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# National Lottery Funding Briefing

# National Lottery Funding changes

The National Lottery will be closing three of their funding streams on the 21st August 2024. These are:  
Community Led, Improving Lives and Cost of Living Support Scotland



# Community Led Fund

## **Funding to support community-led activity and wellbeing.**

Through our Community Led funding we aim to support communities to improve the places in which they live and the wellbeing of those most in need.

We will fund organisations to deliver work that achieves the following outcomes:

- Everyone in the community has the opportunity to influence and get involved in community-led activity.
- People in the community are better connected and work together to improve their wellbeing.

### **Funding size**

£20,001 to £150,000

### **Application deadline**

Midday on 21 August 2024

# Improving Lives

Many people experience challenges at some point in their lives. Through Improving Lives we aim to support activity that helps people overcome these difficulties and become more resilient.

We want to fund activity that means people:

- are better able to identify ways to take control over their lives and build resilience
- are able to shape the activities and services they use to better meet their needs
- have more access to support and opportunities to improve their lives.

Grants from £20,001 to £200,000 to help people facing challenging circumstances.

## **Application deadline**

Midday on 21 August 2024

# Cost of Living

More people than ever before are likely to face severe challenges as a result of the cost-of-living crisis.

Through this programme we aim to fund activity that reduces the impact of, or prevents financial insecurity. We want to fund activity that means people:

- have more resilience and are more able to identify ways to deal with the impact of increased cost of living in their lives
- are able to shape activity in their community to address the increased cost-of-living
- have more access to support and services that will help them to deal with the increased cost of living

## **Funding size**

£20,001 to £75,000

## **Application deadline**

Midday on 21 August 2024

If you have already submitted an application to Community Led, Improving Lives or Cost of Living Support Scotland funds, it will be assessed as usual.

If you already have an application form but haven't applied yet, we'd advise you apply as soon as possible. If you're no longer going to apply or are unsure about timescale for this, you should contact your Funding Officer.

If you were considering applying to one of these programmes but haven't discussed this with the Lottery or requested an application form yet, you should contact the Lottery as soon as possible so the Funding Officer in our area can advise you.

If you have an existing grant under one of these which you wish to continue, you should speak to your Funding Officer if you've not already done so.

## Top Tips

- There is no end date for requesting an application - if you haven't requested one yet but are keen to, get in contact with the National Lottery as soon as possible to discuss your potential project.
- The earlier you can submit your proposals the better BUT do not rush to submission at the expense of project quality. Projects submitted right up until the closing date will still be considered.
- It takes on average three months between application submission and funding decision so take this into account when timing your submission.



## Scotland

(Opening hours: Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm)

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# Looking forward...

New streams of funding will come online at the end of the year (no date confirmed for these yet)

Funding streams will likely fall around the four priority areas in the new National Lottery Fund – Community Fund Strategy including supporting communities to:

- come together
- be environmentally sustainable
- help children and young people access resources and experiences that help them thrive
- enable people to live healthier lives

**National Lottery Awards for All, Young Start and Scottish Land Fund will remain open to applications with no closing dates.**

## How MVA can help

Please do contact MVA if you would like support in applying to any of these funds before they close.

The Development Team would be more than happy to review applications or provide advice about other potential sources of funding.

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