

England, Midlands & East: delegated decisions

August 2024

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National Lottery Heritage Grants

Sacred Heart Church Mosaics and Cartoons

Applicant: Congregation of Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Betharram

Project description: This project will save the heritage of this Grade II* listed church in Droitwich, Worcestershire by conserving a 100-year-old mosaic ecclesiastical scheme as well as conserving and digitising the corresponding cartoon drawings.

Decision: Award grant of £189,031 (86%)

WELLIES Heritage Volunteers

Applicant: Staffordshire Care Farming Development CIC

Project description: This project will recruit and train volunteers already involved in the WELLIES project initiative to work at three different heritage sites in Sudbury, Derbyshire.

Decision: Reject

Repointing, Repair Stonework, Remove Plant Ingress, Blyth Church

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of Blyth

Project description: This project will repoint, repair stonework and remove plant ingress in the masonry of the Grade I listed Church of St Mary & St Martin, Blyth, Nottinghamshire.

Decision: Reject

Arthur Berry 100

Applicant: Stoke-on-Trent and North Staffordshire Theatre Trust Limited

Project description: This project will celebrate the centenary of the birth of the Stoke artist, playwright, poet and broadcaster, Arthur Berry. It focuses on inclusion and saving heritage through capturing local memories, providing access to archive materials, rediscovering lost art and creating a celebration of North Staffordshire culture.

Decision: Award grant of £147,193 (100%)

Where in Brazil are you from?

Applicant: Brazilian Cultural Centre CIC

Project description: This Nottingham-based project will feature interviews with Brazilians living in the UK alongside public exhibitions, talks and workshops related to Brazilian culture and heritage.

Decision: Reject

Transporting the community to an inspiring museum

Applicant: Aston Manor Road Transport Museum Ltd

Project description: This museum resilience project in Walsall will develop income streams and fundraising with a focus on governance and audience development through marketing and branding.

Decision: Award grant of £87,800 (97%)

Documenting Oral Histories of Muchongoyo Dances in Northampton (1980–2020s)

Applicant: Power of the mind networks

Project description: This project will record oral histories about the dance tradition of Muchongoyo with elders of the Zimbabwean diaspora community and through performances and exhibitions targeting schools and community centres.

Decision: Reject

The British-Bengali Birmingham Voluntary Sector Heritage project

Applicant: Bangladesh Council

Project description: This project will investigate the history over the past forty years of Bengali-led community projects and the Bengali-led voluntary sector in Birmingham with the aim of being inclusive.

Decision: Reject

New forest school and learning zone

Applicant: Ashdon C.P School Parent Teacher Association

Project description: This project will create an outside forest school to teach the school's children about nature near Saffron Walden, Essex.

Decision: Reject

Futureproofing the Past

Applicant: Bromyard and District Local History Society

Project description: This project will provide a solid foundation for the Herefordshire Society by futureproofing their archive and helping them engage more effectively with the community.

Decision: Reject

Restoration and Development of St Michael & All Angels Church and Churchyard, Kniveton, Derbyshire

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of Kniveton

Project description: This project will improve the condition of the Grade I listed church, boost nature and engage the local community with the church's history and outdoor space.

Decision: Award grant of £35,128 (85%)

The People of Stamford

Applicant: Stamford Drama and Music

Project description: This project will record oral histories from Stamford residents covering their living memory of Stamford, Lincolnshire, with the endpoint being the arrival of Ukrainian refugees in Stamford. The findings will be used to create artefacts/art pieces and an exhibition.

Decision: Reject

Building a Sustainable Restoration Trust

Applicant: The Restoration Trust

Project description: This resilience project will undertake a strategic review of the Norfolk-based organisation and its activities, developing an options appraisal and action plan for its future direction and sustainability.

Decision: Award grant of £99,830 (100%)

Musical Journeys – Monthly bites of cultural musical heritage

Applicant: Celebrating Sanctuary

Project description: This project will explore the contributions and impact of global music artists within the city of Birmingham.

Decision: Reject

My Grandparents, My Parents and I

Applicant: Sudden Productions

Project description: This project will bring together Birmingham and Black Country young people and their elders – the Windrush Generation and their descendants – to share their true-life experiences through a stage production, a podcast series and participatory drama workshops.

Decision: Reject

Preserving Pugin's Church: St Mary's, Wymeswold Roof Repairs and Community Heritage Stories

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of St Mary Wymeswold

Project description: This project will repair and preserve the fabric of the church of St Mary's Wymeswold, increase its use as a community facility and make the history of this Grade-I listed building in Nottinghamshire more widely accessible.

Decision: Award grant of £227,314 (80%)

Renovating St Giles' in the Centre of Cambridge

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Benefice of The Ascension, Cambridge (St. Giles with St. Peter, St. Luke and St. Augustine)

Project description: This project will undertake repair works to the Grade II* listed church to address the threat of damp to parts of the roof, help to manage the collection and disposal of rainwater and help it continue to welcome visitors and run events.

Decision: Award grant of £216,667 (83%)

The Get On Track Project

Applicant: The Cooke E-Learning Foundation

Project description: This project will undertake community-based archaeological excavations and research at Castle Hill Park in Beaumont Leys, Leicester.

Decision: Reject

In Homage To The King (working title) #HP

Applicant: Leicester City Council

Project description: This project will reconnect new generations from Leicester's diverse communities with the story of King Richard III, through workshops with primary schools and community centres.

Decision: Award grant of £49,985 (83%)

Sparkhill – A Child's Eye View

Applicant: The Springfield Project

Project description: This Birmingham project will deliver an intergenerational programme of community heritage activities ending with participation in the Festival of Sparkhill in 2025.

Decision: Award grant of £51,755 (100%)

Excav8: Home Education Project

Applicant: Elevator Arts CIC

Project description: This Southend-based project will work with home-educated young people to creatively engage with their interests within museum spaces.

Decision: Reject

Delivering Windrush and Black History related activities through fashion and music within the local community

Applicant: Fashion, Talent & Black History C.I.C

Project description: This project will host a Black history showcase in Dudley during Black history month as well as a workshop on Windrush Day at St Michaels High School, looking at heritage through the lens of fashion.

Decision: Reject

Navigate StourPort

Applicant: Stourport Forward Limited

Project description: This project aims to increase awareness of the canal-side heritage of Stourport, Worcestershire through four areas of activity – enabling access, enhancing interpretation, developing skills and hosting engagement activities.

Decision: Award grant of £249,014 (100%)