

England, Midlands & East: delegated decisions

September 2024

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National Lottery Grants for Heritage

Grant percentage change

Medieval Miracles

Applicant: Eastern Angles Theatre co. ltd

Project description: This project will re-imagine and interpret two, medieval, East Anglian Mystery Plays for contemporary audiences. The plays will be performed at community venues with an accompanying programme of heritage activities and events.

Decision: Award grant percentage increase from 51% to 55%

12 September

National Lottery Heritage Grants £10,000 to £250,000

Opal22: Chapter2

Applicant: Opal22 Arts and Ed CIC

Project description: This Leicester project will focus on two programmes of work to run simultaneously: firstly, investment into the organisational infrastructure of Opal 22; and secondly, funding their Black History Month programme for 2024.

Decision: Reject

Provision of new facilities at St Mary's Church Swilland

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of Swilland

Project description: To create a new extension for kitchen and toilet facilities and reorder this Grade II* listed church near Ipswich.

Decision: Reject

The heritage and origins, present, and future of Bangladeshi Cuisine in the UK

Applicant: BEONTVUK LTD

Project description: This Birmingham-based project will explore the origins of British Bengali food, eating and cookery, its links to migrants rural roots, and how it is changing in the British-Bengali community in today's society.

Decision: Award grant of £42,398 (100%)

Tales of Tibshelf People

Applicant: Tibshelf Local History and Civic Society

Project description: This project will broaden knowledge of the heritage of Tibshelf, Derbyshire, through stories of individual residents who made their marks on local, national and global history.

Decision: Award grant of £72,600 (98%)

Elmhurst Super Camp Stairs

Applicant: Orbit Housing Association Limited

Project description: This project will restore the surviving staircase to the Elmhurst Court estate, the last remaining part of the Gorleston Super Holiday Camp and Second World War Army base in Norfolk. It will also save heritage by collecting oral histories and photographs related to the site from members of the local community as well as the local council and the Royal Anglian Regiment onto a website.

Decision: Reject

Dorothy Heathcote: Living History Project

Applicant: Mantle of the Expert CIC

Project description: This project will research the work of the academic, Dorothy Heathcote MBE, utilising her 'Mantle of the Expert' teaching method to engage young people in heritage across the West Midlands.

Decision: Award grant of £34,563 (98%)

Tales of The Gladiator

Applicant: Place Prospectors CIC

Project description: This project aims to save the intangible heritage of The Gladiator Pub in Druids Heath, Birmingham with the local community, using an inclusive approach creating an archive, exhibition, play and film.

Decision: Award grant of £19,160 (76%)

Derbyshire Dales Swift Project: 'Keeping Swifts in our landscape for future generations'

Applicant: Derbyshire Swift Conservation

Project description: This project aims to prioritise the protection and prevention of Swift decline within the Derbyshire Dales. It will undertake a scheme to locate, conserve and build nest boxes across the area, as well as creating opportunities for communities across the Dales to connect and support nature's recovery.

Decision: Award grant of £215,711 (93%)

Preserving the Northamptonshire Black History Archives

Applicant: Northampton Arts Collective Limited

Project description: This project will digitise and improve access to the Northamptonshire Black History Archive, which will be hosted as a central asset of a relaunched community and cultural hub.

Decision: Award grant of £42,949 (75%)

A sustainable future for Brampton Museum

Applicant: Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council

Project description: This is a resilience project that has been designed by the museum to future proof the organisation to ensure that the heritage remains freely accessible and in good condition.

Decision: Award grant of £99,900 (98%)

The Bonsall Framework Knitters' Workshop

Applicant: Adam Hill and Samantha Deakin Hill

Project description: This project aims to restore and transform a Grade II listed 1737 framework knitters' shop in Bonsall into a learning centre, preserving and celebrating our local industrial heritage while raising awareness of the critically endangered craft of framework knitting.

Decision: Award grant of £140,170 (81%)

Re-Form Heritage: Delivering Change for a Resilient Heritage Future

Applicant: Re-Form Heritage

Project description: This project focuses on two heritage sites managed by Re-Form Heritage: Middleport Pottery and Harper Street, Middleton. It will allow the charity the opportunity to improve its financial sustainability, securing the future of the sites.

Decision: Award grant of £249,954 (100%)

Restore and Renew Elmley Castle Bell Restoration Project Cantate Domino Canticum Novum (Sing Unto The Lord A new Song)

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of Elmley Castle, Bricklehampton, Little Comberton and Great Comberton

Project description: This project will restore and preserve the bells at the Grade I listed St Mary's Church, Elmley Castle in Worcestershire.

Decision: Reject

Derby Dungeons and Dragons

Applicant: Derby City Council

Project description: This project will see Derby Local Studies and Family History Library explore its collections to develop a story-driven, table-top game campaign celebrating the history of Derby.

Decision: Award grant of £130,000 (100%)

Visionary Sounds: Preserving and Celebrating the Heritage of Herts Vision Loss (HVL).

Applicant: HERTS VISION LOSS

Project description: This project will explore the lived experience of vision-impaired people in Hertfordshire through a range of creative outputs and preservation of the charity's own archives.

Decision: Reject

Let's Not Forget – A Walk in the Past

Applicant: Mary Seacole Housing Association Limited

Project description: This project will work with residents, schools and community groups to investigate the cultural and architectural heritage of sites in the Rothesay Conservation Area in Luton, creating an interactive trail of these sites.

Decision: Reject

Mill Waters Next Steps

Applicant: Ashfield District Council

Project description: This project will deliver a range of activities and capital works across Mill Waters, which covers the historic sites of Sutton Lawn, King's Mill Reservoir, King's Mill Viaduct and Hermitage ponds in Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire.

Decision: Award grant of £249,898 (97%)

Woodbridge Tidemill Hurst Frame remedial works

Applicant: Woodbridge Tide Mill Charitable Trust

Project description: This project will repair the base of the posts supporting the Hurst frame which supports the main vertical shaft and gear wheels of Woodbridge Tide Mill in the Woodbridge Conservation Area, Suffolk. It is a Grade I listed, four-storey, timber-framed Tide Mill on the River Deben built in 1793,

protecting this heritage for the future.

Decision: Award grant of £11,629 (70%)

Resilience to Reconnect: Growing financial resilience to reconnect more people to place, heritage and land to develop skills for the future.

Applicant: Cotesbach Educational Trust Limited

Project description: This project will increase the organisational resilience of Leicestershire's Cotesbach Educational Trust and its Grade II* listed suite of buildings, through investment in the site and an increase in staff capacity.

Decision: Award grant of £203,810 (100%)

Ensuring heritage connections for future generations

Applicant: YHA (England and Wales)

Project description: This resilience project, based across the Youth Hostel Association's 11 properties in the Midlands and East, will deliver multiple activities with the overarching aim of increasing the organisational sustainability of the YHA.

Decision: Award grant of £249,975 (88%)

16 September

National Lottery Grants for Heritage

Grant increase

Beacon on the Hill

Applicant: PCC of Doddington

Project description: The project will repair and reorder the Grade II listed St John's Church in Shropshire, conserving historic windows and making the building more accessible and better suited to hosting activities with improved facilities. It will also deliver a varied programme of activities to engage locals and visitors in the heritage of the building and the wider landscape.

Decision: Award grant increase of £52,966 to make a total grant of £223,520 49%

26 September

National Lottery Grants for Heritage

Grant increase

High Toynton Renewed

Applicant: High Toynton PCC

Project description: This project will reinstate the collapsed corner of a Grade II listed church in High Toynton near Horncastle in Lincolnshire and engage people in local history and ecology.

Decision: Award grant increase of £142,081 to make a total grant of £367,082 88%

National Lottery Heritage Grants £10,000 to £250,000

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Decision: Agree grant percentage decrease from 100% to 95%

27 September

National Lottery Heritage Grants £10,000 to £250,000

Future Governance – The Chester House Estate

Applicant: North Northamptonshire Council

Project description: This resilience project will undertake a governance review and establish the best governance options to ensure a sustainable future for the Grade II* listed Chester House Estate in Northamptonshire.

Decision: Award grant of £210,000 (100%)

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Grant increase applications

Stottesdon Parish Church - Past, Present and Future

Applicant: St Mary's Church, Stottesdon

Project description: This project will deliver a capital programme of urgent repairs at St Mary's, a Grade I listed church in Stottesdon – a small rural village in south Shropshire. People will have the opportunities to

learn about the historic Norman building and the heritage treasures right at the heart of their community.

Decision: Award grant increase of £20,073 to make a total grant of £291,573 (71%)

30 September

National Lottery Heritage Grants £10,000 to £250,000

From Bosnia To Britain – Building Communities

Applicant: Bosnia and Herzegovina UK Network

Project description: This project will collate the oral, written, and video histories of wartime memories, migration to Britain, and life as Bosnian-British citizens onto a website to help engender a greater understanding of migrants and refugees.

Decision: Award grant of £249,652 (100%)