

Northern Ireland: delegated decisions, July 2023

Schedule of Decisions under delegated powers to Head of Investment, Northern Ireland on 31 July 2023.

[Funding decisions](#)

National Lottery Grants for Heritage

IAA 50th Anniversary History

Applicant: Irish Astronomical Association

Project description: This project aims to research the 50 year history of the Irish Astronomical Association and to publish four quarterly special-issue Stardust magazines with their findings throughout 2024.

Decision: Award grant of £4,700 (100% of total project costs)

Preserving the marching culture/tradition

Applicant: Action for Community Transformation Initiative

Project description: This project aims to collate old photos of the bands and the marching orders within the Antrim area and to hold cultural nights showing old footage of the parades around Antrim.

Decision: Reject

Revealing Rural Heritage

Applicant: Butterlope Farm CIC

Project description: This project will introduce landscape and heritage learning activities to schools and community groups, to help them engage with the upland Sperrins landscape.

Decision: Award grant of £69,300 (100% of total project costs)

The Lough Neagh Ownership and Heritage Resilience Project

Applicant: Lough Neagh Partnership Ltd

Project description: This project will research a new heritage protection plan for the long-term conservation of Lough Neagh.

Decision: Award grant of £224,395 (92% of total project costs)

Fermanagh Farmland Heritage

Applicant: Fermanagh Rural Community Initiative

Project description: This project proposes a 2-year traditional farming craft project to upskill 60 individuals in various crafts, some of which are considered at risk of loss. Participation will enhance employability and improve health and wellbeing.

Decision: Award grant of £120,622 (100% of total project costs)

Sacred Treasures – Restoring, Illuminating, Cataloguing & Maintaining

Applicant: Church of the Immaculate Conception Strabane

Project description: This project seeks to undertake stained glass restoration works to The Church of the Immaculate Conception, a Roman Catholic place of worship located in Strabane, County Tyrone.

Decision: Award grant of £182,662 (49% of total project costs)

i-HIVE – Immersive Heritage Initiatives for Versatile Engagement

Applicant: Kilcooley Womens Centre

Project description: This project aims to be the catalyst to kickstart a comprehensive heritage initiative for Bangor City centre and Main Street, delivering a programme of activities centred around the Old Market House building.

Decision: Reject

Oidhreacht An iarthar – Rediscovering our lost Presbyterian heritage

Applicant: Forbairt Feirste Limited

Project description: Forbairt Feirste will coordinate a series of events and activities exploring the lesser known Presbyterian heritage of West Belfast which will be further researched as part of the project.

Decision: Award grant of £26,355 (100% of total project costs)

Unlocking Our Collective Heritage – A Collections Resource Centre for All (V2)

Applicant: Derry City and Strabane District Council

Project description: This project aims to increase access to the museum archives by improving the archive stores and creating a digitisation and conservation suite.

Decision: Reject

Elections, Leaders and Speeches that Changed Northern Ireland

Applicant: Holywell Trust

Project description: The project intends to explore significant political events and people that shaped the peace process through a podcast and events series.

Decision: Reject