



# National Lottery Awards for All Scotland

Guidance for online applications



**AWARDS  
FOR ALL  
SCOTLAND**

**NATIONAL  
LOTTERY FUNDED**



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### No application deadline

**There is no closing date for National Lottery Awards for All Scotland**, applications can be made at any time. However, it's important to submit your application at least 12 weeks before your project will start. This is because it takes around 10 weeks to reach a decision on your application, and if you're successful, a further two weeks to pay out funding.

You should not submit more than one National Lottery Awards for All application, as we will only consider one application at a time from any organisation.

# 1. National Lottery Awards for All Scotland checklist

Please use this information as a guide when completing your online application.

## **Gather contact details and dates of birth for two people from your organisation.**

One of these people will need to be the 'legally responsible contact'. Please see Section 5 of the application form for more information about who this should be. By 'unconnected' we mean not related by blood, marriage, in a long-term relationship or people living together at the same address.

## **Obtain a copy of your organisation's bank statement from the last three months (or a bank welcome letter if you have opened a new account in the last three months)**

This should be for the account you want us to pay your grant into. It must show:

- Your organisation's legal name
- The address the statements are sent to
- The bank name
- Account number
- Sort code
- Date (must be within last three months)

## **We can't accept statements;**

- with an abbreviated organisation name
- over three months old
- that do not include ALL of the information detailed above

## **Familiarise yourself with how we will check the information you will provide us on [biglotteryfund.org.uk/informationchecks](https://biglotteryfund.org.uk/informationchecks)**

## **Fill in your application form making sure you complete every section.**

## **Ensure you have read the terms and conditions and are happy to accept them.**

## **Submit your application, ensuring you have attached a copy of your bank statement.**

We will review your application and aim to let you know if you have been successful within 10 weeks. If successful, your money will be paid into the nominated bank account within two weeks of a decision. Then it's time to start your project! Let us and others know all about it.

## 2. Who can apply?

### You can apply if your organisation is a:

-  **Voluntary or community organisation**
-  **Registered charity**
-  **Constituted group or club**
-  **Community interest company (CIC)**
-  **Social enterprise**
-  **School**
-  **Statutory body**  
(including town, parish or community council)

### We cannot accept applications from:

-  **Individuals**
-  **Sole traders**
-  **Organisations that are aimed at generating profits primarily for private distribution**
-  **Organisations based outside the UK**
-  **One organisation applying on behalf of another**

These organisation categories are for guidance only. If you're unclear whether you can be funded, please contact us.

## Help with your application

If you have any questions about the application process that this guidance hasn't answered, or you have been unsuccessful in your application and are wondering what to do next, you can visit our website at [biglotteryfund.org.uk/scotland](https://biglotteryfund.org.uk/scotland) for further information, or you can contact us on 0300 123 7110, or at [advicescotland@biglotteryfund.org.uk](mailto:advicescotland@biglotteryfund.org.uk).

### Do you find completing a written form difficult or impossible?

Please let us know if you have any communication support needs that make completing an application form difficult for you. We are happy to discuss alternative ways for you to tell us about your idea. This could include things like meeting in person, discussing your idea through an interpreter or with a notetaker, or arranging translations. When finding the best way to help we will take into account your preference. If your preferred option will cost money, we are happy to pay for any reasonable expenses.

### 3. What's it all about?

National Lottery Awards for All Scotland is a partnership between the Big Lottery Fund, sportscotland and Creative Scotland, which offers funding from **£300** to **£10,000** to support what matters to people and communities. While the projects we fund usually last for up to 12 months, we know that some can take a little longer, and other grants are for one-off events.

Please note we can only fund your organisation for a maximum of £10,000 within a 12 month period and you can only hold one grant at a time. If you're looking for inspiration, you can use our funding finder to see what we've funded [biglotteryfund.org.uk/funded-projects](http://biglotteryfund.org.uk/funded-projects)

#### What are we looking for?

National Lottery Awards for All Scotland has a number of funding priorities and your project idea must meet at least one of these. We will use your answers in section 2 of your application form to make a decision, so please tell us there how your project will:

- bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities
- improve the places and spaces that matter to communities
- enable more people to fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage

It's important to us that you involve your community in the design, development and delivery of the activities you're planning, so please tell us how you've done this. We believe this will help your project to be better supported by the energy and strengths that exist within your community and it is more likely to be successful as a result. By community, we mean people living in your local area, people who share a common interest, or people who experience similar barriers and issues.

We are keen to support smaller organisations. To achieve this, we'll take your organisation's income into consideration as part of our overall decision.

#### Applying for an arts-based project?

Please note that if you are applying for a project involving the arts, we will prioritise projects that:

- Engage people from areas of high deprivation
- Remove financial barriers to access creative activities
- Address rural isolation and encourage activity in rural areas
- Engage older people, people in care homes and carers
- Engage care leavers
- Support integration of refugees and asylum seekers.

Please also note that you cannot apply to both National Lottery Awards for All and Creative Scotland for the same project. In addition, organisations in receipt of Creative Scotland's Regular Funding are not a priority for support.

Finally, arts-based applications requesting only equipment and materials are also not a priority for support, although you can include costs for equipment and materials as part of a wider project budget.

## Applying for a sports-based project?

Please note that if you are applying for a project involving sport, we will prioritise projects that:

- Engage young people from our most deprived areas
- Engage girls and young women
- Engage disabled young people

## We would like as many people as possible to benefit from National Lottery funding. We expect all applications to:

**Be open to new people getting involved.** This means that it should be easy for someone to join your group or take part in activities you're running. There shouldn't be any barriers, such as the need for someone to be recommended by a current member. We understand that sometimes there's a good reason why your activity isn't open to everyone, if so, please tell us about it in section 2 of your application.

**Support equal opportunities and challenge discrimination.** You can find our equalities principles on our website [biglotteryfund.org.uk/equalities](http://biglotteryfund.org.uk/equalities)

**Be completed by the organisation applying.** Some businesses promote their services, may offer consultancy services, imply they are acting on behalf of the Big Lottery Fund, Creative Scotland or sportscotland, or even complete an application form for you. We do not allow this or feel it's necessary. This does not relate to the useful guidance and support that agencies such as Third Sector Interfaces provide to many of our applicants.

## 4. What can you spend the money on?

This section will help you plan your project.

For any goods and services that you wish to purchase, we recommend you have more than one quote where possible, to ensure best value for money.

Our funding is more flexible than ever, however, there are still some things we can't pay for. Here are some examples of what we can and can't fund, although this isn't exhaustive, so please contact us if you're unsure.

### Can we fund this?

YES			NO		
					
Training costs	Volunteer expenses	Staff costs	Alcohol	Profit making/fundraising activities	Recoverable VAT
					
Small capital projects	Transport	One-off events	Statutory activities	Contingency costs, loans, endowments or interest	Political or religious activities
					
Equipment	Utilities / running costs		Paying someone else to write your application	Things already paid for	

## 5. Extra information

We have collated some information relevant to specific types of application or activity. Please have a read to check if it's useful.

### Projects working with children, young people or vulnerable adults

If you are applying for a project to work with children, young people or vulnerable adults, you must have a policy that explains how you will make sure they will be safe. We may ask to see this, if we offer you a grant.

NSPCC provides an extensive range of free child safeguarding advice and information to the voluntary and community sector across the UK. For more information, please go to [www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/safeguarding](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/safeguarding)

### Work on land or buildings

If you own the land or building, or hold a lease that cannot be brought to an end by the landlord for at least five years, you don't need to provide anything. If you don't hold the lease before applying, you will need a letter from the owner indicating the land or building will be leased to you if you are successful in your application. If you need planning permission or building control then you must have it before you apply to us. You don't need to send us anything with your application but we may ask to see it.

### Insurance, qualifications or affiliations to a governing body

Depending on the activities you want to do, your project may need public liability insurance, leaders or instructors who have special qualifications, or you may need to be affiliated to a specific governing body. You can apply to us to cover these costs.

### Applications from branches of a larger organisation

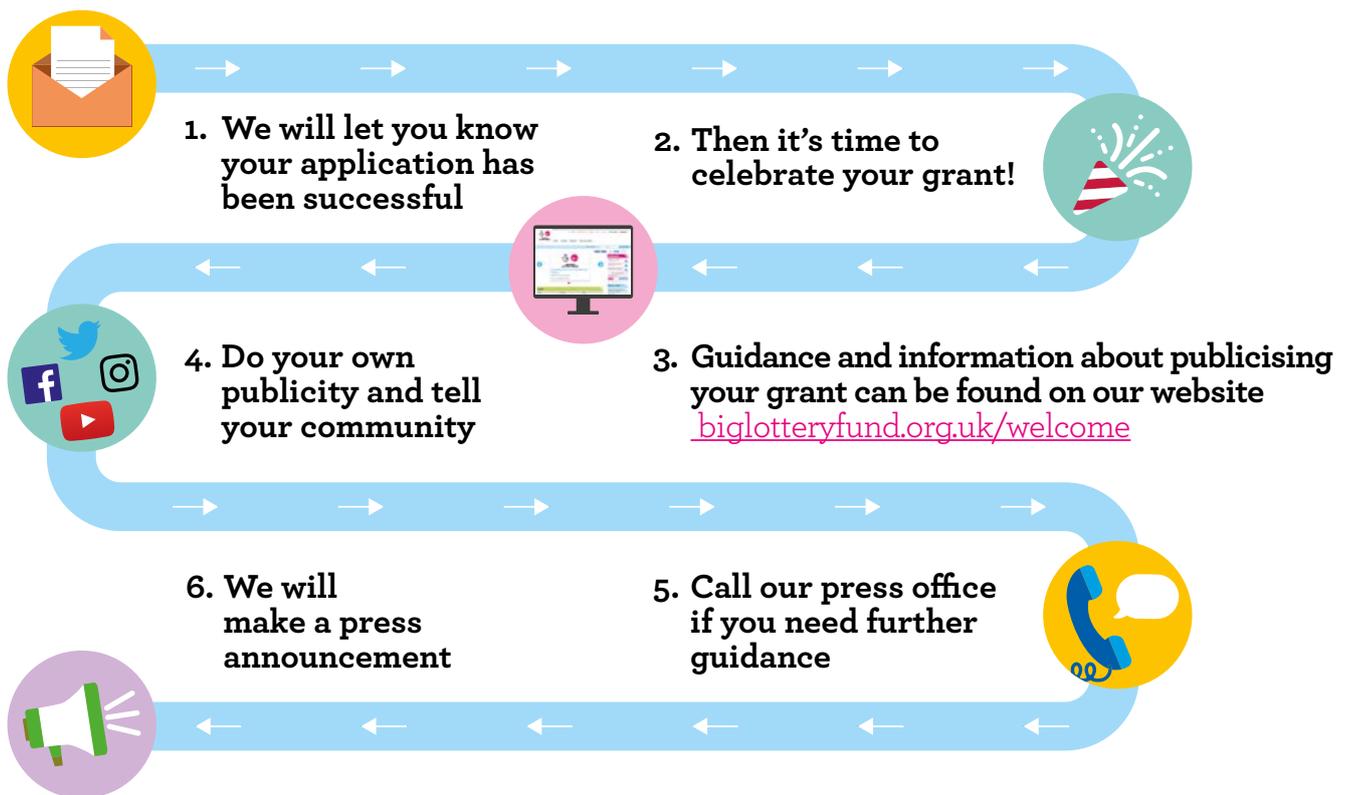
Independent branches of larger organisations can apply directly to us, but must have their own governing document and be allowed to manage funds and staff without referring to another body. If you are not sure if you are a branch of a larger organisation, then we recommend you check your governing document as this should explain how your organisation is set up.

Dependent branches can also apply directly to us if they have the following:

- their own governing document (or have adopted the parent organisation's governing document)
- their own annual accounts
- their own bank or building society account in the legal name of their organisation as shown on their governing document, and are responsible for this account and how funds in it are spent

If we offer a dependent branch a grant, we ask the parent organisation to accept overall responsibility for it. For other dependent branches where there is less control, the parent organisation will need to apply.

## 6. What happens if we fund your project?



### Information checks

As we're responsible for distributing public funds, we have a duty to carry out a number of checks on the information you provide to us. We have produced two guides to help you understand our checks. You can find them on our website [biglotteryfund.org.uk/informationchecks](http://biglotteryfund.org.uk/informationchecks). Please read these before you apply.

### Keeping track of your grant

We need to know that you can keep National Lottery funding safe. We expect your organisation to have a set of financial procedures explaining how you use and manage money. As a minimum, we expect you to have a set of written procedures, agreed by your management committee which sets out arrangements for:

- cash expenditure
- cheque writing and signing
- authorising withdrawals (including through the use of a debit card if applicable)
- cash handling
- invoice authorisation
- keeping financial records

All cash withdrawals of grant money must be agreed by at least two people and cannot exceed £100. Receipts should be obtained for all cash purchases. All financial documentation such as invoices and receipts should be kept for up to seven years after the project has ended. We may ask you to provide us with information at any time during the grant, or up to seven years after the grant has ended.

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