

# Heritage Emergency Fund evaluation

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This report evaluates how heritage organisations across the UK used the emergency funding which The National Lottery Heritage Fund provided at speed in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and the positive impact which it has had on the sector.

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In March 2020 we were concerned that coronavirus (COVID-19) would have a significant impact on the UK's heritage and developed a response to support organisations working in heritage.

The Heritage Emergency Fund (HEF) - launched in April 2020 - saw £49,829,600 awarded to 961 heritage organisations to help them to survive, recover, innovate and reopen.?

Five elements of our response to COVID-19 are covered in this evaluation:

- HEF grants for £3,000-£50,000
- HEF grants for £50,000-£250,000
- flexibility for current grants
- grant increases
- Register of Support Services (ROSS) Consultant support

This evaluation aims to understand whether our response to COVID-19 met the needs of organisations working in the heritage sector and, in doing so, delivered the three stated outcomes - economy, inclusion and wellbeing - set out in our [Strategic Funding Framework](#).

This report has been compiled by [Renaishi](#) for The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

## Our research and evaluation

We regularly conduct research to discover what is happening in the heritage sector, and we evaluate our work to better understand the change we are making. [Read more of our insight](#).