

England, Midlands & East: delegated decisions September 2025

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Grant increase

St John's Spire Appeal

Applicant: The Friends of the Church of St John the Baptist, Bromsgrove

Project description: This project will address urgent repairs to a Grade I listed church and develop a programme of engagement.

Decision: Award grant increase of £49,000 to make a total grant of £298,975 (58%)

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Grant increase

Making available the heritage of All Saints, Sandon whilst securing its future heritage

Applicant: Sandon with Burston Parochial Church Council

Project description: This project, located at the Grade I listed All Saints Church in Sandon, will conserve and repair several key heritage assets within the church to safeguard its future.

Decision: Award grant increase of £121,391 to make a total grant of £679,659 and agree change in grant percentage from 77% to 86%

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

Rebel Frequencies: The Untold Story of Birmingham's Unlicensed Airwaves

Applicant: ViewfinderUK CIC

Project description: This project aims to collect stories and memories related to the history of pirate radio in Birmingham.

Decision: Reject

Shared Histories, Shared Futures: The Living Heritage of Co-operation

Applicant: CASE DEVELOPMENT CIC

Project description: This Coalville-based project will collate tangible and intangible heritage of the Co-operative Movement across communities in Leicestershire and Derbyshire. This includes collecting oral histories and related materials, creating a travelling exhibition, community engagement activities and the creation of a digital archive.

Decision: Reject

Memories of the World Wars

Applicant: WEM CIVIC SOCIETY

Project description: This project looks to explore and document the experiences of locals to Wem, Shrewsbury of the First and Second World Wars. Through oral histories, the project will explore histories about the local community.

Decision: Award grant of £23,575 (100%)

Please Do Not Touch: Expanding our colonial heritage dialogue

Applicant: China Plate Theatre Limited

Project description: This project aims to engage under-served groups with colonial heritage through performing the Please Do Not Touch play and workshops at prisons and National Trust properties in the West Midlands.

Decision: Reject

Inclusion Through Heritage: Voices Across Generations

Applicant: Community Drive CIC

Project description: This project intends to support young people with special educational needs and disabilities to record the heritage, experiences and stories of South Asian and Afro Caribbean women who migrated to Birmingham following the Second World War.

Decision: Reject

River Access for All

Applicant: River Waveney Trust

Project description: This project will see the delivery of a programme of activities along with capital work aimed at saving the environmental heritage of the River Waveney valley in Norfolk and Suffolk.

Decision: Award grant of £243,447 (79%)

John Ray Memorial Window – A modern artistic design in stained glass

Applicant: St Peter & St Paul Church Black Notley

Project description: This project will commemorate John Ray (1627–1705) and his achievements and preserve his historical value of the natural world by installing a new stained-glass window at this Grade II listed church in Essex. It will embrace his research incorporating his study of plants, insects, birds, animals and astrology.

Decision: Reject

Echoes of Exile: Comedy, Culture & Community

Applicant: Leicester Community Enterprise Services CIC

Project description: This project aims to collect and archive oral histories from members of the Ugandan Asian community in Leicester, build a recording studio and produce a series of radio dramas based on the stories uncovered.

Decision: Reject

Let the Bells Ring out Again in White Roding

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of The South Rodings

Project description: This project will see the bells and bell chamber refurbished along with re-ordering works to improve accessibility in the Grade II listed Church of St Martin in Roding, Essex, alongside a community engagement programme.

Decision: Reject

Birmingham Queer Archive

Applicant: Birmingham LGBT

Project description: This project will explore social histories of LGBTQ+ communities living in Birmingham from the 1960s to the present day, archiving this social heritage and presenting to the public through talks and an exhibition.

Decision: Award grant of £92,175 (98%)

Preserving Somali Voices and Heritage in Birmingham

Applicant: Rajo Radio CIC

Project description: This project will preserve and share the intangible cultural heritage of the Somali community in Birmingham through oral histories, purchasing new radio equipment and a digital archive.

Decision: Reject

Midlands Nature Accelerator Project

Applicant: The National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty

Project description: This project aims to establish a strategic Midlands Nature organisation to support natural heritage projects across the Midlands region, with a particular focus on nature restoration in waterways and coastlines, wetlands and urban fringe areas.

Decision: Award grant of £245,000 (78%)

West Norfolk Thriving Historic Towns

Applicant: Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk

Project description: This project will deliver a community grants scheme to restore shop fronts, create heritage appropriate signage and complete conservation works to historic buildings within Hunstanton and Downham Market's Conservation Areas.

Decision: Reject

Echoes of Home: Stories in Song and Dance

Applicant: Atelier Armonico CIC

Project description: This Essex-based project will preserve and share the social and cultural heritage of people with lived experience of forced migration with a particular focus on music and dance.

Decision: Reject

Lincoln Cathedral Estate Masterplan and Conservation Management Plan

Applicant: The Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lincoln

Project description: This project aims to produce two key plans, an Estate Masterplan and a Conservation Management Plan. It will embed these throughout operations and decision-making for development, maintenance and investment in the Lincoln Cathedral estate.

Decision: Reject

One item yet to be announced

Stoke Your Story: A World of Fables Re-homed in The Potteries

Applicant: Stoke Your Gratitude C.I.C.

Project description: This project will preserve and celebrate the oral storytelling traditions of people seeking asylum and refugee communities in Stoke-on-Trent.

Decision: Award grant of £64,856 (98%)

St Mary and St Botolph Church Whitton, Ipswich, restoration work due to subsidence of the Vestry and damage to drainage.

Applicant: THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST.MARY & ST.BOTOLPH'S WHITTON, IPSWICH

Project description: This project will carry out essential repairs to the Grade II listed St Mary and St Botolph's Church in Whitton, near Ipswich.

Decision: Reject

Halo Heating and Feature Lighting at Stamford All Saints' Church: Sustaining Community Access to Local Heritage

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints with St John the Baptist Stamford

Project description: This project will replace the heating and lighting system for this Grade I listed church in Stamford, Lincolnshire to provide long term sustainability, maintain the historic fabric and help the church achieve net zero carbon targets.

Decision: Award grant of £219,635 (73%)

Church amenities

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of St. Luke, Sambrook

Project description: This project will improve facilities and access to enable the Grade II* listed Church of St Luke's in Sambrook, Shropshire to become accessible to more members of the community.

Decision: Reject

Facing the Future at St Faith's – Dorstone Settlement Timeline Project

Applicant: Friends of St Faith's, Dorstone

Project description: This project will engage the community with the heritage of the Grade II* listed St Faith's Church in Dorstone, Herefordshire and the local area, including energy efficient facilities and a community hub to support organisational sustainability.

Decision: Award grant of £250,000 (69%)

#LC Broads Heritage Partnership: A Vision for the Future

Applicant: The Broads Authority

Project description: This project aims to create a sustainable partnership network that will diversify audiences and work together with the development of a Landscape Connections application for the Norfolk Broads.

Decision: Award grant of £129,312 (100%)

Threads of Legacy

Applicant: Quetzal

Project description: This project seeks to preserve and celebrate the impact women have had on the social history of Leicester since the 1960s.

Decision: Reject

Archiving Remembrance: The Arboretum at 25

Applicant: National Memorial Arboretum Company Ltd

Project description: This project will establish an archive collating, organising and sharing the National Memorial Arboretum's 25-year history in Staffordshire, safeguarding its collection and records.

Decision: Award grant of £249,376 (94%)

Sharing Sister Dora

Applicant: Stan's Cafe Theatre

Project description: This project seeks to explore and engage young audiences with the history of Sister Dora and her impact on Walsall. Sister Dora was an Anglican nun and nurse who worked in Walsall in the mid-19th century.

Decision: Award grant of £103,072 (100%)

Undercurrent: Movement of Jah People

Applicant: Revolution Arts CIO

Project description: This cross-territory project will research, share and archive stories about the movement of people along the River Lea from its source in Luton to where it meets the Thames in East London.

Decision: Award grant of £249,902 (98%)

50 Stories for 50 Years

Applicant: Junction Arts Limited

Project description: This project will collect and make accessible 50 stories from people who have been part of Derbyshire's Junction Arts charity over the past five decades. A documentary film, three touring exhibitions and digital formats will be produced to raise awareness and reach wider audiences.

Decision: Award grant of £56,753 (67%)

Raise the Roof – St Paul's Church, Birmingham

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Paul, Birmingham

Project description: This project will undertake a scheme of repairs to the roof, rainwater goods and stonework of the Grade I listed St. Paul's Church in Birmingham whilst recording this work and creating public engagement opportunities.

Decision: Reject