

The National Archives: Grants and Funding

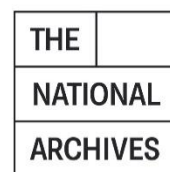
The National Archives offer an array of funding opportunities for archives, including grants for records at risk, resilience, cataloguing, skills, engagement, research and innovation.

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Focus area	Risk and resilience		Access to the record (Archives Revealed)			Skills, innovation and engagement		
Programme	Records at Risk Grants	Resilience Grants	Scoping Grants	Cataloguing Grants	Consortium Grants	Skills Bursaries	Research and Innovation Grants	Engagement Grants
Aim	To ensure the preservation of significant collections in situations of immediate peril	To empower the archive sector to find and develop sustainable solutions that enable change and develop organisational resilience	To assess unknown collections that may be of public value	To ensure that significant archive collections – representing the lives and perspectives of all people across the UK – are made accessible to the public for research and enjoyment	To create opportunities for multiple archives to collaborate on projects with the potential for thematic, geographic or practice benefit to the public and archive sector	To build the skills which the archives sector needs for the future, including in digital, environmental sustainability, and diversity, equity and inclusion	To create opportunities for research, innovation and transformative projects in the archive sector	To connect archives with their communities and the wider public, raising their profile particularly in moments of national significance.
Maximum grant	£5,000	£20,000	£3,000	£50,000	£150,000	£1,000	£10,000	£3,000
Number of grants per year	6+	5+	30	30	2/3	5	3	7
Frequency	Year-long rolling programme	Twice per year	Three times per year	Twice per year	Twice per year	Year-long rolling programme	Once per year	Variable
Upcoming deadlines	Apply any time, monthly assessment	June, November	May, August, January	April, September, March	April, September, March	Apply any time, monthly assessment	August	Tbd
Eligibility (organisations)	Any recognised archive	Any recognised archive	Any recognised archive	Any recognised archive	Any recognised archive	Any recognised archive	Any recognised archive	Any recognised archive
Eligibility (regions)	UK-wide	UK-wide	UK-wide	UK-wide	UK-wide	England and Wales only	England and Wales only	England and Wales only

Archives Revealed

Archives Revealed is the only grant programme in the United Kingdom (UK) dedicated to the unlocking of archival collections. The programme is funded by [The National Lottery Heritage Fund](#), [the Pilgrim Trust](#), [the Wolfson Foundation](#) and [The National Archives](#).

The goal of Archives Revealed is to ensure that significant archive collections, representing the lives and perspective of all people across the UK, are made accessible to the public for research and enjoyment.



Archives Revealed: Scoping Grants

The Scoping Grants programme funds an independent consultant to produce an expert collections report (or scoping report) on a full or partial archival collection, for which the contents are unknown in detail, but which is significant and of interest to the public.

Find out more: [Scoping Grant - Portals](#)

How to apply and assessment criteria: [How to Apply - Portals](#)

Application Form: [Introduction : Archives Revealed - Scoping Grant Application Form 2526](#)

Timetable

Round	Opens	Closes	Panel Meeting
3	6 th May 2025	12 th June 2025	July 2025
4	1 st September 2025	2 nd October 2025	November 2025
5	19 th January 2026	19 th February 2026	March 2026
6	18 th May 2026	18 th June 2026	July 2026
7	7 th September 2026	15 th October 2026	November 2026
8	18 th January 2027	18 th February 2027	March 2027

Archives Revealed: Catalogue Grants

The Cataloguing Grants programme provides grants of up to £50,000 for the cataloguing of significant archive collections held in the UK. The programme aims to unlock these collections for the public for research and enjoyment. At least 20% of the total grant

value is required to be allocated to activities that will promote public engagement with the collection during or after cataloguing.

Find out more: [Cataloguing Grant - Portals](#)

How to apply and assessment criteria: [How to Apply - Portals](#)

Application Form: [Introduction : Archives Revealed - Cataloguing Grant Application Form 2526](#)

Timetable

Round	Opens	Closes	Panel Meeting
2		4 th April 2025	June 2025
3	1 st September 2025	9 th October 2025	January 2026
4	16 th March 2026	30 th April 2026	July 2026
5	31 st August 2026	1 st October 2026	December 2026

Archives Revealed: Consortium Grants

The Consortium Grants programme offers grant funding of up to £150,000 for large-scale consortium projects, bring together multiple archive, heritage and other organisations to deliver specific outcomes related to the goal of Archives Revealed, ensuring that significant archive collections, representing the lives and perspective of all people across the UK, are made accessible to the public for research and enjoyment.

Find out more: [Consortium Grant - Portals](#)

How to apply and assessment criteria: [How to Apply - Portals](#)

Application form: [Introduction : Archives Revealed - Consortium Grant Application Form 2526](#)

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2		4 th April 2025	June 2025
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4	16 th March 2026	30 th April 2026	July 2026
5	31 st August 2026	1 st October 2026	December 2026

Records at Risk

The Records at Risk Grants programme is delivered in collaboration with the [British Records Association](#) and the [Business Archives Council](#), to provide support for urgent interventions to save significant physical and digital records facing immediate peril, across the UK.

It provides grants of up to £5,000, to protect records of cultural and research value from premature destruction or prolonged neglect.

Find out more: [Records at Risk Grants - Archives sector](#)

How to apply and assessment criteria: [How to apply - Archives sector](#)

Application form: [Records at Risk Grants 2024](#)

Timetable

Records at Risk is always open to applications, with panels making awards decisions on a monthly basis and urgent interventions prioritised for review.

Resilience Grants

The Resilience Grant programme is delivered in collaboration with the [British Records Association](#) and the [Business Archives Council](#), and provides grants of up to £20,000, to empower the archive sector to find and develop sustainable solutions that enable change and develop organisational resilience.

The programme will support archives to be adaptable, resilient and sustainable, creating lasting solutions that enable them to respond to change, and contribute to communities and the economy.

Find out more: [Resilience Grants - Archives sector](#)

How to apply and assessment criteria: [How to apply - Archives sector](#)

Application form: [Resilience Grants 2024](#)

Timetable:

Round	Opens	Closes	Panel Meeting
1	16 th June 25	18 th July 25	August 25
2	24 th November 25	15 th January 26	February 26

Skills Bursaries

To support archivists in building the skills needed for the future, including in digital, environmental sustainability, and diversity, equity and inclusion, The National Archives is delighted to be offering Skills Bursaries of up to £1000, for archivists seeking to

access training, career professional development or mentoring that would not usually be available in their own organisational development programmes.

Find out more: [Skills Bursaries - Archives sector](#)

How to apply and assessment criteria: [How to apply - Archives sector](#)

Application form: [Skills Bursaries 2024](#)

Timetable: Applications to the skills bursary programme are always open and are reviewed at monthly panel meetings.

Research and Innovation Grants

These grants create opportunities for research, innovation and transformative projects in the archive sector.

We offer grants of up to £10,000 focused on addressing digital transformation, environmental sustainability and inclusive practice in the archives sector.

Find out more: [Research and Innovation Grants - Archives sector](#)

How to apply and assessment criteria: [How to apply - Archives sector](#)

Application form: [Research and Innovation Grants 2024](#)

Timetable:

Round	Opens	Closes	Panel Meeting
1	11 th August 2025	12 th September 2025	November 2025

Engagement Grants

Engagement Grants provide funding to connect archives with their communities and the wider public, often aligning with key moments of national importance.

Find out more: [Engagement Grants - Archives sector](#)

How to apply and assessment criteria: [How to apply - Archives sector](#)

Application form: [Engagement Grants 2024](#)

Timetable:

Engagement grants timings are variable, often aligning with key moments of national importance to find out the latest dates for funding please visit our website.

Useful links

The National Archives:

The National Archives Grants and Funding: [Grants and Funding - Archives sector \(nationalarchives.gov.uk\)](#)

The National Archives, Archives Sector Leadership Resources and Guidance - [Archives sector - Archives sector \(nationalarchives.gov.uk\)](#)

The National Archives: [The National Archives](#)

Archives Unlocked (UK Government Archive Strategy): [Archives Unlocked - Archives sector \(nationalarchives.gov.uk\)](#)

Archive Sector National Archives Twitter: [The National Archives Sector \(@UKNatArcSector\) / X \(twitter.com\)](#)

Archives Sector Jisc Mailing List: [JISCMAIL - ARCHIVES-NRA List at WWW.JISCMail.AC.UK](#)

Fundraising Training: [How to fundraise - Archives sector \(nationalarchives.gov.uk\)](#)

Our funding partners:

The Pilgrim Trust: [Pilgrim Trust - Grant-making across the UK \(thepilgrimtrust.org.uk\)](#)

The Wolfson Foundation: [The Wolfson Foundation](#)

The British Records Association: [British Records Association – Working for Archives](#)

The Business Archives Council: [Business Archives Council – Home](#)

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