



NAG Public Library Project of the Year 2024

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 £5,000 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).

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.

We have no set requirements for a project but aspects the panel will consider include:

- value for money in terms of how many people will this project reach,
- the long term sustainability after the initial grant funded period,
- the level of innovation and whether it will potentially provide a new model or idea for other libraries around the UK to copy or adapt.

The more information you can give around these aspects, the higher your project is likely to score.

How to apply:

Applications open on 18th December 2023. Simply send 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. You may find it useful to use the headings above.

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.
3. Applications open 18th December 2023.
4. The deadline for applications – 12 noon Monday 15th April.
5. The winner will be notified by 23rd April 2024.
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 16th May Public Library Forum in London (or a webinar event if circumstances prevent the live event taking place). If possible, the winner will be expected to give a five minute presentation introducing your winning project (this could be submitted virtually). 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 2024/5.

9. The winner will also be expected to speak at a NAG Public Library Forum event in 2024/5 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.