# Scotland: delegated decisions August 2025

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Funding decisions

## National Lottery Heritage Grants £10,000 to £250,000

#### **Backing Scotland's Badgers**

Applicant: Scottish Badgers (SCIO)

Project Description: This project aims to develop and deliver five regionally based badger volunteer hubs across Scotland. These hubs will be led by community volunteers who have been trained by Scottish Badgers SCIO. By engaging rural and urban communities alike, the project seeks to highlight the critical role badgers play in healthy ecosystems and inspire action to safeguard badgers as champions of biodiversity and climate resilience.

Decision: Reject

#### Highland and Islands Digital Heritage Network: A National Pilot (re-application)

Applicant: The Space C.I.C.

Project Description: The project aims to support a new network of nine Highlands and Islands heritage organisations to address shared challenges in engaging audiences and developing sustainable business models. Supported by The Space, Museums and Heritage Highland and Google Arts and Culture they will test new digital approaches and build digital skills and confidence.

Decision: Award grant of £245,000 (91%)

#### Sheltering History: Renewing the Roof of The Barnton Nuclear Bunker

Applicant: The Barnton Bunker Preservation Society SCIO

Project Description: This project seeks to restore the Barnton Bunker, which is a unique piece of Cold War heritage in Edinburgh, so that it can be fully open to the public by its 75th anniversary in 2026.

Decision: Reject

#### Findhorn Church

Applicant: The Findhorn Village Conservation Company

Project Description: This project seeks to secure ownership of the Findhorn Church on behalf of Findhorn village to bring this building, which is under threat of being sold for development, back into use by the community.

Decision: Reject

#### "Isabella's Footsteps"

Applicant: Electric Voice Theatre

Project Description: This project aims to celebrate the life and legacy of the remarkable Marine Biologist Isabella Gordon O.B.E. (1901-1988), fostering knowledge, inspiration and connections across local communities in Moray, Aberdeenshire and the scientific world.

Decision: Award grant of £12,000 (61%)

#### **Bouncing Back: Saving Scotland's Basketball Heritage**

Applicant: University of Stirling

Project Description: The project aims to establish a Scottish Basketball Archive at the University of Stirling to provide the impetus for a range of engagement activities supporting heritage and participation across Scotland. The material collected in the archive will inform the development of local and national heritage exhibitions and events, co-created by the project team and local groups to celebrate and raise awareness of Scotland's basketball heritage.

Decision: Reject

#### **Glasgow Requiem**

Applicant: Aproxima

Project Description: This project is a creative programme aiming to reconnect people with the city's medieval origins, founding mythologies and lesser-known histories. Centred around Glasgow Cathedral and the Necropolis – located in Townhead, one of Glasgow's oldest and most deprived areas – the project aims to weave together public archaeology, performance, community planting and creative commissions to build a lasting legacy.

Decision: Reject

#### **Glasgow Wild Spaces**

**Applicant: Butterfly Conservation** 

Project Description: This project seeks to diversify the urban environment of Glasgow City, by creating and encouraging the creation of Wild Space for butterflies, moths and other pollinators.

Decision: Award grant of £221,893 (89%)

#### Trojans: Why Am I In Your Country? (Stirling)

Applicant: Trojan Women

Project Description: This project aims to create a valuable oral heritage archive of refugee/people seeking asylum stories, preserving their voices for future generations, through a series of regular psycho-social support drama workshops.

Decision: Award grant of £57,386 (73%)

#### Govanhill Baths: Ours! Migration, Sporting and Industrial Heritage

Applicant: Govanhill Baths Community Trust

Project Description: Govanhill Baths, Glasgow's last remaining Edwardian baths and wash-house, is a symbol of civic heritage. This project seeks to celebrate its rich social, cultural and architectural legacy through a heritage programme focused on migration, sporting heritage and social history.

Decision: Reject

#### Celebrating Cumbernauld at 70: Voices, Memories and Stories for the Future

Applicant: Coatbridge and Cumbernauld Community Connect (4C Connect) Limited

Project Description: 'Celebrating Cumbernauld at 70: Voices, Memories and Stories for the Future' is a community-led heritage project marking the town's 70th anniversary as a New Town. It aims to collect, preserve and share local stories using digital media, events and publications.

Decision: Reject

# Unlocking Perth's Performing Arts Heritage: Celebrating 125 Years and Building a Legacy for the Future

**Applicant: Horsecross Arts Limited** 

Project Description: This project seeks to unlock, preserve and share the rich heritage of Perth Theatre, one of Scotland's oldest working theatres, founded in 1900.

Decision: Reject

#### **Labyrinth Project**

Applicant: Greenfaulds High School

Project Description: This projects aims to motivate young people and wider audiences to learn about medieval labyrinths and the rituals associated with them.

Decision: Reject

### **Grant increases**

#### **Destination Tweed - Source to Sea Restoration and Revitalisation**

Applicant: Tweed Forum

Decision: Award grant increase of £245,100 to make a total grant of £3,225,100

# **Towards 200 Years**

Applicant: St Mark's Episcopal Church Portobello

Decision: Award grant increase of £28,175 to make a total grant of £163,035 and agree change in grant

percentage from 20% to 17%