

Guidance for applicants



2014 Communities programme

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Accessibility

Please contact us to discuss any specific communication needs you have.

Our equality principles

Promoting accessibility; valuing cultural diversity; promoting participation; promoting equality of opportunity; promoting inclusive communities; reducing disadvantage and exclusion. Please visit our website for more information.

We care about the environment

The Big Lottery Fund is working towards sustainable development and the use of sustainable resources.

Our mission

We are committed to bringing real improvements to communities and the lives of people most in need.

Our values

We have identified seven values that underpin our work: fairness; accessibility; strategic focus; involving people; innovation; enabling; additional to government.

The Big Lottery Fund is committed to valuing diversity and promoting equality of opportunity, both as a grantmaker and employer. The Big Lottery Fund will aim to adopt an inclusive approach to ensure grant applicants and recipients, stakeholders, job applicants and employees are treated fairly.

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About Big Lottery Fund

Big Lottery Fund is responsible for distributing half the money raised by the National Lottery for good causes. You can find out more about us by visiting our website www.biglotteryfund.org.uk or calling our advice line: 0300 123 7110. You can also email enquiries: scotland@biglotteryfund.org.uk. If you have a hearing impairment you can contact us using a textphone, on 0141 242 1500.

Please ensure you contact us or visit our website to check that you have the most up to date versions of our application form and guidance notes. We published these guidance notes in October 2011.



Our 2014 Communities programme

Glasgow is hosting the 2014 Commonwealth Games and we want to help more people across Scotland benefit from this. Physical activity can help people become healthier and fitter.

In Scotland fewer people are regularly taking part or volunteering in physical activity and we hope our 2014 Communities programme will help address this in the run up to the Commonwealth Games.

2014 Communities is about building a legacy of well-being before and beyond the Commonwealth Games.

We want to build community cohesion and integration and bring different generations, cultures and groups within communities together to volunteer and take part in physical activity.

We want to break down barriers and bring together people who don't know each other to share skills, celebrate and enjoy physical activity.

We will support new and existing groups/organisations to take part in new competitions, events and tournaments as well as enjoy a programme of new activities they've never tried before.

We want local groups to decide what best meets the needs of their community and we will only consider direct applications from the group seeking funding. The coordination of multiple applications by regional and national networks is outside the spirit of the programme and these applications will not be funded.

Who can apply?

We will only offer grants to voluntary and community sector organisations, community councils and schools. We will not fund individuals and sole traders, local authorities, health bodies, profit-making organisations and governing bodies of sport. If you are a branch of a larger organisation you may be eligible to apply, please see the guidance on our website.

By voluntary and community sector organisations we mean charities, co-operatives, friendly societies, sports clubs, industrial and provident societies, social enterprises, not for profit community businesses and unincorporated associations.

We will only award a grant to organisations that have a written governing document, for example, constitution, set of rules or trust deed. There must be at least three unrelated people on your organisation's governing body or management committee. If you are not sure whether you are eligible to apply please check our website www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/2014 or call our advice line: 0300 123 7110.

Our programme outcomes

We want to know about the changes that happen as a result of our funding. We call these changes 'outcomes'. Part of our decision on whether to award a grant is based on how well your project meets one or more of these outcomes.

For this programme we want to fund projects that will achieve one or more of the following outcomes.

1. More people take part in physical activity.
2. More people volunteer in physical activity.
3. More people and communities are brought together through taking part or volunteering in physical activity.

Your project must meet at least one of the outcomes to receive a grant. The more outcomes you meet, the higher we will score your application. You can find out more about what we mean by volunteer activities by visiting our website www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/2014

Our priorities

We would like the projects we fund to reach people who are less likely to take part in physical activity and stay active. Our priorities are listed below.

- ▶ Getting more children under 5 to take part in physical activity
- ▶ Getting more women and girls to take part in physical activity.
- ▶ Getting more disabled people to take part in physical activity.
- ▶ Getting more older people aged over 65 to take part in physical activity.

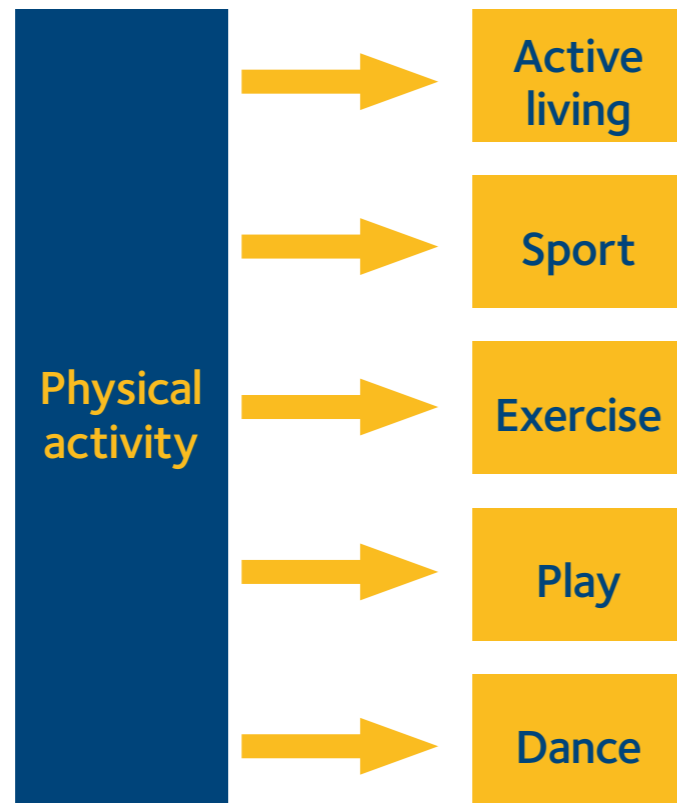
Your project does not need to meet any of these to be offered a grant but if we do not have enough funds to support all the projects we would like to, we are more likely to fund those that meet one of our priorities.

We may change our priorities in future. Please check our website www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/2014 or call us on 0300 123 7110 for current information.



What do we mean by physical activity?

Physical activity is a broad term to describe movement of the body that uses energy and includes exercise; sport; play; dance; and active living such as walking and gardening. The Big Lottery Fund supports the National Strategy for Physical Activity, Let's Make Scotland More Active, vision that people in Scotland will enjoy the benefits of having a physically active life.



For more information about the types of physical activity we may support please call our advice line 0300 123 7110.

What can we fund?

We can give you a grant from £300 to £2,000 or we can partly fund your project if total project costs exceed £2,000. However, total project costs must not exceed £4,000. If you are planning to contribute some funding from other sources you must have already raised this when you apply. You must be able to complete the project and spend the entire grant within 12 months of receiving the grant payment.

Here are some examples of what a grant may be spent on:

- coaching costs
- taster sessions and open days
- equipment purchase
- promotion and advertising
- school-club links and outreach work
- sports kit
- transport costs
- venue hire
- volunteer expenses

But we won't pay for:

- ongoing salaries of existing staff or coaches
- regular running costs to continue current activity
- project management or consultancy fees
- items for the sole use of an individual
- refurbishment
- overseas travel
- goods or services purchased before you have received the grant (including deposits)
- gym memberships
- projects taking place outside Scotland
- loan payments
- repayment of debt

We welcome applications from schools. However, we cannot support activities or services that the school has a statutory responsibility to provide. This means we will not fund activities that are in the school curriculum.

How to apply

This flowchart explains the application process.



If we make you a conditional grant offer

You must send us the supporting documentation we request, this helps us to prevent and detect fraud. Our conditional grant offer is subject to you providing us with the information we ask for. You must make sure you can provide this information within 20 working days, otherwise we will withdraw our conditional grant offer.

The information we need from you depends on what type of organisation you are:

Voluntary and community organisations and community councils

▶ We will ask you to send us original bank statements covering the last three months, within 20 days. The most recent of these bank statements must not be more than three months old. If your organisation uses a passbook account, you need to send us photocopies of the pages of the passbook that show the account name and number, as well as the last three months' transactions. You need to ask the building society to stamp and sign all the photocopied sheets as 'true copies of the original'. If your organisation uses an internet account, you need to send us print outs of the last three months' transactions. If you are a new group and do not have three months' worth of bank statements, you should send all the statements you have.

▶ We will ask you to complete a bank details form which must be fully completed, stamped and signed by your bank before being returned to us.

▶ If you are a voluntary and community sector organisation that is not a registered charity we will ask you to send us a copy of your organisation's governing document.

Schools

▶ We will need a letter signed by the head teacher with details of the bank account into which the grant will be paid and confirmation that our grant will only be used for the project described in the application.

All applicants must sign and return our conditional grant offer and accept our terms and conditions of grant within 20 working days. The senior contact from your organisation must also sign the conditional grant offer.

If the documents you return are satisfactory we will pay the grant directly into your organisation's bank account. Your bank account must be in the name of the organisation that submits the application to us and will carry out the project. We will not pay a grant into a personal bank account. We require at least two people who are unrelated and do not live at the same address to sign each cheque or make a withdrawal. You must not start your project until you have received your grant payment from us.

You can download a copy of our terms and conditions of grant from our website www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/2014 or you can phone our advice line on 0300 123 7110 and we will send them to you.

If the documents you return are unsatisfactory we will withdraw our conditional grant offer. If you wish to reapply you must address the reasons why we had to withdraw our offer. You do not need to wait 12 months before sending us a new application for the same project.

When your project has finished

We will ask you to complete an end of grant report to confirm how the grant has been spent and what you have achieved. You must keep all of your receipts as we may ask you to send us them.

Equal opportunities

We expect projects to be open to all who want to be involved, unless you are able to provide a good reason why this should not be the case. If you plan to restrict who can take part you should explain why in part 3 of the application form.

Protection of children and vulnerable adults and insurances

If you are applying for a project to work with children, young people, or vulnerable adults, we will need to be sure the children, young people and vulnerable adults you work with will be safe. You must have a policy that explains how you make sure this happens, and that the policy is put into practice. It is your responsibility to have acceptable protection policies and procedures for children, young people and vulnerable adults in place to ensure that your project is safely and effectively managed. We may ask to look at these at any time.

Please note that it is your responsibility to ensure you have adequate insurance in place - this should include cover for any assets you buy or events and activities you run using our grant. We may ask to look at these policies at any time.

Data Protection and Freedom of Information

Data protection - We will use the information you give us on the application form and supporting documents during assessment and for the life of any grant we award you to administer and analyse grants and for our own research. We may give copies of this information to individuals and organisations we consult when assessing applications, when monitoring grants and evaluating the way our funding programmes work and the effect they have. These organisations may include accountants, external evaluators and other organisations or groups involved in delivering the project. We may also share information with other Lottery distributors, government departments and other organisations and individuals with a legitimate interest in Lottery applications and grants, or for the prevention and detection of fraud. We might use the data you provide for our own research. We recognise the need to maintain the confidentiality of vulnerable groups and their details will not be made public in any way, except as required by law.

Freedom of Information - The Freedom of Information Act 2000 gives members of the public the right to request any information that we hold. This includes information received from third parties, such as, although not limited to, grant applicants, grant holders, contractors and people making a complaint. If information is requested under the Freedom of Information Act we will release it, subject to exemptions, although we may consult with you first. If you think that information you are providing may be exempt from release if requested, you should let us know when you apply.





The Big Lottery Fund proudly supports Active Nation. Active Nation is a Scottish Government led initiative which aims to energise and motivate Scots to increase their physical activity in the run up to the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow and beyond. Our 2014 Communities programme shares this goal. For more information on Active Nation please visit www.ouractivenation.co.uk