

# England, Midlands & East: delegated decisions January 2025

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Schedule of decisions under delegated powers for England, Midlands & East at The National Lottery Heritage Fund in January 2025.

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## 15 January

### Grant decrease

#### **The Place That Made the Weather: Joseph Chamberlain's Highbury**

Applicant: The Chamberlain Highbury Trust

Decision: Agree grant decrease of £3,020,022 to make a total grant of £2,056,000 and a grant percentage increase of 42% to 88%.

## 16 January

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

#### **Unlocking the Hidden Castle Gate Heritage**

Applicant: Omega New Grace Church

Project description: To undertake preparatory surveys and reports to inform capital and engagement plans for this Grade II listed Victorian building.

Decision: Award grant of £33,141 (100%)

#### **Restoring Gedling Old Station**

Applicant: Gedling Youth and Community Hub

Project description: To undertake a scheme of repairs to the Victorian railway building.

Decision: Award grant of £173,286 (70%)

## **The Spirit of Post-War Sherwood**

Applicant: The Sherwood Forest Trust

Project description: To explore community heritage from the final year of WWII to the end of rationing around Sherwood, with a focus on inclusion and accessibility.

Decision: Reject

## **A Proposal and Feasibility Study for Norwich's Green Spaces: how to regenerate our historic parks and green spaces for ecology, communities, culture and climate**

Applicant: Norwich City Council

Project description: To put together a multi-disciplinary team of experts to look at how each site is managed and its condition. These surveys will feed into the wider Area Action Plan for the network of spaces.

Decision: Reject

## **Heritage and Harmony: Preserving Panjabi Culture, Community Green Spaces and Intergenerational Bonds**

Applicant: SGG SJ TELFORD

Project description: To set up the Sabiachar Digital Library as a repository for oral histories and videos of cultural performances, whilst delivering a series of workshops and events to celebrate Panjabi culture.

Decision: Award grant of £92,167 (100%)

## **Heritage of Hope (HofH)**

Applicant: Live Cancer Free

Project description: To focus on inclusion, working with diverse communities in Leicester to collect oral histories and research about cancer.

Decision: Award grant of £55,072 (98%)

## **Expanding Afro Dance Fitness: Bringing Gospel Rhythms Online**

Applicant: Dance With Stago CIC

Project description: To deliver twice-weekly online fitness workshops focused on Afro dance techniques.

Decision: Reject

### **Ecclesbourne Valley Railway: Commercial Review Project**

Applicant: Ecclesbourne Valley Railway Association

Project description: To undertake a review of the charity's existing operating model covering governance, day-to-day operations, current and potential new income stream, and barriers to success.

Decision: Reject

### **Butts 4 Houses Project**

Applicant: Butts Primary School

Project description: To explore the lives of the five historical figures and spread awareness of them in the community; this will culminate in performances of a play using the material gathered.

Decision: Award grant of £11,325 (100%)

### **Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust Masterplanning and Resilience**

Applicant: THE WILDLIFE TRUST FOR BIRMINGHAM AND THE BLACK COUNTRY LTD

Project description: To undertake a scheme of land management planning to steer The Wildlife Trust for Birmingham and the Black Country's approach to conservation and ecological diversity for the future.

Decision: Award grant of £243,000 (80%)

### **Where in Brazil are you from?**

Applicant: Brazilian Cultural Centre CIC

Project description: To interview Brazilians living in the UK, creating public exhibitions, talks and workshops related to Brazilian culture and heritage.

Decision: Reject

### **Yam from Here: Migration and the Making of the Black Country**

Applicant: European's Welfare Association CIC

Project description: To explore and document the lived experiences of under-served communities across the Black Country, investigating their contribution to the heritage of the Black Country today.

Decision: Award grant of £207,299 (99%)

### **Montrose Ravine: Education and Conservation**

Applicant: Montrose Primary School

Project description: To increase access and participation for primary school aged children with the natural heritage of a local ravine.

Decision: Award grant of £109,500 (100%)

### **Voices of Duty: The National Service Experience**

Applicant: Creative Paths (EM) CIC

Project description: To document and understand the unique experiences of National Service veterans, the impact on them and wider society which will then be compiled into an educational resource book, a dedicated webpage and an exhibition.

Decision: Reject

### **From Two Banks of Congo River to UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity and in UK Dance Floors: The Roots, The Music and The People**

Applicant: African Community Heritage Hub Ltd

Project description: To organise a programme of heritage, art and music activities focused on the Congolese Rumba.

Decision: Award grant of £45,238 (98%)

### **The Heritage Connections project**

Applicant: African Women Impact UK CIO

Project description: To explore and share the intangible cultural heritage of Congolese women who migrated to Walsall at the turn of the twenty-first century.

Decision: Reject

### **The Marlpit Dyers' Garden**

Applicant: SoulShine Healing Ltd

Project description: To connect the local community with traditional gardening practices by establishing a dye garden within the Marlpit Community Garden.

Decision: Award grant of £22,975 (100%)

### **Documenting Oral Histories of Muchongoyo Dances in Northampton (1980-2020s)**

Applicant: Power of the mind networks

Project description: To preserve the heritage of Muchongoyo within the Zimbabwean diaspora in Northampton, addressing the need to pass down knowledge of community elders to the younger generation.

Decision: Award grant of £99,680 (100%)

### **Our Authentic Older LGBT+ Heritage and Lives**

Applicant: GRAIN Projects CIC

Project description: To engage with the experiences of elder members of the LGBTQ+ community, with a specific focus on residents of Stoke-on-Trent and the North Midlands.

Decision: Award grant of £21,500 (91%)

### **Book Marks - Recording the importance of the book, the library spaces where they are and the marks they have made and make on people's lives across Birmingham. Charting impact, legacy and community future.**

Applicant: People's Heritage Co-operative

Project description: To explore stories, events and memories associated with libraries in Selly Oak, Stirchley and Druids Heath. The material collected will be archived and shared on the organisation's website to increase public understanding and ensure that this history is not forgotten.

Decision: Award grant of £16,550 (96%)

### **Window replacement - Old School Quorn**

Applicant: Quorn Parish Council

Project description: To replace the rotten windows in the Old School building with double glazing.

Decision: Reject

### **Preparation for Restoring the EMS Synthi 100 and launching public engagement project**

Applicant: Krafthaus Arts CIC

Project description: To prepare the groundwork for the restoration of an EMS Synthi 100 to full working order whilst undertaking research into the contextual history of the instrument.

Decision: Award grant of £15,016 (100%)

### **Harnessing Green Energy for a Sustainable Heating Solution for Rushden's Historic Railway Goods Shed**

Applicant: Rushden Historical Transport Society

Project description: To implement a biofuel-based heating system to enable the Goods Shed to be used as a venue for an extra four months of the year.

Decision: Reject

### **Alfred Savin and the Fossil Collectors of Cromer**

Applicant: Friends of Cromer Museum

Project description: To improve the facilities in the museum through new interpretative displays, undertake digital photography with 3D imaging of the collections and deliver additional public engagement activities.

Decision: Award grant of £92,950 (96%)

### **Renovation of Ruskington Cemetery Lychgate**

Applicant: Ruskington Parish Council

Project description: To restore the Lychgate at the Sleaford Road Cemetery in Ruskington.

Decision: Award grant of £12,536 (100%)

### **The Great London Plane Tree of Ely Conservation Project**

Applicant: The King's School, Ely

Project description: To undertake an innovative programme of conservation on a significant heritage London Plane tree of national importance within the grounds of the Old Bishop's Place.

Decision: Award grant of £121,319 (100%)

### **Newstead Abbey: Sussex Tower Programme of Urgent Repairs**

Applicant: Nottingham City Council

Project description: To carry out a capital scheme of repairs to Newstead Abbey's Sussex Tower, making the structure wind and watertight.

Decision: Defer

## **27 January**

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

#### **Celebrating 10 years of Dronfield Heritage Trust 2015 – 2025 Preserving Dronfield Hall Barns and Gardens for everyone's enjoyment**

Applicant: The Dronfield Heritage Trust

Project description: To improve organisational sustainability and maintain Dronfield Barn Hall as a heritage centre and community hub.

Decision: Award grant of £237,281 (100%)

#### **Newstead Abbey: Sussex Tower Programme of Urgent Repairs**

Applicant: Nottingham City Council

Project description: To carry out a capital scheme of repairs to Newstead Abbey's Sussex Tower, making the structure wind and watertight.

Decision: Award grant of £249,828 (100%)