

England, Midlands & East: delegated decisions

February 2025

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Grant increase

Repairs to the church tower, and outreach on its artistic and cultural heritage

Applicant: Blaxhall Parochial Church Council

Project description: This project will repair the church tower of the Parish Church of St Peter at Blaxhall, Suffolk. In addition the project contains interpretation and community engagement.

Decision: Award grant increase of £125,660 to make a total grant of £369,377 (83%)

13 February

National Lottery Heritage Grants £10,000 to £250,000?

Thurrock Voices - The Caribbeans

Applicant: Anglo Asiatic Arts and Heritage Alliance

Project description: To create an online archive, exhibition and a school's pack around the memories of the Caribbean community living in Thurrock from 1984 to the present day.

Decision: Reject

Opal22: Chapter2

Applicant: Opal22 Arts and ED C.I.C.

Project description: This is a resilience project to grow Opal22's capacity to allow them to further deliver BAME heritage initiatives in Leicester.

Decision: Reject

Tower @ Twenty: Soft Ices

Applicant: Essex County Council

Project description: A celebration of the 20th anniversary of the first community art project, soft ices, at Jaywick Martello Tower after it opened as a community arts space in 2005.

Decision: Reject

Hats to the Future: Luton's hat history through new technologies

Applicant: Little Big Things CIC

Project description: This project will interview retired and active milliners to capture personal stories and create a digital archive of oral histories, photographs and videos to preserve stories and techniques of hat making.

Decision: Reject

'The Study': an accessible and relevant learning space showcasing unsung heritage and engaging broader audiences with The Barber Institute of Fine Arts

Applicant: University of Birmingham

Project description: To refurbish the Barber Institute first floor galleries and ground floor extension. As well as the creation of an accessible space within the reordered learning wing with its internal fit out, accessibility resources and on-site interpretation will be created.

Decision: Reject

Shared Histories, Shared Futures: The Living Heritage of Co-operation

Applicant: CASE DEVELOPMENT CIC

Project description: This project will save tangible and intangible heritage of the Co-operative Movement across communities in Leicestershire and Derbyshire.

Decision: Reject

Eternities Gone By: Exploring the West Midlands' Small Towns

Applicant: TrailTale Services C.I.C.

Project description: To create heritage trails for each of the 12 towns identified, which aim to improve public understanding of local heritage sites.

Decision: Reject

Timeless Treasures

Applicant: Chelmsford City Council

Project description: This project aims to secure the Great Baddow Hoard and display the collection in Chelmsford Museum's permanent gallery, while engaging in public engagement activities relating to the collection.

Decision: Award grant of £249,183 (90%)

Community Spaces, Heritage Places

Applicant: Tenbury Wells Museum & History Group CIO

Project description: This project will involve the acquisition of the former Methodist church and the reallocation of the Tenbury Wells Museum.

Decision: Reject

Constable 250

Applicant: Colchester City Council

Project description: This project will deliver an ambitious programme of exhibitions and community engagement, celebrating the 250th anniversary of the birth of Constable.

Decision: Award grant of £207,560 (65%)

WORK Records: animating historic working lives across the East Midlands.

Applicant: Animate Projects Limited

Project description: To research and develop heritage skills around the working lives of people in the East Midlands, then create three animated documentaries investigating this.

Decision: Award grant of £147,170 (97%)

Getting to Know Your Greenspace

Applicant: The National Forest Company

Project description: To undertake community consultation to encourage increased engagement with the natural environment.

Decision: Award grant of £248,878 (62%)

The Establishment of the Leather Conservation Centre in Pilot House, Leicester

Applicant: the Leather Conservation Centre

Project description: To help embed the Leather Conservation Centre into their new home in Leicester and support the delivery of engagement, learning, skill sharing and research in the preservation of historic leather.

Decision: Award grant of £243,901 (99%)

Walking Through Time - Connecting Young People, Communities with Their Histories in Tilbury and Birmingham

Applicant: The Ormiston Trust

Project description: To engage young people with the social and cultural heritage within Tilbury and Birmingham.

Decision: Reject

Gaze

Applicant: Mitchell Memorial Youth Arts Centre Ltd

Project description: To run workshops inspired by the copper plaque and the venue's founding principles as a cultural beacon, as well as a micro-festival that will centre around the history of the Mitchell Arts Centre.

Decision: Award grant of £218,562 (100%)

BLAST Heritage Project: Capturing, celebrating and sharing informal science education in the Black community.

Applicant: BLAST Fest Ltd

Project description: To explore the history of Black STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) in Birmingham, with a particular focus on informal education programmes.

Decision: Reject

The 'Thinking Shop of Rugby' - The Percival Guildhouse Archives

Applicant: The Percival Guildhouse

Project description: To catalogue, conserve and digitise the Percival Guildhouse archive and run engagement events centred around it.

Decision: Award grant of £20,576 (100%)

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National Lottery Heritage Grants £10,000 to £250,000

Securing the Future of Norman Cross Depot Scheduled Monument - Fast Track Application

Applicant: Nene Park Trust

Project description: This project will purchase the scheduled monument site to secure it for public benefit. The purchase of the land as a single plot by a Charitable Trust dedicated to preserving the sites history will remove the risk of it being developed.

Decision: Award grant of £49,800 (20%)

26 February

Grant increase

Derby Museums: Resilience, Relevance and Recovery

Applicant: Derby Museums

Project description: This project will see Derby Museums undertake a full business review and generate new income streams as a means of increasing long-term organisational resilience.

Decision: Award grant increase of £249,858 to make a total grant of £457,093 (100%)