



NAG Public Library Project of the Year

The NAG Public Library Project of the Year Grant aims to support and enable work in public libraries, particularly around books, reading and reader development. Up to £10,000 is available, depending upon the strength of your application.

The grant may be used to either fund a pilot phase of a new idea or to support the roll out of a project following an earlier pilot phase (which may have been funded via another source).

We are open to awarding either one grant for £10,000 for a large project or two smaller grants for £5,000 to separate public library authorities depending upon the applications we receive. You may submit both a £5k and £10k option if you wish.

Criteria:

The project should use library collections to connect with the public – either physical or digital. Reaching new audiences could be one goal; consolidating strong user links with an existing community would be equally valid. The impact should be measurable in some way, either through statistics or through participant feedback.

How to apply:

Applications open on 27th January 2021. The process will involve sending a description of your proposed project (up to 1000 words) and an indicative budget (Excel or Google Sheets) by email to nag.office@nag.org.uk

Please include a project title and contact details for a named Project Leader.

Terms and conditions:

1. All applicants must work with the public either as a public library authority or as a specialist library offering free access to members of the public. You may partner with external organisations to provide your project.
2. All applicants must be a current NAG member. Please contact the office to check if your Institution/local authority is a current NAG member. Membership is currently free to public libraries.
3. Applications open 27th January 2021
4. The deadline for applications – midnight Friday 5th March 2021
5. The winner will be notified by 30th March 2021.
6. A formal offer will be made to the winner, stating the amount of the award and any conditions attached to it. The applicant will also need to sign to accept the terms and conditions of the grant and provide details of an organisational bank account for payment.
7. The winner will be announced at the March/April NAG public libraries webinar (date TBC). If possible, the winner will be expected to give a five minute presentation introducing your winning project. NAG will also use the project details and images from you to promote the grant online and via social media.
8. The winning project must produce a piece for the NAG website to outline their project during 2021/22.

9. The winner will also be expected to speak at a NAG Public Library Forum event in 2022 to present their winning project and the impacts and outcomes it has achieved. (Free attendance and travel expenses provided by NAG).
10. Copies of receipts/invoices must be submitted against the original budget headings to show that no major changes have been made (without prior authorisation from NAG). Some variation against indicative budget lines is expected within total amount. No match funding is required to apply for NAG award.
11. The grant will be paid 90% up front with 10% retained until all t&c are met.