – £500,000

- Funding for voluntary or community groups.
- We will fund up to £100,000 for capital expenditure.
- The most important thing is that you tell us about your ideas to make positive changes in your community.
- Eligible organisations are voluntary or community groups such as a charity, co-operative, social enterprise or community interest company (CIC), a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee, or a statutory organisation such as local authority or school.
- Partnerships are also welcome to apply as long as a lead applicant is identified.
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Next steps

If you would like to apply for funding, visit biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding to find out more. We want to talk to you about your ideas early on so we can give you the best funding advice. Feel free to call the Big Advice team on 0345 4 10 20 30