Windrush 75: FAQs

Frequently asked questions from our Windrush 75 Grant Application Clinics

Types of activities and events

**Does it have to be a ‘one-off’ event celebrating Windrush?**

*No – you can apply for a year-long project that involves multiple activities, or a series of events throughout the year. Just ensure you apply 12 weeks before the date of the first event or start of the project.*

**Can I run a one-off event for Windrush Day and a series of workshops for six months after the event? And if so – can that be as one application?**

*Yes - this is absolutely fine. We want you to be able to do as much as possible with the grant.*

Community-led

**Can you give examples of how we can involve the community?**

*This can be things such as social media polls, consultations, steering groups, questionnaires, surveys, and feedback sessions. We want to see that the community want this project and* has shaped it regarding what they believe is important to their community.

Eligibility

**Can newly formed groups apply?**

*Yes – newly formed groups can apply but please ensure you have your own bank account and two members on your committee that are not connected. This means they do not live together, are not family, married, or in a civil partnership. Our* [*National Lottery Awards for All England webpage*](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-england) *has more details on this.*

Financial controls

**Is there an income cap on groups that can apply?**

*No – we assess grant applications from all groups, but National Lottery Awards for All does prioritise funding for smaller grassroots groups, with smaller incomes.*

**Is there a minimum a group must have as a turnover to be eligible?**

*No - we have no limit on the turnover, you could be brand new with no income or a large charity with a large income.*

**Do you need to see financial accounts for the organisation?**

*We will need to see a current bank statement. We don't need accounts at the time of applying, but we may ask to see them if you are requested to supply monitoring info on your grant.*

**If we do not have bank statements because we are new does that mean we cannot apply?**

*You can still apply – if you do not have any bank statements because you are newly formed group, we also accept a welcome letter from the bank as this contains all the information we need.*

**Do you need your own bank account, or can the funds be paid into a group we work with?**

*If you apply for a grant in your group’s name, you will need a bank account in your own group’s name. If you work alongside or with another group and shall deliver a project with them, we advise you to seek further advice on a one-to-one basis with our Advice Line. This is because there are funding controls and terms and conditions that need to be adhered to.*

**What happens if we cannot set up our own bank account nor access the bank account of our wider group?**

*Unfortunately, if you cannot access a bank account in the name of your own group or the group applying, then we will not be able to fund you.*

**Can we use some of our funding to give out to other groups who are struggling or to help them apply?**

*No – any funds we award must be for your project and cannot be used to help other groups apply or to help run other groups.*

**Can we pay other groups for their services, such as if we pay a local group to deliver workshops or entertainment for an event?**

*Yes – you are fine to do this as you are paying a group for a service.*

**Does ‘staff costs’ include self-employment?**

*Yes.*

Application form

**Can you save the application online and work on it or do you have to complete the application in one go?**

*You can save the application on-line and work on it as you go.*

Decisions

**What is the turnaround for a decision?**

*We assess, and contact for more information if needed, and make a decision in 12 weeks. This is why it is very important you submit your application 12 weeks before the project start date or date of event.*

Funding and funding dates

**Is the funding for Windrush only in certain parts of the England?**

*No – National Lottery Awards for All England will fund, and does fund, all parts of England. If you wish to run an event in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland, please make a separate application to them as each nation is managed separately. Visit your local National Lottery Awards for All webpage to find out more:*[***England***](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-england)*,*[***Wales***](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-wales)*,*[***Scotland***](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-scotland)*,*[***Northern Ireland***](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/awards-for-all-northern-ireland)*.*

**I already have a National Lottery Awards for All grant. Can I apply for another one?**

*You can receive a maximum of £10,000 in a 12-month period.*

**Is the funding for Windrush 75 a separate funding programme?**

*No – Windrush 75 grants are being funded as part the existing National Lottery Community Fund Awards for All funding stream.*

**Why have you only launched this funding now?**

*The National Lottery Awards for All programme is open year-round with no closing date. This year we’re helping communities celebrate national events that may be important to them - including the Coronation of His Majesty* *The King, The Eurovision Song Contest and the 75th anniversary of Windrush.* Funding for these events has been available on an on-going basis.

**Are you connected to the Government’s Windrush grant funding?**

*No – we are not linked with any Windrush funding or scheme the Government are running. Although we are a non-departmental Government body – we operate at arm’s length.*

**Can we use the funding for ‘welcome drinks’ such as alcohol?**

*No – we have some items that we cannot fund, such as alcohol, and these are listed on our* [*National Lottery Awards for All England webpage*](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-england#section-4)*. You can use your own group’s funds for alcoholic drinks, but any grant funds you may receive cannot go towards this.*

Branding

**Is there a Windrush logo that we must use for branding purposes if successful with funding?**

*No – there is no specific Windrush logo, you would just need to use The National Lottery Community Fund logo as provided in the funding pack.*

Other funders and funding programmes

**If you are successful with National Lottery Awards for All funding, does this mean you cannot have Reaching Communities funding?**

*You can apply for both Reaching Communities and National Lottery Awards for All funding at the same time, but you must ensure they are for different projects. This is because we cannot provide additional funding through National Lottery Awards for All for a project we are currently funding on Reaching Communities. We also cannot provide funding to ‘top up’ any existing Reaching Communities grant nor can National Lottery Awards for All funding be used as a stop gap until you receive further funding.*

**Can we apply for National Lottery Awards for All funding if we have received funding from another National Lottery distributor e.g. Arts Council England or the National Lottery Heritage Fund?**

*Yes you can – whilst part of the wider National Lottery Family, we are a separate entity to other National Lottery distributors and those funds are not considered as part of our assessment processes.*