So what happens after you have been awarded a

We have a monitoring and evaluation process to help guide you through the development of your project and to ensure that Lottery players' money is being spent effectively and efficiently.

If you're a new applicant, or thinking of submitting a form for funding, then you may be curious about the various stages of the grant award process – as well as how to make the most of your working relationship with HLF. Find out more about what we assess and measure and our expectations of you.

Monitoring

Our assessment of a project doesn't just stop once we make an award. Your grants officer will notify you in writing of your award and will highlight how the monitoring process works. We monitor the delivery of your project to ensure that it is keeping to budget and to your project plan. An external monitor may be appointed to guide you through a specific part of the project or you will be asked to complete self-assessment forms. Remember that your grants officer is available throughout the monitoring process should you have any questions.

Our Running your project section highlights various aspects of the monitoring process including: how we will work with you to deliver a successful project; how to claim your grant and how to acknowledge our funding. If you want to share ideas with, or pose questions to, a like-minded group then join the conversation in our online community.

Evaluation

You are required to complete an evaluation report to see if the finished project has delivered on its original aspirations, and to highlight any lessons learnt from the whole process. This evaluation helps us to assess the effectiveness of our grants, and the grantee can gain valuable knowledge for applications they may wish to submit in future.

We also carry out reviews of our programmes to assess the impact of our various programmes. See our grant programme evaluations page for the results of these evaluations.