

Midlands & East: delegated decisions June 2023

Schedule of decisions under delegated powers for England, Midlands & East at The National Lottery Heritage Fund in June 2023.

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National Lottery Grants for Heritage

Coronation Gardens

Applicant: Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts

Project description: This project will deliver the initial phase of Coronation Gardens aiming to create cultural change in public engagement with nature and nature-friendly food growing.

Decision: Award Grant of £247,834 (91%)

Curry: Bangladeshi Culinary Heritage

Applicant: Creative Vision Luton Limited

Project description: This project will research and share the story of the development of the restaurant business within the Bangladeshi community in Luton from the 1960s onwards.

Decision: Award Grant of £73,150 (100%)

#DYC Fashion Police

Applicant: West Midlands Police

Project description: This project will see West Midlands Police partner with Birmingham City University to undertake research into the history of police uniforms and develop new displays.

Decision: Award Grant of £243,263 (85%)

Restoration of Coxmoor Road Pumping Station Underground Victorian Reservoir and Reuse as a Science Discovery Centre

Applicant: Mansfield and Sutton Astronomical Society CIO

Project description: This project in north Nottinghamshire, between the towns of Sutton-in-Ashfield and Kirkby-in-Ashfield, would restore and repurpose a Victorian reservoir to create a Science

Discovery Centre and Planetarium. Activities would use the story of site to inspire young people to pursue STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and mathematics).

Decision: Award Grant of £250,000 (22%)

A Story in Stone

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of St. Mary Magdalene, Geddington

Project description: St Mary Magdalene, Geddington is situated four miles north-east of Kettering. This project will clean the east window and restore the medieval reredos and its later painted panels and will also engage local people with the site's history.

Decision: Award Grant of £66,952 (58%)

We Don't Settle: Fit for the Future

Applicant: We Don't Settle Limited

Project description: This project will review and strengthen We Don't Settle's infrastructure through a three year business plan, resources allowing the organisation to share their knowledge and best practices with the sector, improved governance, and methods to measure success.

Decision: Award Grant of £166,133 (95%)

Stolen History – The Search for Luton's Medieval Past

Applicant: History Knights Initiative CIC

Project description: This project will engage with Luton's medieval history, supporting the development of research and outreach activities on the subject.

Decision: Award Grant of £95,971 (100%)

Providing new opportunities through sport for disadvantaged groups

Applicant: Southend Manor Football Club By Guarantee Limited

Project description: This project will take place at the organisation's Clubhouse in South Church Park, Southend On Sea and aims to involve young people experiencing disadvantage.

Decision: Reject

#DYC UK Carnival Archive Project – Phase 1 Development (Dynamic Collections Grant)

Applicant: Luton Carnival Arts Development Trust

Project description: This project will carry out a capital options appraisal and a business feasibility study for the UK Centre for Carnival Arts, researches and scopes new applications of digital technologies for managing and facilitating engagement with its archives, and holds pilot exhibitions to test new ways of presenting carnival heritage.

Decision: Reject

This is our street!

Applicant: Gwydir Street Friends

Project description: This project is a community, intergenerational, cultural heritage project, that will build on the existing interest, research and knowledge about the local area of Petersfield in Cambridge, and will capture, share and celebrate the story of our past and present.

Decision: Award Grant of £4,890 (63%)

Green your Neighbourhood – Film Campaign

Applicant: Wildlife Garden Project CIC

Project description: This project will collaborate with Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust to equip people across the UK with the information and inspiration to create and enhance green spaces in their community.

Decision: Award Grant of £10,000 (100%)

Balloon Museum in the Cloud

Applicant: The British Balloon Museum and Library Limited

Project description: This project will enable the British Balloon Museum & Library, to transform their website into a virtual museum. Trustees, Friends and volunteers will collaborate with specialists to catalogue and digitise the collection.

Decision: Award Grant of £98,988 (100%)

St Michael's Church Feasibility Study V2

Applicant: Legacy WM

Project description: This project will see Legacy WM carry out a feasibility study into the use of the Grade II listed St. Michael's Church, Handsworth. They intend to explore the possibility of developing a mixed-use community hub, with dedicated spaces for continued worship, on-site café and arts spaces.

Decision: Award Grant of £40,700 (80%)

Bringing Back the Treble Bob

Applicant: The PCC of St Giles Church, Killamarsh

Project description: This project will conserve the bells within the Grade II* Listed Killamarsh Church and aims to promote and protect the unique peal of the bells, named the 'Killamarsh Treble Bob', alongside numerous project activities.

Decision: Defer

Home Truths

Applicant: Platform Thirty1 Limited

Project description: This project will conserve and share the industrial heritage of Blackwell Parish through community-led activities.

Decision: Award Grant of £249,999 (85%)

Reinterpreting Cholstrey Barn

Applicant: Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings

Project description: This Project is to reinterpret a 16th century, grade II listed threshing barn at Avoncroft Museum transforming it from a void, static space into an informative, engaging, multi-sensory exhibit which engages visitors with the story of threshing from the 16th century to the present day.

Decision: Award Grant of £9,800 (100%)

New life for our community church

Applicant: St Michael and All Angels Church, Ravenstone

Project description: This project will undertake extensive urgent structural repairs to the tower, nave, chancel and porch of the Grade II* listed Church of St Michael and All Angels, Ravenstone in north-west Leicestershire, alongside a programme of community activities.

Decision: Award Grant of £240,253 (84%)

Chelmsford Community Arcade

Applicant: Chelmsford Arts and Cultural Festival

Project description: This project will create Chelmsford's own community gaming arcade and other inventions as per the 'Global Cardboard Challenge' promoting sustainability and to enable children to learn about Chelmsford's rich pioneering, innovation, and engineering heritage whilst inspiring creativity, critical thinking and developing career aspirations.

Decision: Reject

Celebrating heritage

Applicant: Northfield Community Partnership Ltd

Project description: This project in Northfield, Birmingham, will provide activities at an annual urban beach held during the school summer holiday. Themed activities will focus on different heritages within the local community (Chinese, South Asian, Irish, Jamaican, African).

Decision: Reject

Southside Heritage Site: Strategically Planning and Delivering for Future Resilience

Applicant: Acoustic Nations Live CIC

Project description: This project will allow the CIC to look at organisational resilience and the sustained conservation of Southside's buildings informing and guiding the conservation and ongoing improvement (including environmental performance) of the buildings to a high standard.

Decision: Reject

#DYC Graff History Archive

Applicant: Graffwerk

Project description: This projects ambition is to preserve, document, and celebrate the rich heritage of graffiti and street art, by digitising, cataloguing, and then sharing the archive.

Decision: Reject

Church Clock Restoration

Applicant: Killamarsh Parish Council

Project description: This project will fully restore the clock dials and hammer on the two faces of the clock that are on the church tower at St Giles Church.

Decision: Reject

#DYC Uncovering Letchworth: Reawakening and Reshaping our Community's Collection

Applicant: Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation

Project description: This project will take place at The Garden City Collection museum, Letchworth; and around the city. It aims to review the collection and better involve the community.

Decision: Award Grant of £98,065 (100%)

Hartlebury Castle recovery and resilience

Applicant: Hartlebury Castle Preservation Trust

Project description: This project, will enable the Hartlebury Castle Preservation Trust, to address weaknesses in its business and operating models. The project will develop new strategies, commission external expertise, increase resources, and teach staff and volunteers new skills to secure the financial future of the Trust.

Decision: Award Grant of £249,852 (100%)

Guildhall Improvement Project

Applicant: Much Wenlock Town Council

Project description: This project will undertake a condition survey, viability study and community consultation to explore and establish ideas and feasible uses for the Guildhall in Much Wenlock, a small medieval market town in Shropshire.

Decision: Award Grant of £25,250 (68%)

Pathway Extensions to Incorporate the Engine & Cockpit Tent

Applicant: City of Norwich Aviation Museum

Project description: This project will continue the extension of pathways throughout the site to include the Engine & Cockpit tent area, access to the Vulcan cockpit Entrance and Nimrod entrance steps.

Decision: Reject

Mining Memories of Clay Cross

Applicant: The Hub At Gladstone Limited

Project description: This project will work with volunteers and a wide range of participants across the community in the ex-mining area of Clay Cross, Derbyshire. It will engage with an older audience to collect memories and young people from primary age upwards to engender pride in the area, develop skills, learn about heritage and have a positive impact on wellbeing.

Decision: Award Grant of £79,650 (99%)

Delivering Windrush and Black History related activities through fashion and music within the local community

Applicant: Fashion, Talent & Black History CIC

Project description: This project will celebrate this year being the 75th Windrush Anniversary, it will deliver black history related activities and events using creative arts including fashion, dance, drama and music.

Decision: Award Grant of £6,123 (100%)

Our Digital Ancestors

Applicant: Caring for God's Acre

Project description: This project will deliver an England-wide training programme to upskill volunteers to use and add to the National Burial Grounds Survey system which is being developed by the Church of England.

Decision: Award Grant of £249,206 (53%)

Eco-Friendly Birdswood Heritage Maritime Canal Boat Upkeep

Applicant: Friends of the Cromford Canal

Project description: This project is to complete a full out of water inspection and repair of the 'Birdswood' canal boat, focusing on the hull braces.

Decision: Reject

Cusop Castle – Topographic and Geophysical Surveys

Applicant: Cusop History Group

Project description: This project will combine new documentary research with non-intrusive ground survey techniques to construct a factual narrative to place Cusop Castle within the wider context of this rurally isolated area of the Welsh Marches, to be shared with the local community.

Decision: Award Grant of £6,200 (89%)

Same People, Different Times: Eco Elders and GenZ

Applicant: Blue Jay Exchange CIC

Project description: This project will provide the opportunity for young people to be trained in filmmaking and interview techniques and support them to record the stories of elders in their communities, around the theme of sustainability, producing a film to be screened along with Q&A sessions at a festival, a local cinema, a retirement village and Concord Youth Centre.

Decision: Award Grant of £8,398 (100%)

Trans-Atlantic Telegraph Table Chart 1866

Applicant: Hay Mills Foundation Trust

Project description: This project is to repair and conserve the Trans-Atlantic Telegraph Table Chart 1866. It was published by the Hydrographic Office of the British Admiralty in 1857 and shows the bed of the Atlantic Ocean overlaid with written records of daily messages from the Great Eastern, the vessel responsible for the laying of the first successful telegraph cable between England and United States of America in 1866.

Decision: Award Grant of £4,600 (94%)

Heritage Crafts for Sustainability and Wellbeing

Applicant: Staffordshire Care Farming Development CIC

Project description: This project will see Staffordshire Care Farming Development deliver a programme of workshops focused on heritage skills development. Activities will promote learning on a number heritage crafts at risk, looking not only at developing skills, but exploring their historical context.

Decision: Reject

#DYC Reimagining with the City

Applicant: Derby Museums

Project description: This project will coproduce and redisplay the Nature and Archaeology galleries at Derby Museum and Art Gallery, and reinterpret the collections at Pickford's House.

Decision: Award Grant of £249,795 (100%)

The Berners Family at Woolverstone

Applicant: Woolverstone Parish Council and Friends of Woolverstone

Project description: This year it is the 250th anniversary of William Berners purchasing the Woolverstone Hall estate in August 1773. This project will celebrate this with exhibitions, competitions a booklet and guided walks in and around the village.

Decision: Award Grant of £6,500 (100%)

Bridging the Gap

Applicant: Spalding Gentlemen's Society

Project description: This resilience project supports the core infrastructure of Spalding Gentleman's society, and seeks to provide long-term security to the collections, archives and museum.

Decision: Award Grant of £48,120 (100%)

Grant increases

Tower of Strength

Applicant: Brightlingsea Parochial Church Council

Decision: Award Grant increase of £42,743 to make a total grant of £541,043 (66%)

HHA2019 Great Yarmouth Winter Gardens: Reimagining the People's Palace

Applicant: Great Yarmouth Borough Council

Decision: Award Grant increase of £96,381 to make a total grant of £517,181 (54%)