



Summary of Awards for All

Awards for All offers grants of between £300 and £10,000 for grassroots and community activity that aims to improve life for local people and neighbourhoods.

Suggested wording to help base an application is available from successful applications made by other groups.

It doesn't have a deadline and applications can be made at any time.

Project or activity must be complete within 12 months. Allow up to 4 months for application to be considered.

Simplified application process.

For groups with income of up to £30,000 per annum it can even fund existing activities and events. (Applications will usually be stronger though if group can demonstrate progress, outreach or expansion as a result of a grant).

There isn't any need to have matched funding.

They don't even need to provide a copy of their annual accounts but application form does ask for a summary of income, expenditure and reserves. (Having more than one year's expenditure in reserves may count against the group).

Projects must meet at least one of the following outcomes:

- People have better chances in life with better access to training and development to improve life skills.
- Stronger communities – with more active citizens working together to tackle issues within the community.
- Improved rural and urban environments – which communities are able to better access and enjoy.
- Healthier and more active people and communities.

Key assessment criteria:

- the need for your project
- who will benefit
- how above outcomes will be achieved
- if Lottery have funded group before

Priority is given to applications that:

- show strong evidence of need
- seek to involve as wide a range of people as possible
- meet more of the above outcomes
- are from organisations that Awards for All has not funded before
- are from organisations with a smaller annual income
- are for smaller projects.

NB. Together we must continue to strive to raise the maximum funds to help people affected by MS. To achieve this, groups can apply to any trust or foundation that has a local or regional focus in your area where your National Centre is not eligible to apply. To avoid wasted effort please check with your Area Fundraiser or the Partnership team at your National Centre before making any applications. Also groups applying together in partnership may be more effective than individually as this will often result in a stronger application.

The above is a summary of the key requirements of the fund. For further information, advice and support contact your Area Fundraiser or go to www.biglotteryfund.org.uk