



# Awards for All

Gary Bentham  
Principal Community Development Officer  
Community Regeneration  
Bournemouth Borough Council

[www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk)



Awarding funds from  
 **The National Lottery**<sup>®</sup>

# How the Lottery pound is spent



- Camelot (0.5 pence)
- Prize money (50 pence)
- Taxes (12 pence)
- Retailer (5 pence)
- Administration (4.5 pence)
- Good causes (28 pence)

# Understanding the Funder

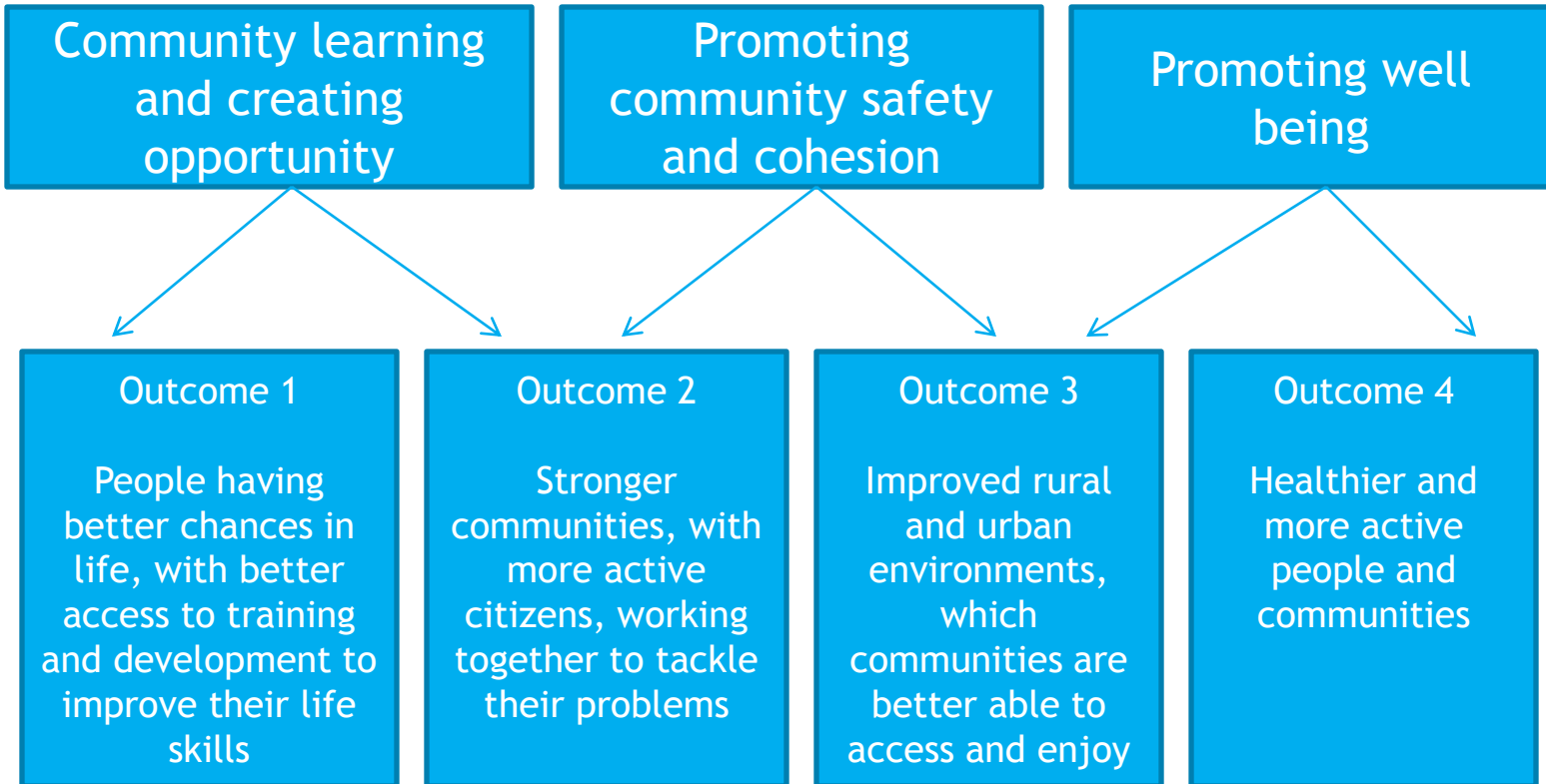


## Big Lottery Fund: Mission Statement

‘Bringing about real change to communities and to the lives of those most in need’



# Outcomes Funder



# Awards for All - Outcomes



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

# 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

# Awards for All - 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 one year period.

# What can Awards for All 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



# Examples of what 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 (unless 3 years since taken place or delivered to new beneficiary types)
- 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

# Awards for All - 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 their 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

# Common Mistakes



- Not understanding what Awards for All can fund
- Applications incomplete on first submission
- Not returning requested documents at conditional offer stage.

# Common Reject Reasons



- Outside programme remit - apply for things they do not fund (more suited to another lottery distributor)
- Insufficient evidence of need
- Does not make link between project's outcomes and programme outcomes

# 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 filled in all sections of the form?
- Does your main contact know all about your project?
- BIG has changed the rules on referees- no longer required at application form stage
- Will your main contact 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