



BIG LOTTERY FUND SCOTLAND

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Big Lottery Scotland - current funding



- Awards for All (up to £10k, 1 year)
- Investing in Ideas
- Young Start
- Grants for community led activity
- Grants for improving lives
- Scottish Land Fund.



Third party funding



£10k-£50k: projects for young people (8-24 yrs)

- From April 2016 groups may can be awarded two grants but then have to wait a further two years after the closure of the second before applying again.
- Increased focus on the involvement of young people

Scottish Land Fund

Ionmhas Fearainn Na H-Alba

£10k-£1m- for rural or urban communities to acquire important land or assets

- More flexible around buildings and status of organisation.

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Big Lottery Scotland funds - coming soon



- Community Assets
- Coastal Communities
- "celebrate"



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Big Lottery Scotland funds - current news



- Awards for All - around 55% success rate
- Investing in Ideas - around 45%
- Young Start - around 40%.



Grants for community-led activity

Medium grants



► To support communities to bring real improvements to the places they live & the wellbeing of those most in need



Grants for community-led activity

- Organisations based in the local area they serve and run by local people
- with a social purpose that benefits the local area and open membership
- £10k - £150k
- 3- 5 years.

Big Lottery Scotland funds - current news



- Grants for community led activity
- 111 application forms issued, 50 received
- 30 assessed, 18 funded
- 60% success rate
- Average grant size £125k.

Activity funded so far includes



- Housing Association in WesterHailes - activities promoting community cohesion, health and wellbeing in community garden with aim of establishing and supporting a Growers Association. Activities will include natural play sessions, grow your own courses and community food workshops
- Neighbourhood Centre in east end of Glasgow - learning activities to bring community together including arts and crafts, drama, healthy living activities, dance and community café
- Adventure park in Highlands - range of activities including fun days, litter collection, stream cleaning, planting bulbs. A kiosk worker and groundskeeper employed and a swing, crazy golf and play equipment added.

Grants for improving lives

Medium and large grants

► To support people overcome challenges and become more resilient



Grants for improving lives



- Children, young people, families experiencing challenging circumstances
 - People who have experienced abuse
 - Loss, isolation and loneliness
 - Discrimination and people affected by this
- Most organisations eligible but keen to see applications from organisations working at local level (and those that we've not funded previously).

Grants for improving lives



**Medium grants £10k - £150k
1-5 years**

New or existing activity

Revenue and capital costs

**Large grants £150k - £1million
1-5 years**

Big Lottery Scotland funds - current news



- Large grants for improving lives
- 134 application forms issued, 54 received
- 29 assessed
- 11 invited to continue
- 1 funded (part of Homeless World Cup)
- High demand for funding.

Big Lottery Scotland funds - current news



- Medium grants for improving lives
- 225 application forms issued, 94 received
- 73 assessed
- 34 funded
- 47% success rate
- Average grant size £111k.

Activity funded so far includes



- Mentoring organisation expanding its support service for young males in Polmont prison. Training includes peer education, alcohol awareness training and personal development activities
- Group based peer support programme for socially isolated individuals experiencing challenging circumstances eg addiction and domestic abuse. Connecting people into their local communities and build confidence through personal, group work and community activities in Fife
- Transitions project providing support to young people (and their families) with profound and multiple learning disabilities from Glasgow, Renfrewshire, East Dunbartonshire starting transition process from secondary education to adult service provision.

“Three Approaches” of our new funding



people-led



strengths-based



connected

A people-led approach



We will ask applicants to ...

Ensure people taking part in activity are involved and contribute to developing, planning and delivery (as appropriate)

A strengths-based approach



We will ask applicants to....

Build on the strengths (or assets) in their area - knowledge, skills and experience of people and other resources (rather than focussing on needs!)

A connected approach



We will ask applicants to...

Be well connected to people, organisations and services in their area and demonstrate the way in which they complement any other provision

So far...



- Groups need to contact us prior to receiving and application form for larger funding (sample forms on website)
- Large funding requests without any match are unlikely to be funded in full
- Applications for maximum amount but not maximum timescale unlikely to be funded
- Demand for funding is high
- One award per funding stream (local authorities count as one organisation)

Tips on completing funding applications

Hints and tips



- Start preparing as early as possible
- Check eligibility of organisation, activity and costs
- Make sure your contact details are correct and they are available!
- Read the guidance.



Hints and tips



- Explain clearly what you are asking for funding for
- Make sure you know your name and that this is the same as your constitution and other documents
- Ask for the amount of money and length of time you need.

Hints and tips



- Check you have included any additional documentation required
- Check and recheck before sending application
- Get someone else to read over your application.



5 reasons why applications fail



1. The applicant isn't eligible
2. Activity not explained clearly
3. The budget is unconvincing and unrealistic
4. The applicant misses the deadline
5. The form is incomplete or illegible.



5 reasons why applications succeed



1. The applicant has developed a relationship with the funder
2. It's clear what the funding is for
3. The activity fits with the criteria, outcomes, priorities etc.
4. The applicant has a track record
5. The activity complements other provision



Sources of help

- **Third sector interface**
- **Local authority funding officer**
- **Funders themselves**
- **SCVO**
- **Google!**

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