

Data protection

The National Lottery Community Fund is a public body with a duty to distribute National Lottery and other money in grants for good causes. We use the personal data you provide, such as contact details for individuals at your organisation, to help you apply for a grant and to assess your application. We may also carry out checks on the individuals as described below. If a grant is awarded, we will use the personal data to manage and monitor the grant, carry out evaluations and research, and to check the money is being used appropriately.

We may share your personal data with organisations which help us with our grant making activities or others which have a legitimate interest in our work or have funded your grant. We will only share personal data which they need to carry out their work and subject to appropriate safety measures. In accordance with this, for any grants made under the Mayor's Community Weekend programme, we will share your data with the West Midlands Combined Authority and the prepaid card provider.

We may keep in contact with you throughout the life of your grant and send you advice about your grant by email. This will contain useful information on a range of things including how to publicise your grant, information on other funding available and project ideas and tips from other grant holders.

Our Data Protection and Privacy Notice gives more information about how we store and use personal data and the lawful basis for this. Please read the full Notice which is published on our website at www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/data-protection or contact us to request a hard copy. The Notice may be updated from time to time.

Freedom of information

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 gives members of the public the right to request any information that we hold. This includes information received from third parties, such as, although not limited to grant applicants, grant holders and contractors. Please read our full policy published on our website www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/freedom-of-information. This policy may be updated from time to time.

If you think that there is information in your application that may be exempt from release if requested, then you should let us know when you apply. We will not usually release information about your project whilst it is being assessed. Otherwise we will use our judgement as to whether any exemptions may apply, which we may seek your opinion on. Personal information would be withheld subject to the requirements of data protection laws.

Our approach to fraud

We know the vast majority of the many thousands who seek and use our funding are genuine. However, we sometimes receive fraudulent applications and so we have a duty to carry out checks on individuals at organisations which apply for grants.

The personal information we have collected from you will therefore be shared with fraud prevention agencies who will use it to prevent fraud and money-laundering and to verify your identity. If fraud is detected, you could be refused certain services, finance or employment.

Further details of how your information will be used by us and these fraud prevention agencies, your data protection rights and how to contact us, can be found in our full Data Protection and Privacy Notice which is published on our website www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/data-protection. Contact us to request a hard copy.