

# The first six months: our Strategic Funding Framework

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It is six months since we launched our new name, grants structure and Strategic Funding Framework. Here's what's happened.

2019 has been an exciting year for The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

In January we [changed our name and branding](#), and with it the way we work and distribute our grants.

We now have [open programmes of funding](#) for all kinds of heritage, from £3,000 up to £5million. In June we launched the [Heritage Horizon Awards](#), ambitious new grants of over £5m which will see £100m invested over the next three years in really exciting and innovative projects.

This is all part of our [Strategic Funding Framework 2019-2024](#), which sets out our plan to focus on nature, communities and making sure all heritage is as inclusive as possible.

## Sharing power across the UK

We've also devolved our structure to give more power to the people making decisions across the regions and countries of the UK. Our new areas are:

- London & South (find us on [Twitter](#))
- Midlands & East (find us on [Twitter](#))
- North (find us on [Twitter](#))
- Northern Ireland (find us on [Twitter](#))
- Scotland (find us on [Twitter](#))
- Wales (find us on [Twitter](#))

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## Grants we've made so far

We've already made some really exciting grant announcements.

**London & South** will share £8m across six projects including Oxford University Museum of Natural History's British Insect Collection and the restoration of St Marylebone Parish Church. Read more in our [news story](#).

More than £5.1m is heading to **Midlands & East**, with funding for Wicksteed Park in Kettering and to save Barrow-on-Trent's Anglo-Saxon parish church St Wilfrid's. Read more in our [news story](#).

In the **North**, a £10m package of grants includes a new museum for Blackpool and funding to restore woodland habitats in Durham. Read more in our [news story](#).



Wales' impressive coastline

In **Scotland**, £3.5m will go towards a huge volunteer-led conservation project across the Forth Valley region and regeneration of Inverkeithing's medieval town centre . Read more in our [news story](#).

**Wales** is set to benefit from over £4m, including funding for its beautiful landscapes. Read more in our [news story](#).

## What's next?

2019 also marks 25 years of The National Lottery making an amazing difference to projects all across the UK - find out more about our [25 Birthday celebrations](#) and how to [share your stories on social media](#).

## How to apply

If you're interested in applying, [find out more about what we fund](#), and take a look at our [top tips](#) for applying for Heritage Horizon Awards, too.