

Awards for All is an easy way for groups to get small Lottery grants of between £300 and £10,000.

Are you a voluntary group, school, Parish or Town council or a Health body?

Yes!.... An applicant is able to apply for a maximum of £10,000 in a one-year period, have you already applied for that maximum?

No!... grants of between **£300** and **£10,000** are available to you!

All Awards for All grants must be spent within 12 months and applicants can only hold one Awards for All grant at a time.

What does my project need to demonstrate?

Projects applying to Awards for All must one of these outcomes:

People having better chances in life with better access to training and development to improve their life skills

For example: A community drama group that wants to develop drama classes for young people from a deprived neighbourhood to help them explore difficult situations they have experienced and learn to cope with their problems.

Stronger communities with more active citizens working together to tackle their problems

For example: A group of older residents in sheltered accommodation who want to get together and set up a residents association to speak up for their collective needs.

Improved rural and urban environments which communities are better able to access and enjoy

For example: A community centre that has its own garden that it wishes to develop so it can be used by its members and people from the local community.

Healthier and more active people and communities

For example: A church which runs healthy cooking courses members of the local community can learn how to prepare healthy and nutritious meals.

What activities Awards for All support?

Awards for All will support projects addressing the issues, needs and aspirations of local communities and people in Southend. This means a wide range of community projects aimed at developing skills, improving health, revitalising the local environment and enabling people to become more active citizens. Activities that will benefit the community could include;

- putting on an **event, activity** or **performance**
- buying **new equipment** or materials
- running **training** courses
- setting up a **pilot** project or starting up a **new group**
- carrying out special **repairs** or **conservation** work
- paying expenses for **volunteers**, costs for sessional **workers** or **professional fees**
- **transport** costs.

I am interested in support for an Arts, Heritage or Sports activity, can I still apply?

Awards for All will only pay for Arts, Heritage or Sports activities that meet one or more of the above outcomes. Any Arts, Heritage or Sports activities that do not meet one or more of the above outcomes should apply for funding from another source.

Wellbeing Ambassador Programme - £9986

The organisation will use funding to train a **mental health first aid instructor**, who will in turn deliver a series of mental health first aid courses for volunteers. This will enable beneficiaries to become mental health first aid champions, with the aim of promoting wellbeing amongst people experiencing mental health issues.

Coleford Music Festival - £9842

The group will use the funding to deliver a **community music festival** for the benefit of the local and wider community. This will support community cohesion amongst attendees and encourage the wider community to visit the rural town.

Rotherham Football Club - £9999

The organisation will use the funding to purchase **fitness equipment** and **pay a fitness instructor and nutritionist**, so they can offer health support and advice to local BME women. This will improve the physical health and fitness of BME women in the area.

What will Awards for All not fund?

- Salaries
- Retrospective activities
- Day to day running costs
- Promotion of religion/belief or political opinion
- Building or refurbishment costing over £25k
- Statutory obligations
- Contingency costs
- Used vehicles
- Fundraising activities
- Routine reports and maintenance
- Existing/repeat activities unless your annual income is less than £30k or it is more than 3 years since the activities last took place.

TOP TIP

Big Lottery want to know the **change** or **difference** your project will make. In your application make sure that tell them about it.

Bower Grove School – £726

The school were awarded £726 to buy a **potting shed** enabling them to run an extracurricular gardening club for children aged 4-16 years with behavioural, emotional and mental health problems. This promotes physical and mental wellbeing and ease the stress associated with behavioural, emotional and mental health issues.

How do I apply?

1. **Read** the [Guidance notes](#) before you apply.
2. **Make** sure you are using the latest version of [Adobe Reader](#) (you need it to fill in the form).
3. **Save** the [Application form](#) to your computer and then open it using Adobe Reader.
4. **Contact** SAVS Funding Development Officer on gcartwright@savs-southend.co.uk if you need any guidance.
5. **Email** the completed form to englandapplications@awardsforall.org.uk at least 4-5 months before you want your project to start.
6. You will receive a **decision** approximately 10 weeks after you apply.

NB. Awards for All England applications take around 8 weeks to assess. If a decision is made to offer a grant there is then a set up stage before payment is made. It is recommended applications are submitted 4 months in advance of anticipated project start date.

Need more information?

Visit <https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding/awards-for-all>

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