Open data

As a public-facing body, we are committed to making information about how we invest money raised by National Lottery players readily available and easy to understand.

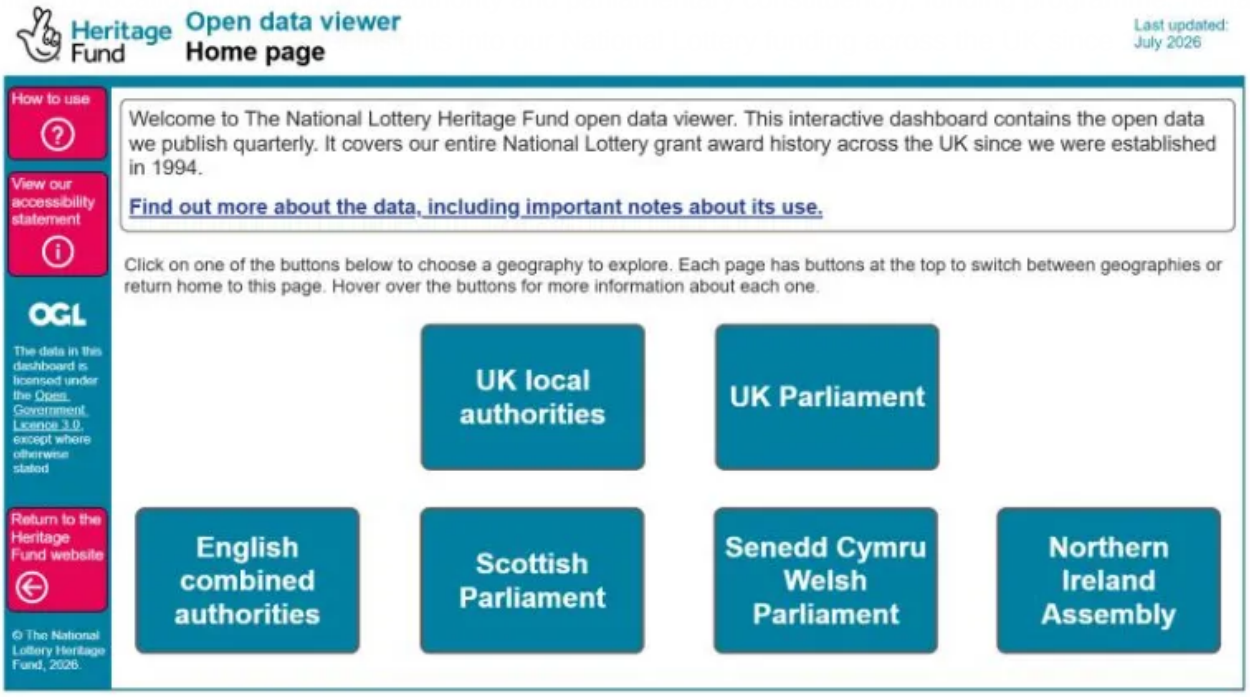
For this reason, we support open data which is:

- published proactively and regularly (we update our data quarterly)
- disaggregated and de-personalised
- provided in machine-readable formats (such as CSV)
- available for re-use (we publish under the Open Government Licence)

You can access our open data:

- via our new open data viewer (opens in a new tab)
- as machine-readable CSV files
- on 360Giving GrantNav
- on the Department for Culture, Media and Sport's National Lottery grants database

How to use our new open data viewer



Who is the open data viewer for?

We think it will be useful to policymakers, researchers, journalists, heritage organisations, potential applicants and interested members of the public.

It’s best suited to users who want to analyse, compare and interact with grant award data at a local, regional or national level in a visual way.

If you're looking for summaries of individual projects, including case studies, you may find the Projects we’ve funded section of our website more useful.

The open data viewer includes instructions on how to use it.

Important notes about our open data

There are some caveats that need to be considered alongside the use of our data:

- Some of the projects we fund take place over multiple or large sites, and we occasionally award funding to organisations to distribute further grants on our behalf. We can only have one postcode per project, so use our best efforts to represent the grant award location using the postcode where the majority of the project work takes place.
- Each project we fund only appears in the data once, with a date showing the initial grant award. Projects over £250,000 go through a two-stage application process: development and delivery. This means data for some larger projects is subject to change, as it will initially only show the smaller development round grant. This can also affect comparisons of our year-on-year grant award data.
- Most of our funding uses money raised by National Lottery players. However, we also distribute some grants on behalf of governments across the UK. This is known as grant-in-aid. Our open data only includes fully or partially National Lottery-funded grants (and only shows the National Lottery portion of the award). Data for our grant-in-aid funding can be viewed on the Government Grants Information System.
- Full project descriptions are only available for projects which applied from February 2024 onwards.
- Since the started funding projects under our Heritage 2033 strategy in January 2024, our minimum grant value is £10,000 although some of the funding we award to organisations for onward grant giving is used for smaller amounts.
- The unusually large number of grant awards in 2005 was through the “Home Front Recall” programme. This programme funded local and national projects commemorating the 60th anniversary of WWII's end, preserving civilian and veteran memories, and consisted largely of lots of smaller grants.

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