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England and UK Programmes



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Introduction

The Big Lottery Fund will give out more than £2.3 billion between 2006–2009. We have now decided our list of new programmes in England. We expect to launch most of them between autumn 2005 and spring 2006.

Programmes have been identified following two public consultations and we will continue to discuss them with you as they are developed. We will make more detailed announcements about programmes in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland later in the year.

The strategic framework

The context for all our programmes is our mission to improve communities and the lives of people most in need. Each programme has three key themes:

- supporting community learning and creating opportunity
- promoting community safety and cohesion
- promoting well-being.

These themes are supported by four outcomes – what we hope our funding will achieve:

- people having better chances in life, with better access to training and development to improve their life skills
- stronger communities, with more active citizens working together to tackle their problems
- improved rural and urban environments, which communities are better able to access and enjoy
- healthier and more active people and communities.

Demand-led and strategic programmes

Our programmes divide into two broad areas: demand-led and strategic. Demand-led programmes will encourage organisations and groups to bring their own ideas and local solutions to us for funding. The strategic programmes will focus more on the type of outcomes we want our funding to achieve, although we will still encourage local solutions to local needs.

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*denotes UK-wide programmes

Reaching Communities

Budgets

First year budget £100 million.

Budgets to be set annually

Launch date

7 December 2005

Reaching Communities aims to:

- bring real improvements to communities and to the lives of people most in need, including those who are hard to reach
- support projects that respond to the needs of communities and actively involve them.

Projects need to demonstrate how they meet at least one of the Big Lottery Fund's four outcomes.

Voluntary and Community organisations, social enterprises and statutory bodies such as schools will be eligible to apply, provided that they meet the programme criteria.

Further advice regarding this programme is available from the Big Advice line on 0845 4 10 20 30



Voluntary and Community Sector Infrastructure

Budget

Up to £155 million

Launch date

First bidding window
February–May 2006

Second bidding window
Spring 2007

Third bidding window
Spring 2008

The programme will fund projects from infrastructure organisations that:

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- ▶ Increase the resources available to voluntary and community organisations
- ▶ Increase voluntary and community organisation skills in:
 - planning and management
 - financial management and funding
 - influencing national and local policy practice
 - learning and sharing learning
 - governance
- ▶ Improving the sustainability of infrastructure, including capital for voluntary sector resource centres.

Children's Play

Budget

Up to £155 million

Launch date

March 2006

Eighty per cent of the money will be used to develop free, open-access play provision in the areas of greatest need. The remaining 20 per cent will be divided between:

- an innovation fund which will develop innovative practice in planning, design and delivery, and
- a regional support and development infrastructure.

This programme will support activities that are self-directed, creative and fun. The programme aims to:

- create, improve and develop children and young people's free local play spaces
- develop innovative practice
- create a support and development infrastructure
- promote the long-term strategic development of play provision
- promote a long-term positive change in attitude regarding the importance of children's play
- ensure that all relevant local stakeholders engage in the development of play strategies.

More details about this programme are available on our website

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Environmental

Budget

Up to £324 million

Up to £90 million for a joint parks programme with Heritage Lottery Fund

Up to £234 million focusing on community spaces, community enterprise and access to the natural environment (Changing Spaces).

Launch date

Parks Programme January 2006

Changing Spaces November 2005

The Parks programme will aim to:

- provide better parks which are accessible to all and relevant to the needs of their communities
- increase community involvement and pride in parks
- improve safety
- increase the number of skilled rangers, conservation officers and volunteers
- ensure long-term maintenance and management by local authorities and communities.

The Changing Spaces programme has three priority areas:

- community spaces – developing good quality, accessible community spaces which local people can take pride in
- local community enterprise – making the links between food, exercise and health, encouraging the sustainable use and reuse of resources and building sustainable local economy
- access to the natural environment – improving the natural environment and encouraging access.

Well-being (Healthy Lifestyles Initiative)

Budget

Up to £165 million (£45 million for healthy eating projects)

Launch date

By March 2006

The Healthy Lifestyles Initiative will aim to:

- increase participation in physical activity including travel

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- educate communities about healthy eating
- develop early intervention approaches to common mental health problems.

International Grants Programme*

Budget

Up to £60 million

Launch date

Demand-led/Tsunami by March 2006

Strategic by July 2006

To fund effective projects that tackle the causes of poverty and deprivation and bring about a long-term difference to the lives of the most disadvantaged people in the world. The annual budget will be split 50/50 between demand-led and strategic programmes.

Tsunami*

Up to £12 million

Long-term reconstruction initiatives in areas affected by the Tsunami.

People's Millions*

Budget

Up to £66.5 million

Launch date

June, 2005. Closed until March 2006

The People's Millions programme will fund projects that improve the lives of local communities through transforming the local environment by:

- making the local environment cleaner, safer and greener
- improving the local natural environment
- improving the design, appearance and accessibility of local amenities.



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This is closed to applicants for this year. Fifty grants of up to £50,000 will be made. More awards will be made in 2006 and 2007 within a budget of £15 million.

In partnership with GMTV, a single grant of up to £1.5 million will be awarded.

A single grant of between £25 million and £50 million will be awarded through the Living Landmarks programme. Applications close 6 January 2006.

Living Landmarks*

Budget

Up to £140 million

Launch date

National launch in June 2005

The Living Landmarks programme aims to:

- capture the imagination of communities and increase their involvement with the Lottery
- inspire communities to transform the places where they live, through

social and community projects and major infrastructure investments.

Living Landmarks will award a small number of grants of between £10 million and £25 million to regional projects. A programme committee will decide the successful projects.

A single grant of between £25 million and £50 million will be awarded through People's Millions to a major national or regional project. The successful project will be decided by a televised public vote.

Community Learning

Budget

Up to £120 million

Launch date

By June 2006

This comprises two strategic programmes under Community learning: Community Libraries (up to £80 million) and Family Learning (up to £40 million).

Community Libraries intends to support the development of a number of flagship community

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libraries. These will provide a place for lifelong learning within disadvantaged areas. It includes a wider range of activities, roles and partners than those traditionally provided by most libraries. This will help to develop their potential to offer a focus for community activity and development by widening their traditional role and providing a community resource.

The Family Learning programme will focus on wider family issues, family relationships and support activities that will improve numeracy, language and literacy skills or accreditation.



Young People's Fund

Budget

Current programme £157.5 million. Extension up to £100 million

Launch date

September 2004. Extension by June 2006.

The YPF programme has a number of strands including three which are demand-led: National Grants, Grants to Organisations and Grants to Individuals.

Advice Services

Budget

Up to £50 million

Launch date

By June 2006

This programme will have three aims:

- improving the infrastructure of advice services
- strategic service delivery
- local innovation, planning and partnerships.

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Research

Budget

Up to £25 million

Launch date

June 2006

The aim of this programme will be to influence local and national policy and practice by funding the production and dissemination of evidence based knowledge.

It will support research on issues identified by the VCS; increase VCS capacity to do research into areas that are of interest to them; help the

VCS to use and disseminate research; involve beneficiaries and users; help develop better services for beneficiaries; and promote partnerships between the VCS and the research community.

Community Buildings

Budget

Up to £50 million

Launch date

June 2006

This programme will mainly fund capital support for community buildings.

Strong user and community engagement will be expected for any building funded.

We want to make sure that the provision makes sense in the whole local context and that the management of any building funded have the skills needed to make the building a genuine facility for the whole community.



Further information

Supporting the third sector

Sixty to seventy per cent of our money over this period will go to voluntary and community organisations. We are currently in discussion with a number of external partners to determine how we monitor and report against this undertaking.

Olympics

Bringing the Olympics to this country is a tremendous achievement, which we fully support. A range of our programmes across the UK will support community-based projects which will be linked to the London Olympics. We will want to work jointly with the other England and UK Lottery distributors, the Olympic Delivery Authority and others to explore how our new programmes can contribute to the regeneration, community engagement and cultural activities which the Olympic Project will promote.

The implications of the new game on existing good causes have already been factored into calculations of future income and funding available for programmes. Our financial planning for new programmes has been based on a forecast reduction of £68 million in our Lottery resources, between now and 2009, as a result of the new game. So our new programme announcements are not affected by the good news that London will host the 2012 Olympic games.

Current community and voluntary sector programmes

The voluntary and community sector programmes closed on 31 May this year (2005). We received an unprecedented number of applications by this deadline and so we have added £126 million to this year's budget to allow us to support as many of the best projects as possible. This will not have an impact on the funding available for the new programmes detailed above.

Further information

The information in this booklet is as much as we have available at the moment, but we will update this as more decisions are made, for instance on the focus of new programmes and how they will be delivered. We expect some of the focus to change slightly over the coming months. The names of individual programmes may also change. Visit our website www.biglotteryfund.org.uk and register with us to receive regular updates. You can also register for information about our new programmes by emailing newprogrammes@biglotteryfund.org.uk

