

Museums, libraries and archives



Black Cultural Archives. Credit: Koïs Miah

Museums, libraries and archives tell the stories of our cultural heritage.

Through objects, collections, film, documents and oral histories they help to give us a sense of place and identity.

Thanks to National Lottery players, since 1994 we have awarded **over £2.3billion** to 5,800 museum, library, archive and collection-based projects across the UK.

What do we support?

Our funding supports institutions large and small, including:

- national and local authority museums, libraries and archives
- historic libraries
- community archives
- institutions with heritage collections

Project ideas

Our funding could help people:

- create exciting new exhibition and learning spaces
- attract more diverse audiences
- interpret and open up acquisitions
- develop collections

For more inspiration, see the stories below or [browse projects we've funded](#).

How to get funding

Our National Lottery Heritage Grants programme is open for applications.

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