

# Heritage Lottery Fund simplifies process for urgent acquisitions

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Applicants will no longer be required to submit specific learning activity plans linked to item/s to be purchased but instead demonstrate how they can be effectively integrated into existing and future planned learning programmes. This change simplifies the application process and will help museums, libraries and archives meet short purchasing timeframes, such as auction deadlines.

The changes are in response to HLF's consultation on its forthcoming strategic plan, held earlier this year. There was overwhelming support from the sector for HLF to simplify its funding requirements for urgent acquisitions by removing the requirement for detailed specific learning activity plans for a purchased item or items prior to acquisition. HLF will continue to require applicants' existing learning programmes to demonstrate high quality activities linked to the items they purchase.

This change will come into effect from today.

Carole Souter, Chief Executive of HLF, said: "During our consultation discussions, the sector told us that in some cases the need for an activity plan had become a barrier to successful acquisitions, particularly when there was a very tight deadline to be met. The Heritage Lottery Fund wants to help the sector to secure a diverse range of heritage for future generations to learn from and enjoy, and having listened and acted, we hope this change will have a positive impact."

## Notes to editors

Using money raised through the National Lottery, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) sustains and transforms a wide range of heritage for present and future generations to take part in, learn from and enjoy. From museums, parks and historic places to archaeology, natural environment and cultural traditions, we invest in every part of our diverse heritage. HLF has supported more than 30,000 projects, allocating £4.7bn across the UK.

## Further information

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