

# Big Lottery Fund

**Big Lottery Fund's new grants programmes are intended to improve communities and the lives of people in need. The Fund is divided into programmes, and the six main ones that are currently open are as follows:**

**Changing Spaces** To be launched late 2006

Aim of the programme has an environmental focus on community spaces, community enterprise and access to the natural environment.

**Children's Play** To be launched March 2006

80% of the money will be used to fund local free, supervised play spaces in areas of greatest need. The rest will be spent on a fund to develop innovative practice and a regional support and development infrastructure. Main strand will go to local authorities which will work in partnership with voluntary and community groups.

**Community Learning** To be launched by June 2006

There are 2 strategic programmes: Community Libraries and Family Learning. Community Libraries will develop some flagship community libraries to provide lifelong learning in disadvantaged areas. Family Learning will help with wider family issues, family relationships and support activities that will improve numeracy, language and literacy skills or accreditation.

**International Grants Programme** To be launched by March 2006

To fund effective projects that tackle the causes of poverty and deprivation and bring long-term changes to lives of the most disadvantaged people in the world.

**Living Landmarks** Launched in 2005

The programme aims to inspire communities to transform the places where they live, through social and community projects and major infrastructure investments. It will give a small number of grants of £10million to £25million to regional projects.

**Parks for People** Launched January 2006

Aim of the programme is that every community should have access to well-designed and maintained public parks, so is for organisations that own and manage public parks.

Grants of £250,000-£5million

**People's Millions** Launched June 2005, closed until spring 2006

The programme will fund projects that improve the lives of local communities through transforming the local environment by making it cleaner, safer and greener, or by improving the natural environment, or by the design, appearance and accessibility of local amenities.

**Reaching Communities** Launched December 2005

The programme will fund projects that respond to needs identified by communities, and actively involve them. These include geographic communities and also communities with shared interests, such as people with poor mental health. It will give support to those projects that help those most in need and best meet their communities' needs. Grants of £10,001- £500,000, including a maximum of £50,000 for capital grants. Maximum overall project size of £750,000 and £200,000 for the total capital element within a project. Will fund projects for up to five years. Open to voluntary and community groups, registered charities, statutory bodies, social enterprises.

**Wellbeing** Launched by March 2006

The programme is designed to: get more people physically active, promote healthy eating within communities, develop new ways of addressing common issues and stigma. There is no set amount for grants. Open to voluntary and community organisations, statutory and private sectors.

**Young People's Fund** Launched 2004 with a new strand of funding available by June 2006

Some of the money has been set aside for national benefit:

Positive activities for young people - £25 million; Extended schools - £14 million; Out of school hours learning/school sports co-ordinators - £28.4 million; Get REAL - £12.5 million. There are also three programmes for grants in England: Grants to individuals, Grants to organisations and National grants. The grants programme will fund projects for and by young people. Young people should be involved in the design and implementation of the project. Grants to organisations of £5,000-£150,000. Open to voluntary and community organisations, registered charities and individual or groups of young people aged 11-25.

More information is available on the Big Lottery website [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk) or from the Big Advice Line on 0845 4 10 20 30



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