

England, Midlands & East: delegated decisions August 2023

Schedule of decisions under delegated powers for England, Midlands & East at The National Lottery Heritage Fund in August 2023.

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Grant increase request

8 August 2023

Picturing the past: celebrating and conserving our heritage

Applicant: Mount Zion Apostolic Church

Project description: To repair the 1930s Grade II Listed building and make it useable to serve the church's community in Nottingham. An engagement programme will capture memories of the local community, promote Nottingham's Black history and include young people and underserved groups.

Decision: Award grant increase of £21,820 to make a total grant of £136,820 (71%)

Grant percentage and approved purposes change application

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Next Chapter – Stepping into Dragon Hall's Story

Applicant: National Centre for Writing

Project description: This project at Dragon Hall, Norwich, will restore, share and reinterpret its heritage.

Decision: Award grant percentage increase from 30% to 68% and agree change to approved purposes.

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The Annual UK Legends of Legends

Applicant: UK Legend of Legends

Project description: To work with the community to uncover and collect the oral histories, photographs and memorabilia associated with the history of Lovers Rock, the area of Handsworth and the context of racial tension through the decades.

Decision: Award grant of £9,500 (100%)

Luton orchards – researching the history and surveying the present of Luton's urban orchards

Applicant: Hope Church Luton Trust

Project description: To research the history of orchards in Luton, survey their present condition and record the results in the appropriate places to inform future work to protect orchards for the benefit of nature and people.

Decision: Award grant of £10,000 (100%)

Little John's Grave Improvements

Applicant: Hathersage Parochial Church Council

Project description: St Michael's churchyard contains the purported grave of Robin Hood's lieutenant 'Little John', and this has been a well-loved and visited tourist attraction for hundreds of years. This project will provide an interpretation board and level the access to the grave.

Decision: Reject

A High School Heritage

Applicant: Ormiston Academies Trust

Project description: To collect memories, stories and school-related objects from former staff and pupils of Bilston High School, Bilston, Wolverhampton. The project will work with disaffected students and those who find it difficult to engage with the standard curriculum in out-of-school activities.

Decision: Award grant of £15,625 (100%)

Potesleche, Poteslepe or Poteslowe: uncovering the hidden stories of Putley and its Church

Applicant: Putley Parochial Church Council

Project description: To research, record, interpret and share the stories of the 800-year-old church, so that a wider range of people can get involved with heritage.

Decision: Award grant of £10,000 (100%)

Dunwich Community Heritage Hub – The Way Forward

Applicant: The Dunwich Reading Room and Museum Charity

Project description: To undertake feasibility work and community consultation to establish proposals for improving Dunwich Reading Room and Museum. This will be supported and informed by a programme of pilot activities, and the project will work to establish or strengthen strategic partnerships.

Decision: Award grant of £83,852 (97%)

60 Miles: Northampton's Heritage in Comic Book Stories

Applicant: 60 Miles by Road or Rail Ltd.

Project description: This project in Northampton will hold workshops with comic book artists and local community groups in order to capture local underserved groups' social heritage, publishing an anthology comic book physically and digitally.

Decision: Award grant of £99,995 (93%)

Heritage Horizons: Bedfordshire

Applicant: University of Bedfordshire Higher Education Corporation

Project description: To support heritage practitioners based in Bedfordshire to build partnerships and connections, develop and expand their practice, and deliver projects/activities to share heritage in local communities.

Decision: Award grant of £249,994 (100%)

Beyond the Beach: Uncovering Mablethorpe's Hidden History

Applicant: Taylor Made Arts LTD

Project description: To share the intangible cultural heritage of Mablethorpe with wider audiences by conducting research into local stories. This will be done by interviewing local people, including those at the lifeboat centre and older members of the community, as well as visiting key heritage locations in Mablethorpe.

Decision: Reject

Queens of Walsall

Applicant: LGK IN THE COMMUNITY

Project description: To document the oral histories and cultural heritage of migrant women in Walsall, and disseminate them via e-learning programmes and exhibitions.

Decision: Defer

Christ Church Floor repair project

Applicant: Christ Church Latchingdon PCC

Project description: To repair the floor of Christ Church, Latchingdon (16 miles north of Southend-on-Sea).

Decision: Reject

Balimamuso

Applicant: Empowered Women UK

Project description: Balimamuso means 'Sister' in the West African Bambara language. This project will run a series of talks, workshops, short courses and events to bring women of all cultures and ethnicities, living in Nottingham, together to learn about and celebrate West African culture and heritage.

Decision: Award grant of £9,300 (100%)

St Thomas (Derby) Phase 3 – Creating regeneration and resilience through the Epiphany Project

Applicant: Walbrook Epiphany PCC

Project description: To complete repairs to the building, removing the site from the 'at-Risk' register. Further new build capital elements will allow the creation of a multi-use space and create new forms of income for the site.

Decision: Reject

Digital Archiving Nottingham Football Fanzines

Applicant: LeftLion Limited

Project description: To digitise two complete sets of Nottingham-based football fanzines, Brian and The Pie, published between 1988 and 2007. These relate to fanzines for the two Nottingham-based football clubs, Nottingham Forest and Notts County.

Decision: Award grant of £47,020 (100%)

Pot Dogs

Applicant: 104 projects CIC

Project description: This is a disability-led heritage project which will raise awareness of the disabled community's heritage in Stoke-on-Trent and involve members of the community to research, record their oral histories and share their heritage locally. The oral history recording and interpretation will focus upon the memories from the local disabled community, including those who formerly attended the Mount School 'for the blind and deaf' and the experiences of navigating workplace environments.

Decision: Award grant of £89,700 (100%)

The Railway Children Victorian Community Heritage Project

Applicant: Alfie James Productions Limited

Project description: To investigate what life was like living in Colchester during Victorian times, comparing town life and the surrounding villages and the impact which the Victorian era had upon our society today.

Decision: Award grant of £10,000 (88%)

Martin Heritage Society

Applicant: Martin Village Hall

Project description: To collect memories and photos from the local rural community in Martin, Lincolnshire, as well as creating a maintenance and repair strategy for their local buildings and monuments.

Decision: Award grant of £40,865 (100%)

Earthart Generations

Applicant: Deep Roots Tall Trees

Project description: To explore the intangible cultural heritage of the dramatic changes Corby has undergone over the past 50 to 60 years and share it with local young people through workshops.

Decision: Award grant of £9,900 (63%)

Tastes Like Home: An audio trail telling stories of cultural heritage through food

Applicant: Bedford Players Trust

Project description: To hold workshops blending storytelling, food and music to explore what 'home', 'place' and 'heritage' means to them. The project will produce a digital map and auditory trail identifying important cultural heritage locations, which will be launched at a local event.

Decision: Award grant of £9,202 (52%)

LSPC Leicestershire Pathways

Applicant: Leicester Progressive Spiritualist Church

Project description: To prepare Leicester Progressive Spiritualist Church to deliver a 'Pathways Project' for underserved communities in Leicester to access academic courses and complete exams.

Decision: Reject

Stixwold Exhibition: Local Hero, Major 'Gentleman Jim' Almonds

Applicant: Stixwold Village Hall

Project description: To create an exhibition that looks at the life and adventures of a local resident of Stixwold village, Major 'Gentleman Jim' Almonds, a founder member of the SAS in 1941.

Decision: Award grant of £9,784 (100%)

Urgent Repairs to St Mary Magdalene, Newark on Trent

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Newark on Trent St Mary Magdalene with St Leonard

Project description: To undertake urgent repairs and engagement activities at the Grade I listed St Mary Magdalene Church in Newark, Nottinghamshire.

Decision: Award grant of £249,498 (53%)

Scenes from Contemporary Life: 50 Years On

Applicant: Stevenage Borough Council

Project description: This project in Stevenage, Hertfordshire, holds events, workshops and an exhibition to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the mural Scenes of Contemporary Life, by William Mitchell. Condition assessment and tests of new protective measures will also be undertaken.

Decision: Reject

Archiving oral histories of Black Activism 1960–1990: A West Midlands pilot

Applicant: Birmingham City University

Project description: To support community researchers to record the oral histories of Black activists who were active between 1960 and 1990 in the West Midlands. The project is intended as a pilot to a larger national project.

Decision: Reject

Seedling: multicultural family heritages and our planet's future

Applicant: Carbon Theatre and Cultural Projects Ltd.

Project description: To explore the relationship between multicultural heritage and individuals' response to climate change, whilst engaging with young people and local adults to develop new skills and produce an artistic installation.

Decision: Reject

Care, Create, Conserve

Applicant: The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity

Project description: This healthcare heritage-based project seeks to engage with the local Wolverhampton community to co-create artworks and exhibit the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust's collection.

Decision: Award grant of £139,792 (95%)

Derby Museums: Resilience, Relevance and Recovery

Applicant: Derby Museums

Project description: Derby Museums will undertake a full business review and generate new income streams as a means of increasing long-term organisational resilience.

Decision: Award grant of £207,235 (100%)