



Big Lottery Fund is the largest community funder in the UK. Last year we distributed £700m to 12,000 projects, using money raised by National Lottery players.

Most of our grants go to local charities, run by volunteers – and whether the grant is for £500, or £5m, our funding is used by communities across the UK to support amazing projects led by local people.



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## Your Voice, Our Vision: People in the lead

Britain depends on the strength of its communities, and we believe it is local people, working together, who have the skills and ideas to make our communities stronger.

We want to fund people with great ideas to take the lead and make a difference in their communities.





## Your feedback

Last year, we engaged with a wide range of social sector organisations to find out what we can do to ensure our money makes the biggest difference, and how we can improve to better support communities.

You Said	Our Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduce the complexity of our application processes so they are more flexible</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We'll extend our support beyond funding and simplify our processes to give you space to grow and thrive.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Have a more personal relationship with our customers</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We will respond to your ideas and help you make them happen. We will move our staff closer to local communities so we can act quickly and make better informed judgements.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Understand the importance of local knowledge and context</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We will work together towards shared goals, sharing knowledge, building partnerships, and developing new skills.</li></ul>



## Our Funding in England

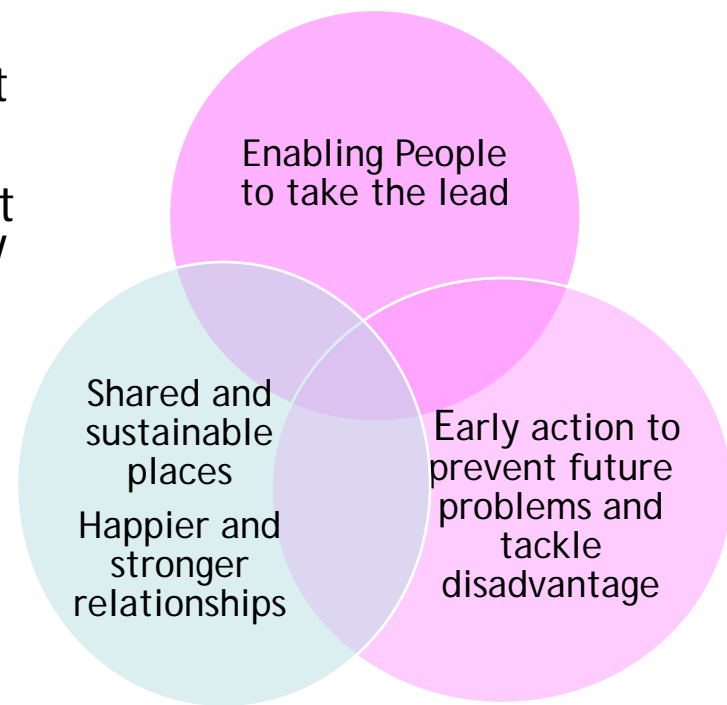
We will enable people across England to take the lead by using their local knowledge to test and grow ideas that matter most to them.

We will support people to share learning about what went well, and what didn't so that many more can benefit.

By taking the lead, people will create:

- Happier and stronger relationships in and across communities
- Shared and sustainable places and spaces
- Early action to prevent future problems and tackle disadvantage

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## What will this look like?

- Simpler guidance for Reaching Communities which reflects our new priorities
- Online applications for Awards for All before end of 2017
- Local, more flexible ways of working so that we find the best ideas in communities
- More collaborative working and supporting local partnerships to tackle social problems together





## Current programmes

- Awards for All
- Reaching Communities
- Website, resources and BIG Advice Line



## What does a strong application look like?

- Aligns with our vision of 'People in the Lead'
- Focuses on the strengths that people bring
- Demonstrates understanding of local context
- Involvement/consultation with different stake holders working within your area
- Involves beneficiaries in the design and development of services
- Clearly articulates evidence of need
- Clearly demonstrates impact, with measurable outcomes
- Value for money



# Talk to me...

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