



AWARDS FOR ALL



Presentation overview



This presentation should help you to understand:

- the main features of Awards for All
- what Awards for All can and cannot fund

What will Awards for All fund?



Awards for All projects must meet **at least one** of BIG's outcomes:

- 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

Which small Lottery grants scheme?



Each of the main Lottery distributors runs its own small grants scheme. To decide which to apply for, think about:

- Will the **main** purpose of the project help to achieve one of the four Awards for All outcomes?

or

- Will the **main** purpose of the project to support sports, arts or heritage?

Exercise 1: which distributor?



In your packs you have a sheet with short project descriptions. In pairs, decide whether or not each project is appropriate for the Awards for All programme

10 mins

What does the outcomes approach mean?



You need to think about:

- What changes do we want to make to the lives of the people we want to help?
- How will those changes help achieve one or more of the four Big Lottery Fund outcomes?

Who can apply to Awards for All?:



You can apply if you are a:

- voluntary and community organisation
- school
- parish or town council
- health body

You cannot apply if you are a:

- individual or sole trader
- profit-making organisation
- statutory organisation other than those listed above
- organisation not established in the UK

You can apply if..



You have:

- at least 3 unrelated people on your governing body
- a UK bank account in the name of your organisation with at least two unrelated signatories

You can:

- send BIG an application at least three months before your project is planned to start
- complete your project within one year of when BIG confirms your award

How much you can apply for?:



- Between £300 and £10,000
- Only one application at a time
- One Awards for All funded project needs to be completed and the End of Grant report approved before you can apply again
- One organisation cannot receive more than £10,000 of Awards for All grants in any two year period.

What Awards for All can pay for:



Examples of what a grant could pay for:

- equipment hire or purchase
- information technology equipment
- building and refurbishment work
- sessional workers
- updating equipment and premises for health and safety reasons
- training
- volunteer expenses
- transport costs
- venue hire

VAT and buildings



- BIG will only fund non-recoverable VAT.
- Any planning permission needed must be in place before making an application.
- For building projects, applicants must own their own freehold or hold a lease that will continue for at least five years.
- Total costs of building works must not be more than £25,000 (including VAT).

Awards for All cannot pay for:



- Activities that happen or start before BIG confirms the grant
- Day-to-day running costs
- Existing activities and repeat or regular events
- Items that mainly benefit an individual
- Building and refurbishment work costing more than £25,000 (inc. VAT)

Awards for All cannot pay for: (continued)



- Salaries of permanent or fixed term staff
- Projects or activities that the state has a legal obligation to provide
- Political or religious activities
- Routine repairs and maintenance
- Fundraising activities
- Used vehicles

Application process:



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You send us your application

We let you know our decision

30 working days

You send the documents we ask for

20 working days

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10 working days

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Improving your chances



BIG scores applications to help decide who should be funded. Applications will score higher if they:

- show strong evidence of need
- seek to involve as wide a range of people as possible
- meet more than one of our outcomes
- are from groups that have never received an Awards for All grant
- are from groups with a smaller annual income
- are for smaller projects

Things to double-check:



- Is the name of your organisation on your application form, bank account and governing document **exactly** the same?
- Are you asking for an item or activities that Awards for All can fund?
- Have you chosen the right referee?
- Have you filled in all sections of the form?
- Does your main contact know all about your project?
- Will your main contact and referee be available during the assessment and grant confirmation period?

Make sure you allow enough time!



- BIG will take up to six weeks to assess the application
- If a conditional offer is made, additional documents will be requested
- BIG will take up to two weeks to assess the additional documents
- You must allow at least **three months** between submitting your application and when you need your grant

Further information and advice



Website: www.awardsforall.org.uk

Phone: BIG Advice Line 0845 4 10 20 30

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Other Lottery distributors:

Arts Council England: www.artscouncil.org.uk

Heritage Lottery Fund: www.hlf.org.uk

Sport England: www.sportengland.org