



Big Lottery Fund

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Helping deliver our mission: to bring real improvements to communities* and to the lives of those most in need.

**Communities of interest as well as geography*

What will Awards for All & Reaching Communities fund?



Projects must meet **at least one** of BIG's outcomes:

- people having better chances in life with better access to training and development to improve their life skills
- stronger communities with more active citizens working together to tackle their problems
- improved rural and urban environments which communities are better able to access and enjoy
- healthier and more active people and communities

Awards for All



- Grants of **between £300 and £10,000**
- Open to voluntary and community groups, schools, town/parish councils, some health bodies
- **New projects** that start after funding awarded and **finish within a 12-month period**
- Won't cover core costs or core work

Application process



You read our guide

You send us your application

We let you know our decision

You send the documents we ask for

We confirm the grant

You start your project

30 working days

20 working days

10 working days

Improving your chances



Applications will score higher if they:

- show strong evidence of need
- seek to involve as wide a range of people as possible
- meet more than one of our outcomes
- are from groups that have never received an Awards for All grant
- are from groups with a smaller annual income
- are for smaller projects



Reaching Communities



- **Reaching Communities** – funding from £10,000 to £500,000 for revenue projects and /or smaller capital projects of between £10,000 and £50,000
- **Reaching Communities buildings** – funding of between £100,000 and £500,000 for large capital projects



Reaching Communities



- Revenue and capital costs
- Up to five years funding
- Grants between £10,000 and £500,000
 - **Total** project cost (all sources of funding) must not be more than £750,000
 - **Capital** element of the project must not be more than £200,000, of which up to £50,000 can come from Reaching Communities
- Associated organisational costs - full cost recovery
- Existing projects as well as new

We will look at:

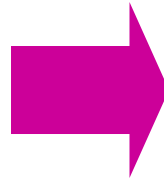


- Evidence of need
- Extent to which desired outcomes will make a real difference
- Project outcomes
- Link with programme outcomes
- Link between outcomes and activities
- Beneficiary involvement
- Amount of previous funding to local area
- Other relevant funded projects

Application process summary:

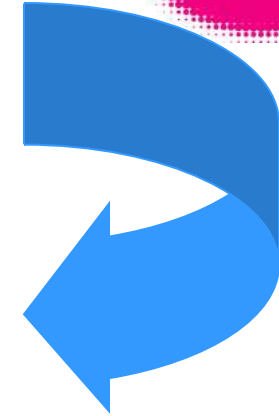


Come up with a good idea

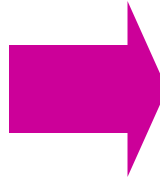


Send an outline proposal

BIG will let you know within 20 working days whether you might get a grant and send out an application form



Plan the project



Submit a completed application form within four months



BIG will assess the project and let you have a decision within 10 or 17 weeks (dependent on application route)

Reaching Communities



Gwelheans Ltd - £69,160

James Hopkins Trust - £42,499

Plymouth & District Mind - £495,275

The Southmead Project - £396,032

Volunteering in Health - £178,692





Older People - £110 million

A package of investment that will fund projects targeting the needs of older people until 2015

Silver Dreams - £10 million

Ideas for £50,000-£200,000 projects should be submitted by 31st October



www.biglearningzone.org.uk

New online guide replaces 'Explaining the difference your project makes'



Getting Funding and Planning Successful Projects

BIG's Guide to Outcomes

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Introduction

Getting Funding and Planning Successful Projects: BIG's Guide to Outcomes

Big Lottery Fund is an outcomes funder and is driven by the difference its funding makes for individuals and communities.

We have recently revised our approach to outcomes and have produced Getting Funding and Planning Successful Projects for organisations applying for a Big Lottery Fund grant from 1st November 2010. It is a simple step-by-step introduction to the fundamental concepts and principles that you will need to know about if you are going to apply for funding from us. Please invest some time in exploring this resource - it will help you increase your chances of getting funding and of making a difference once you do.

Getting Funding and Planning Successful Projects is part of a set of essential materials for our applicants. If you are applying to us for funding ***you must also read:***

- The **programme guidance** - which will include specific details about programme outcomes

Contact us



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