Scotland: delegated decisions October 2023

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Schedule of decisions under delegated powers to the Head of Investment for Scotland at The National Lottery Heritage Fund on 31 October 2023.

Funding decisions

National Lottery Grants for Heritage

Now You SEA It! Project Planning

Applicant: Community of Arran Seabed Trust Ltd

Description: The project aims to improve the organisation's overall sustainability and provide opportunities to expand the breadth of their engagement.

Decision: Award grant of £164,762 (89% of total costs)

The Threads of Time... Stories of People, Places and Pride

Applicant: Community Links Scotland

Description: Community Links Scotland seek funding to deliver a community engagement project to capture local stories and find new ways of exploring Clydebank's heritage while providing learning and skills development opportunities.

Decision: Award grant of £155,778 (100% of total costs)

Queer Lives: The barriers from cradle to elderly care, an oral history

Applicant: Glasgow's Southside+ Stories

Description: This oral history project aims to explore the barriers faced by LGBTQ+ people in Scotland throughout their lives, focusing particularly on the experience of aging. It seeks to use individuals' stories to influence current perceptions and service provision.

Decision: Award grant of £61,145 (97% of total costs)

CONSERVE: ENGAGE

Applicant: Grampian Hospitals Art Trust

Description: This project aims to increase access to the collection held by Grampian Hospitals Art Trust via public consultation, an upgraded website and a new six week exhibition.

Decision: Reject

Through the Mill – Stories of Renewal and Resilience

Applicant: ReMode Renfrewshire CIC

Description: This project seeks to engage a wide range of young people (aged 13-25), including refugees and asylum seekers, in the heritage of Paisley's textile industry through interactive activities, talks and collective research.

Decision: Award grant of £63,095 (59% of total costs)

Multicultural Diwali Heritage Celebrations

Applicant: Edinburgh Hindu Mandir & Cultural Centre

Description: This project aims to celebrate a significant Hindu cultural Diwali festival, showcasing its origins, history and significance to the multigenerational Hindu community with particular emphasis on creating an opportunity for the Hindu young generation to learn and appreciate their own heritage.

Decision: Award grant of £7,436 (100% of total costs)

Community of Fable: Telling and Retelling Supernatural Tales

Applicant: University of Aberdeen

Description: This project aims to gather tales from Scotland and communities now living in Scotland, focusing on stories from the oral tradition with supernatural features. The collected tales will then be used for a series of events at the Being Human Festival.

Decision: Award grant of £3,945 (100% of total costs)

Public diners – back to the future

Applicant: Nourish Scotland

Description: This project seeks to record and celebrate the history of British Restaurants and public diners, explore current forms of communal dining, and imagine what a modern public diner might look like.

Decision: Award grant of £181,257 (100% of total costs)

Stories that matter, voices that need to get heard, a human library of lived experience heritage, collected and published by Arkbound, accessible to everyone in the community, providing support, engagement, welfare and career opportunities

Applicant: Arkbound Foundation

Description: This project aims to establish a community hub focused on creative writing in the Govanhill area of Glasgow.

Decision: Reject

Soup Kitchen at the Old School, Finzean

Applicant: Birse Community Trust

Description: This project seeks to convert a former soup kitchen into self-catering accommodation

and engage the local community in heritage activities

Decision: Reject

Scotland – Who Cares?

Applicant: Neo Productions

Description: This project will involve interviewing 50 Black care workers and health professionals who experienced the COVID-19 pandemic in Scotland. Their testimonies will be used to create a documentary film and an accompanying booklet.

Decision: Award grant of £97,368 (100% of total costs)

Roma Empowerment Through Intangible Cultural Heritage

Applicant: Ando Glaso SCIO

Description: This project seeks to use Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) as a framework to empower Scottish Roma people to record, share and celebrate their heritage.

Decision: Award grant of £245,390 (95% of total costs)

Argyll's Rainforest – Engaging New Communities

Applicant: Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust

Description: This project aims to address current barriers and capacity issues facing the delivery of rainforest restoration work in Argyll and Bute. In particular it focusses on piloting provision of training opportunities to address skill shortages and on ensuring that farmers and landowners have the support needed to manage and expand rainforest fragments on their own sites.

Decision: Award grant of £250,000 (44% of total costs)

Lighting Improvement Works

Applicant: St Columba's Episcopal Church: Largs

Description: The project aims to upgrade the lighting to wholly LED which will be much more economical, make it a lot easier for the congregation to read the written word and will give the church a much warmer feel.

Decision: Reject

The Glebe | Creative Regeneration

Applicant: The Inverclyde Shed

Description: The project aims to use funding to consult with the wider community on proposals to regenerate the Glebe, raise awareness with events and build the business case for community buy out and running of this privately owned asset.

Decision: Award grant of £8,000 (100% of total costs)