

England, London & South: delegated decisions January 2023

Schedule of decisions under delegated powers for England, London & South at The National Lottery Heritage Fund on 18 January 2023.

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National Lottery Grants for Heritage

The Bathing Place: Celebrating Oxford's River Bathing Heritage

Applicant: Oxford City Council

Project description: To deliver a series of workshops and family programme, collecting oral histories from those who remember Oxford's bathing history. The project includes collecting material for an evolving exhibition called 'The Bathing Place, celebrating Oxford's river bathing heritage'.

Decision: Award grant of £30,241

Alexandra Park Greenhouse Learning Area

Applicant: Alexandra Park Greenhouse Group

Project description: To restore a 1934 Richardson's 34-metre Teak Greenhouse in Alexandra Park. The restoration work will make this area functional for use as a learning and educational space. It will promote sustainable methods of horticulture and create a place where local people can enhance their social, physical and mental wellbeing.

Decision: Reject

Celebrating Carnival

Applicant: Moretonhampstead Development Trust

Project description: To involve residents of North-East Dartmoor in celebrating and recording the history of Moretonhampstead Carnival. The project will involve workshops led by skilled local practitioners, who will use Carnival to explore how life in a rural community has changed over time. The key outputs will include a short film and a small creative exhibition.

Decision: Award grant of £10,000

Broad Meadow

Applicant: Residence (Bristol) CIC

Project description: To develop a new wildflower meadow in Broadmead, Bristol, once a landscape and now a city location. The project aims to reconnect people with nature by creating a wildflower meadow, art installation and audio experience. It will include a public engagement programme for schools and community groups.

Decision: Reject

A Place Called Home

Applicant: The GLADE Centre

Project description: To discover heritage and stories about the meaning of 'home', exploring people's connections with objects, cultural heritage, hobbies and pastimes. The project will train new people in participatory and reflective methodology skills and techniques. It aims to increase confidence for social leadership and engagement with heritage.

Decision: Award grant of £146,074

Green Heart Parks

Applicant: The Parks Foundation

Project description: To develop and deliver biodiversity and habitat improvements to 13 public parks in the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole area, in partnership with BCP Council. The project aims to engage local communities and target audiences in becoming involved in their local green spaces, and build organisational resilience.

Decision: Award grant of £250,000

15 Years of Exeter Pride: Celebrating Our LGBTQIA+ Heritage

Applicant: Exeter Pride

Project description: To create the first digital archive of experiences of Exeter Pride since beginning in 2008, comprising photographs and memorabilia from the LGBTQ+ community. The project will include making a 10-minute LGBTQ+ heritage film in partnership with a professional filmmaker, which will be displayed during the annual Exeter Pride celebration in May 2023.

Decision: Award grant of £9,976

#DYC Reading emPOWERed

Applicant: The Mills Archive Trust

Project description: To preserve the heritage of mills by digitising the records from 10 specialist collections, as part of the Dynamic Collections campaign. The project aims to deliver public outreach activities to help local communities appreciate the value of the mills. The collection comprises of thousands of documents and images collated by local historians, businesses and mill researchers.

Decision: Award grant of £198,751

Rumba Music Event

Applicant: SOUKOUS KOUMBELE

Project description: To explore the history and culture of Congolese rumba music, listed as intangible cultural heritage by UNESCO. The project will look at the way in which the song of rumba music is composed and compare it to other forms of music in the UK. It will also focus on highlighting the heritage of this music among the younger Congolese youth who are becoming increasingly disconnected from the music's meaning.

Decision: Award grant of £10,000

A home fit to live in

Applicant: Eastside Community Heritage

Project description: To research the impact of housing development in Canning Town on residents, and how the homes built as part of the Parker Morris committee standards' experiment in 1964 would influence future housing across the UK. The project will carry out oral history interviews on the social impact, producing an exhibition, website, volunteer training programme and community art workshops.

Decision: Award grant of £10,000

Anti-apartheid: grassroots protest and activism in the 1980s

Applicant: Ardent Theatre Company

Project description: To focus on the British response to apartheid during the 1980s inspired by the performance STRIKE! by Ardent Theatre Company. The project will explore oral and written histories of experiences, offering in-person and online learning opportunities. It will deliver training, workshops, online resources, a foyer exhibition and a downloadable education pack.

Decision: Award grant of £66,966

A new life for Bideford Town Hall & Carnegie Library building

Applicant: Torridge District Council

Project description: To create a vibrant, larger and more dynamic space by re-uniting the existing Library and Town Hall, a Grade II listed building. The project will be inspired by the building's philanthropic history as a Carnegie library and aims to bring together people from the community.

Decision: Reject

Our place, Our contribution

Applicant: Connect: North Korea

Project description: To promoting inclusion, wellbeing and positive change for the minority North Korean community in New Malden. The project aims to show how their memories and experiences are part of, shape and influence UK heritage for future generations. A Korean-speaking communications professional will organise a programme of activities.

Decision: Award grant of £9,802

#DYC Dreadnought South West's Rebellious Sounds Archive

Applicant: Dreadnought South West

Project description: To secure the future of Rebellious Sounds Archive collection, increasing visitor numbers and working with consultants to address both the organisation's and archive's longer-term resilience. The collection currently hosts 60 stories about women's activism. This will be expanded to include 15 new intersectional stories.

Decision: Award grant of £116,640

Ebbsfleet's Citizen Archive

Applicant: Cement Fields

Project description: To capture and explore the rich industrial heritage of the working lives of local people, in light of the major new development Ebbsfleet Garden City. The project will explore the area's landscape and connection to the river through the creation of a living and accessible multimedia Citizen Archive.

Decision: Award grant of £98,500

#DYC. 'Clerk Special Duties': The Untold Story of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force within 'The Dowding System'

Applicant: The Bentley Priory Battle of Britain Trust

Project description: To create new connections between the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF) collection and young people – especially girls – through digitisation of the collection and collaborative re-interpretation. The project aims to increase the museum's resilience by permanently displaying the digitised collection, and through bespoke training in audience development and evaluation and digitisation.

Decision: Award grant of £83,080