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Schedule of decisions under delegated powers for Scotland at The National Lottery Heritage Fund on 22 April 2025.

Funding decisions

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

Annan's Motte and Bailey: Protecting a Legacy, Connecting a Community

Applicant: Annan The History Town Group

Project description: This project aims to preserve Annan's 12th-century motte and bailey, transforming it from an unknown monument into a key heritage site for the community and visitors.

Decision: Reject

Kells Reimagined

Applicant: Tarbat Historic Trust

Project description: This project aims to increase engagement with the heritage of the picts in the Portmahomack area as a means of improving the overall sustainability of the Tarbat Discovery Centre.

Decision: Reject

Refugee Festival Scotland 2025 - The Heritage Strand

Applicant: Scottish Refugee Council

Project description: This project aims to celebrate and preserve the intangible heritage of New Scots communities, showcasing their cultural narratives, traditions and contributions to Scotland's evolving heritage.

Decision: Award grant of £36,596 (100%)

Capturing the Clyde: Past, Present & Future

Applicant: Inclusive Images Ltd

Project description: This project seeks to encourage more people with additional support needs, physical disabilities and/or mental health challenges to discover and enjoy their community's industrial and natural heritage and build connections with groups working to promote and preserve it.

Decision: Reject

Voices Of Heritage: Preserving African Oral Stories in Scotland

Applicant: Enkula Wellness Hub C.I.C.

Project description: This project aims to preserve and celebrate African oral storytelling traditions, ensuring they are safeguarded and actively shared with future generations in Scotland.

Decision: Reject

Leadership Labs - A Leadership Training Programme for Senior Climate and Environmental Leaders in Scotland

Applicant: Environmental Funders Network

Project description: This project seeks to pilot delivering bespoke leadership training to 60 senior leaders of small and medium sized organisations who need it most in the climate, environment and natural heritage space across Scotland.

Decision: Award grant of £136,496 (100%)

Bridging Cultures: Connecting Arabic-Speaking Refugee Families with Scottish Heritage and Vice Versa

Applicant: Strengthening Communities for Race Equality Scotland – SCOREscotland

Project description: This project aims to foster cultural preservation and mutual understanding among local refugee families and the Scottish community. It aims to do this by creating a supportive environment in which refugee families can celebrate and showcase their own cultural heritage while also learning about Scottish and UK heritage, leading to greater social integration and cohesion.

Decision: Reject

Thistles and Dandelions: Women Make Glasgow - Decolonising heritage

Applicant: Empower Women for Change

Project description: This project seeks to work towards helping heritage spaces to become more inclusive, accessible and utilised, and for Black, Asian and minority ethnic women and other marginalised groups to recognise themselves and their experiences in these spaces.

Decision: Reject

Kirkcudbright Parish Church Redevelopment Phase 1

Applicant: Kirkcudbright Parish Church of Scotland

Project description: This project aims to enhance the usability and accessibility of a Grade B listed church building and help to diversify the community usage of the building.

Decision: Award grant of £25,000 (10%)

Heritage at Three Hares

Applicant: Three Hares Woodland CIC

Project description: This project seeks to focus on traditional heritage crafts – including critically endangered crafts – which have fallen out of use and which are at risk of being lost.

Decision: Reject

Invernessiana 2025: Celebrating the Charles Fraser-Mackintosh Collection

Applicant: Inverness College UHI

Project description: The aim of this project is to celebrate the life and work of Charles Fraser-Mackintosh (1828–1901), a lawyer, property developer and parliamentarian who played a key role in shaping both the modern townscape of Inverness and the cultural identity of the Highlands.

Decision: Award grant of £20,441 (57%)

Filmhouse: Open the Doors

Applicant: Filmhouse (Edinburgh) Ltd

Project description: This project seeks to renovate the Filmhouse building, specifically improvements primarily around accessibility, energy efficiency and presenting the façade in this distinctive 19th-century building.

Decision: Reject

125 Live!

Applicant: Horsecross Arts Limited

Project description: This project aims to be a landmark celebration of Perth Theatre's 125th anniversary and Perth Concert Hall's 20th anniversary. It aims to deepen public engagement with the venues' artistic and social heritage, creating a sense of pride, connection and accessibility for diverse audiences.

Decision: Reject

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Applicant: Morton in the Community

Project description: This project seeks to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Greenock Morton FC, aiming to honour its history and contributions to the community through creating awareness of the organisation's legacy, engaging with the community through various events and activities, and documenting its evolution over the years.

Decision: Award grant of £156,878 (100%)

Laying the Groundwork for Elgin Museum's Future

Applicant: The Moray Society

Project description: This project aims to progress redevelopment plans of the museum building. Due to its age, combined with inappropriate historic repairs, major intervention is now required to secure its future and ensure it is fit for purpose for all users.

Decision: Award grant of £67,679 (87%)

Daniell's Voyage 200 years on: A celebration of the Scottish coast

Applicant: The SCAPE Trust

Project description: This project seeks to connect coastal communities and visitors with the buildings and natural heritage of the Scottish coast.

Decision: Reject

Building up a Head of Steam

Applicant: SS Explorer Preservation Society

Project description: This project aims to restore Fisheries Research Vessel (FRV) Explorer and present it as a floating museum with shoreside interpretation.

Decision: Reject

Breaking Barriers

Applicant: University of Stirling

Project description: This project seeks to deliver a series of intergenerational activities to promote wider public engagement with mining heritage beyond the familial and occupational connections to coal.

Decision: Award grant of £117,465 (100%)

Visions of Hope: 160 years of Seescape's Journey in Fife

Applicant: Fife Society for the Blind

Project description: This project aims to ensure that the unique heritage of Fife's visually impaired community endures for future generations, through creating a powerful, accessible record of Seescape's 160-year journey supporting visually impaired people in Fife.

Decision: Award grant of £41,380 (100%)

Grant increases

St Margaret's Braemar – Regenerating a hidden Scottish masterpiece

Applicant: Historic Churches Scotland

Decision: Award grant increase of £70,000 to make a total grant of £319,979. Agree change in grant percentage from 26% to 33%

Nature Recovery Academy - Scotland

Applicant: Common Purpose Charitable Trust

Decision: Reject