

Museums, galleries and libraries' eligibility for funding from Arts Council England

Arts Council England has now assumed responsibility for museum and library sector development and improvement in England from the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council.

Museums should apply to the Arts Council for Renaissance funding.

Libraries should apply to the Arts Council for library development programmes.

For lottery funded programmes, museums, galleries and libraries should continue to apply to the Heritage Lottery Fund - including the new [Catalyst](#) programme- unless they are seeking funding for an arts project, in which case they should apply to the Arts Council.

	Arts organisations	Museums	Public libraries
National portfolio funding	yes	-	-
Grants for the arts	yes	yes	yes
Catalyst	yes	yes (through HLF)	-
Renaissance	-	yes	-
Library development programmes (tbc)	-	-	yes

Between 2011 and 2015, the Arts Council will invest £1.4 billion of public money from government and an estimated £0.85 billion from the National Lottery