

England, London & South: committee decisions

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Schedule of decisions for The National Lottery Heritage Fund Committee for England, London & South meeting on 3 December 2024.

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SFF delivery round applications?

Reimagining Hackney Museum: Empowering Communities with Collections

Applicant: London Borough of Hackney

Project description: To make Hackney Museum a cultural asset where everyone feels welcome. To reinterpret and redisplay the permanent exhibition to create a new, relevant and sustainable visitor experience that reflects the diversity of the many communities who have made the area their home over the past 300,000 years.

Decision: Award delivery grant of £2,241,216 (75%)

Project Kaida: Reinterpreting the Gurkha Museum

Applicant: The Gurkha Museum Trust

Project description: To transform the Gurkha Museum from a small military museum to a global reference point for Gurkha heritage that is accessible for all, relevant and sustainable. To develop the museum into a modern, forward-looking organisation fit for the future.

Decision: Award delivery grant of £2,681,278 (58%)

Reactivating the Palais de Danse

Applicant: The Board of Trustees of the Tate Gallery

Project description: To bring the Palais de Danse back into public use and enhance Barbara Hepworth's legacy. To establish a community space, provide a year-round programme of creative activities, create new jobs, apprenticeships, skill development and volunteer opportunities and underpin with a financially resilient and environmentally sustainable model.

Decision: Award delivery grant of £2,846,030 (43%)

Napper Cottage, Revival of The First Cottage Hospital in England – The Beginning of the NHS

Applicant: Cranleigh Heritage Trust

Project description: To renovate the Grade II listed building for use as a centre for health and wellbeing activities and to create a repository of information about the first Cottage Hospital founded in Cranleigh and the movement which led to the founding of the NHS.

Decision: Award delivery grant of £786,345 (84%)

Dartmoor's Dynamic Landscapes

Applicant: Dartmoor National Park Authority

Project description: To create naturally resilient landscapes and to connect people more sustainably to their place. To help people gain a better understanding of natural systems, and each other, leading to management that creates a more naturally resilient landscape and a better connection to it.

Decision: Award delivery grant of £3,124,179 (53%)

Heritage Enterprise: The Marchwell Studios Project

Applicant: Chichester Community Development Trust

Project description: To transform and preserve Marchwell Studios heritage for community use, and position Chichester as a nurture hub for culture, talent discovery and growth. The studios would offer local creatives opportunity to work, exhibit and network.

Decision: Award delivery grant of £1,278,158 (38%)

Kingsley Hall – Making Young Lives Better!

Applicant: 1625 Independent People

Project description: To conserve and repair the Grade II* listed building and explore and celebrate its history. To sustain Kingsley Hall's long-term use and welcome the city's disadvantaged young people to overcome isolation, develop skills and rebuild their lives.

Decision: Award delivery grant of £4,757,562 (58%)

Heritage 2033 development round applications

People and Planet Connected: Creating a nature activity hub for local action

Applicant: Wonderseekers

Project description: To create a catalyst for nature conservation action across Hampshire by creating inclusive experiences for children to treasure natural heritage, build skills and confidence, and to restore and enhance biodiversity in their local spaces. To grow a child-centred action movement that advances local environmental initiatives and nurtures future change-makers.

Decision: Reject

Holly Hill Woodland Rediscovered

Applicant: Fareham Borough Council

Project description: To restore a sequence of landscaped lakes and associated cascades, waterfalls and 'Pulhamite' structures. To regulate the local climate through works in the woodland and future management and maintenance. To implement an activity programme to involve local partner organisations and provide opportunities to volunteer, acquire new skills and learn about the site's heritage.

Decision: Award development round grant of £111,000 (63% of total eligible development costs) with the potential delivery grant of £856,569 (46% of total eligible project costs)

Transforming the Tower of London Schools and Community Programme

Applicant: Historic Royal Palaces

Project description: To transform the Schools and Community programme, and conserve and adapt the west wing of the historic Waterloo Block into a new three-floor learning and community centre. To develop a programme of activities designed to engage people of all ages and abilities with their heritage.

Decision: Award development round grant of £448,779 (25% of total eligible development costs) with the potential delivery grant of £4,551,221 (18% of total eligible project costs)

Vestry House Museum. History in the making, since 1730

Applicant: London Borough of Waltham Forest

Project description: To revitalise Vestry House Museum as an accessible, diverse and inclusive heritage destination, which reflects the residents of Waltham Forest. To create a multi-use site to increase access to culture, skills and education for young people and residents. To be more financially and environmentally sustainable to secure Vestry House Museum's impact for future generations.

Decision: Award development round grant of £150,156 (77% of total eligible development costs) with the potential delivery grant of £706,862 (88% of total eligible project costs)

Securing the Legacy – Celebrating 300 years of St George the Martyr parish church, Queen Square – meeting the needs of mind, body and soul in the heart of London.

Applicant: PCC of St George the Martyr Queen Square with Holy Trinity, Holborn and St Bartholomew

Project description: To secure the future of the Grade II* listed church by addressing the critical needs of the building, enabling the church to thrive as a centre for its local community and visitors.

Decision: Award development round grant of £380,389 (62% of total eligible development costs) with the potential delivery grant of £3,518,036 (73% of total eligible project costs)

Creativity, Access and Cooperation: A future for the Arthouse Partnership at the Old Deptford Library

Applicant: South East Arts London

Project description: To repair and renew the Grade II listed Old Deptford Library. To maintain and extend its function as a community arts centre – the ‘Arthouse’ – to build on the heritage of, and commitment to, creativity, access and cooperation. To launch a new chapter for the building and its contemporary arts and community programme.

Decision: Award development round grant of £368,435 (79% of total eligible development costs) with the potential delivery grant of £2,898,914 (68% of total eligible project costs)

Ebdon Farm

Applicant: Avon Wildlife Trust

Project description: To transform Ebdon Farm in North Somerset into a high-value example of coastal floodplain grazing marsh, to offer significant benefits to nature and communities. To make it a flagship site to demonstrate natural solutions to climate change.

Decision: Award development round grant of £377,021 (90% of total eligible development costs) with the potential delivery grant of £4,455,265 (90% of total eligible project costs)

Hop Spots! Inspiring Children and Young People to Protect UK Native Species

Applicant: The Amphibian & Reptile Conservation Trust

Project description: To empower children and young people to advocate for nature, to equip them with life skills and protect their natural heritage. To target amphibian and reptile species ‘hotspots’ and offer training, career resources and youth networking to open doors to green sector employment. To deliver accessible walks, talks and demonstrations to promote equality, diversity, health and wellbeing.

Decision: Award development round grant of £212,496 (85% of total eligible development costs) with the potential delivery grant of £1,145,278 (85% of total eligible project costs)

Saving Jacobs Wells Baths

Applicant: Trinity Community Arts Ltd

Project description: To restore and transform a Grade II listed former Victorian bathhouse in Hotwells into a vibrant multi-use cultural heritage hub for central Bristol. To build on Phase 1 works, continuing renovations and improvements, to reopen Jacobs Wells Baths as a vibrant and accessible hub for youth, arts, community and education.

Decision: Award development round grant of £252,877 (68% of total eligible development costs) with the potential delivery grant of £2,241,986 (64% of total eligible project costs)

Item yet to be announced

Creating a Community Museum for Weymouth

Applicant: Weymouth Museum Trust

Project description: To establish a sustainable museum for Weymouth, to showcase the rich and diverse social history, fine art, textile and maritime collections. To deliver a visitor offer and community curated spaces to represent and celebrate the lived experiences of local people.

Decision: Reject

The Archbishop's Palace Restoration

Applicant: Archbishop's Palace Conservation Trust

Project description: A key component in the Trust's 10-year Masterplan, this project aims to restore the historic fabric of the Palace, minimise its environmental impact and deliver an interpretation and study centre. To deliver an activity plan to broaden the Trust's reach, make heritage knowledge more accessible and enjoyable for diverse audiences of all ages and abilities, and boost tourism. To provide a new hub for the community and volunteers and secure a sustainable future for the Palace and the Trust.

Decision: Reject

Inspire Wanstead: Reimagining Christ Church's building

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary with Christ Church, Wanstead

Project description: To create a sustainable and long-term future for Christ Church Wanstead, a Grade II* listed church. To protect and preserve the heritage, reduce carbon emissions to work towards carbon net zero,

to thrive as a community space and to support a diverse range of communities who live in Wanstead.

Decision: Reject

Rambert 100: Celebrating Our Heritage, Innovating Our Future

Applicant: Ballet Rambert Limited

Project description: To develop an integrated digital platform to provide global access to Rambert's Archive, to offer insight and preserve heritage for future generations. To recruit and train an archive apprentice, assistant and volunteers to support heritage employment and skills development and deliver activities underpinning a commitment to increase organisational sustainability.

Decision: Reject