

# How to apply

This step by step guide outlines our National Lottery Grants for Heritage application process, from understanding what we support to applying for and receiving a grant.

This guide **only applies to our National Lottery Grants for Heritage programmes.**

From time to time we distribute **other funding programmes**, including for governments across the UK. Refer to each [programme's guidance page](#) to discover who these are for, what their aims are and how to apply.

## Important

We are no longer accepting applications for grants between £3,000–£10,000. Grants from £10,000–£10million will reopen in January with new Heritage 2033 guidance and forms. [Explore our available funding.](#)

## 1. Understand what we fund

We fund projects of all sizes that care for the UK's heritage. Before you get started, find out more about [what we fund](#).

## 2. Develop a project idea

Our National Lottery Grants for Heritage programmes offers funding at three levels:

- [£3,000 to £10,000](#)
- [£10,000 to £250,000](#)
- [£250,000 to £10million](#)

Carefully read the guidance page for each range to understand:

- what the programme offers
- who it is for
- the difference your project needs to make

You can also see [projects we've previously funded](#) for inspiration.

### 3. Get feedback on your project idea

- **£10,000 to £250,000:** you can use our optional [Project Enquiry Form](#) to get feedback within 10 working days.
- **£250,000 to £10m:** you must submit an [Expression of Interest](#) before starting a full funding application. You should receive feedback within 20 working days.

Please note that we are not able to provide feedback on project ideas between **£3,000 to £10,000**.

### 4. Submit a funding application

Use our [Get funding for a heritage project](#) service when you are ready to submit your application. The service will guide you through the different steps.

#### Applying for more than £250,000?

1. If you want to apply for more than £250,000, you must first submit an [Expression of Interest](#).
2. If your Expression of Interest is successful, you will then submit a **development phase** application.
3. If your development phase application is successful, you will receive funding and have up to two years to develop a detailed project proposal for your **delivery phase** application.
4. When ready, you will then submit your **delivery phase** application.

#### Our application deadlines

- **£3,000 to £250,000:** open all year round
- **£250,000 to £10m (both development and delivery phases):** [quarterly application deadlines](#)

### 5. Getting a decision on your application

- Once received, your application is checked to make sure your organisation is eligible and that all the required documentation has been attached.

- **£3,000 to £250,000:** After application checks are complete, you should receive a decision within eight weeks. Decisions are made at monthly local meetings.
- **£250,000 to £5m (both development and delivery phases):** We will take up to 12 weeks to assess your application. It will then be presented at one of our quarterly Committee meetings. You will receive a decision as soon as possible after a meeting.
- **Over £5m (both development and delivery phases):** We will take up to 12 weeks to assess your application. It will then be presented at one of our quarterly Committee meetings and then presented at one of our Board meetings. You will receive a decision as soon as possible after a Board meeting.

### **If you are successful**

You will use our [Get funding for a heritage project](#) service to receive and manage your grant. Find out more about what happens if you are [awarded a grant](#).

### **If you are not successful**

We will provide feedback on your application as soon as possible after the decision meeting. You may then choose to reapply with a revised application.