

# Museum Development East Midlands News

## National Portfolio (NPO)

A budget of £409 million will be available each year between 2018-22. An increase of £37 million per annum on the previous investment period (2015-18) will be used to help support the Arts Council's ambition of achieving a 4 percentage point uplift in the proportion of the NPO budget spent outside London; support the integration of museums and libraries, for arts and museums' activity into our portfolio; and bring new, small and diverse organisations into the portfolio.

### Grants for Arts and Culture

The open access funding stream will see an increase in budget of £10 million per annum to £87.5 million during this investment round.

The increase will help support the integration of museums and libraries, who will now be able to apply to this funding stream for museums' activity for the first time. It will also continue to help support thousands of individual artists, community and cultural organisations.

### Strategic funds

Investment will remain broadly the same at £125 million per annum. The Arts Council's strategic funds will continue to address gaps in the sector, such as enhancing diversity and increasing the reach of art and cultural activity in areas with low levels of engagement.

### What does this mean for East Midlands Museums?

This means that there are more funds and grant streams open to museums than previously before. There are also many more smaller pots of funding, showing the Arts Councils' commitment to supporting all sizes of operation. These funds will be open to Accredited Museums and those working towards accreditation.

If you are interested in becoming an NPO or would like more information on how these funds might apply to you please visit the [ACE website](#).

The funding portal opens on the 26th October. Deadline for applications is 1st February.