

England, Midlands & East: delegated decisions November 2023

Schedule of Decisions under delegated powers for England, Midlands & East at The National Lottery Heritage Fund in November 2023.

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National Lottery Grants for Heritage

Heritage Space: Historic Photos Around Cromer (working title)

Applicant: Cromer Artspace CIO

Project description: This project will work with local community partners to deliver a community-curated exhibition using Cromer Museum's collection of archive images of Cromer from the earliest days of photography into the 21st century.

Decision: Award grant of £8,120 (84%)

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National Lottery Grants for Heritage

Reviving the Unique Bangladeshi Embroidery Heritage in the United Kingdom - a gateway of female empowerment and cohesion

Applicant: New Hope Global

Project description: This project proposes to explore the Bangladeshi history and traditions of embroidery including nashki kantha, a traditional Bengali embroidered quilt.

Decision: Reject

Grant increase requests

St Johns Church (Worksop) Spire Repair to safeguard our Heritage

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of St John the Evangelist Worksop

Project description: This project will restore the spire and roofs of the Grade II listed St John's Church, which lies at the centre of Worksop, Nottinghamshire. A range of heritage-focused activities will be run throughout the project.

Decision: Award grant increase of £121,477 to make a total grant of £368,312 (67%)

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National Lottery Grants for Heritage

'See Me' (Working title)

Applicant: Fifth Word Theatre

Project description: This project in Nottingham will work with girls and young women from Muslim backgrounds to record the previously unheard oral histories from older Muslim women about their experiences living in Nottingham and contribution to Nottingham's social history. A touring exhibition and digital outputs will be made using these materials.

Decision: Award grant of £89,988 (97%)

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National Lottery Grants for Heritage

Project Foxtrot

Applicant: Circus Strong CIC

Project description: This project based in Ashbourne, Derbyshire, intends to focus on the capturing LGBTQ+ and aerospace heritage within the Derbyshire Dales by purchasing a flight simulator.

Decision: Reject

Paths You Walk

Applicant: Reimagining Industrial Migratory Solutions CIC

Project description: This project seeks to broaden the work with migrant communities, to record and share the heritage of diasporic communities in Walsall from the 1960s to present day.

Decision: Award grant of £100,000 (100%)

Great Yarmouth – Within Living Memory

Applicant: Creative Horizons East CIC

Project description: This is a 9-month project based around training local college students and interested local residents to gather oral history interviews (video and audio) with people with specific memories of the town in years gone by.

Decision: Reject

Roots & resilience: preserving Cape Verdean cultural legacy in Dudley

Applicant: CReART Collective CIC

Project description: This project will preserve and promote Cape Verdean cultural heritage in Dudley through workshops and cultural activities to engage community members, particularly young people. The project aims to facilitate an exchange of knowledge and skills as a way to preserve heritage.

Decision: Award grant of £9,750 (100%)

Dingley Foot/Cycle Path

Applicant: Dingley Parish Council

Project description: This project aims to create a 1.5km cycle and footpath from Dingley Village to the A6 roundabout, near Market Harborough which links with an existing cycle path.

Decision: Reject

Beyond the Beach: Uncovering Mablethorpe's Hidden History

Applicant: Taylor Made Arts Ltd

Project description: This project aims to share the intangible cultural heritage of Mablethorpe with wider audiences.

Decision: Award grant of £9,905 (100%)

Thatched Roof Repairs

Applicant: Grimston and District Cricket Club

Project description: This project will rethatch the cricket pavilion with the tradition Norfolk-Reed thatch.

Decision: Reject

Diverse Heritage Leadership: A Developmental Learning Journey

Applicant: Nottingham News Centre CIC

Project description: This project will undertake a study into the challenges faced by training for heritage leaders from underserved communities to promote equality, diversity and inclusion across the wider sector.

Decision: Reject

Protect, Preserve and Share

Applicant: Lincolnshire Bomber Command Memorial

Project description: This project will support the organisational resilience of the International Bomber Command Centre. Key outputs include the scoping of future capital works and the development of a post-war archive for outreach purposes.

Decision: Award grant of £231,000 (93%)

Threads of Connections: Empowering Women & Uniting Communities through African Heritage Fashion

Applicant: The Root MHSF CIC

Project description: This project aims to showcase African culture to the community through a traditional skills training programme and sharing the heritage embedded in African clothing.

Decision: Award grant of £10,000 (100%)

Harwich Redoubt Pilot Repair Project

Applicant: The Harwich Society

Project description: This pilot project seeks to establish a comprehensive approach to the conservation of the Redoubt Fort following consultation with Historic England. Alongside repair works, the project will involve doubling visitor numbers and diversifying their audience profile, with particular focus on engaging with young people and providing skills development to their volunteers and visitors.

Decision: Award grant of £246,538 (66%)

School Therapy and Community Allotment

Applicant: Walter Halls Primary and Early Years School

Project description: This natural heritage project will create a school allotment and restore a historic pond. Activities are planned that the local community can be involved in.

Decision: Award grant of £6,200 (100%)

Roots

Applicant: Creative Being

Project description: This project aims to amplify the cultural heritage of marginalised groups and/or individuals in relation to nature and identity by creating a free magazine.

Decision: Reject

Boddington Memories into the Millennium

Applicant: Boddington History Group

Project description: This project is to capture memories, oral histories and events from 2000 to 2024 in a book distributed freely to every household in the parish.

Decision: Award grant of £10,000 (93%)

Suffolk Napoleonic Volunteers Painting Project

Applicant: Suffolk Napoleonic Volunteers Painting Trust

Project description: This project aims to conserve the historic portrait of Captain John Henniker-Major by Mather Brown and display it in a prominent place in Suffolk.

Decision: Reject

Going Wild in Bishop's Castle

Applicant: Light Foot Enterprises

Project description: Building on a two-year community initiative, this landscape and nature project aims to develop 20 community green spaces around Bishop's Castle and surrounding areas.

Decision: Award grant of £237,930 (95%)

Brum Rocks – three new heritage inspired songs

Applicant: Misfits Music Foundation

Project description: This project will research the heritage of Birmingham's music scene, bringing together a diverse community to create and perform new songs that will help educate people about the city's history as part of a wider festival.

Decision: Award grant of £9,998 (13%)

The Highlife Centre Heritage Resilience Project

Applicant: The Highlife Centre Ltd

Project description: This project will allow The Highlife Centre to build upon the findings of a previous project to develop organisational resilience. The research will explore the benefits of collaborative working within African heritage organisations and the barriers to engaging audiences with African heritage.

Decision: Award grant of £159,867 (99%)

Grrrl Zine Library Digital Resilience and Outreach

Applicant: Grrrl Zine Fair CIC

Project description: This project will build an online catalogue of historic artists, books and zines and launch a zine library website.

Decision: Award grant of £9,974 (100%)

Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust: Saving our heritage for everyone

Applicant: Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust

Project description: This project will create an app-based buildings at risk register for Derbyshire and provide Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust with the capacity and resources to address organisational weaknesses, develop its assets and identify future investment opportunities to support long-term resilience.

Decision: Award grant of £206,892 (78%)

St Mary's Church, Withersfield – preservation for future generations

Applicant: Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church Withersfield Suffolk

Project description: This project will carry out the repair of the tower to the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Withersfield, Suffolk.

Decision: Reject

Re:discover Nottingham (formerly Inspire)

Applicant: Streetwise Opera

Project description: This is a community research project that explores the work of seven composers of African and Caribbean heritage, from the 18th century to the present day, and share this with the wider community to inspire people to engage with their musical heritage.

Decision: Award grant of £55,426 (76%)

Cheadle Moon

Applicant: Support Staffordshire

Project description: This project will research and collate information about Mary Blagg, a pioneering female astronomer, to interpret and curate her story and her contributions to early 20th century astronomy.

Decision: Award grant of £24,693 (37%)

Midas Touch

Applicant: Goodnews Community Outreach

Project description: This project will bring Walsall communities together to help raise awareness of Nigerian culture and heritage.

Decision: Award grant of £10,000 (100%)

Cultural Exchange: African and Caribbean Music and Dance Project

Applicant: The African Centre

Project description: This pilot project will research the heritage of African and Caribbean music and dance at museums in Norwich, Great Yarmouth and London.

Decision: Reject

Stratford upon Avon Town Trail

Applicant: Stratford Historic Buildings Trust

Project description: This project will research, write and produce a new Stratford upon Avon town heritage trail to complement the riverside heritage trail.

Decision: Award grant of £10,000 (87%)