**Press release template to announce grant award**

**HEADLINE: Power to Change grant to help [name community business and relevant city/town]**

1. 1-2 lines outlining the story very broadly: what you have received and the difference it will make.
For example:
*Local community business Windmill Farm gets £120,000 grant to transform services for vulnerable children across south London*
2. 50-60-word paragraph giving more details
For example:
*Windmill Farm, a community business working with children in care in Croydon, will use their grant to invest in more facilities to help young people, including new counselling rooms, cookery classes for training apprentices, and a small library. The investment from Power to Change comes as Windmill Farm strikes a new relationship with Croydon Council to provide support to 1,500 children in the coming year.*
3. 50-60-word quote from you or another representative of your community business
For example:
*Bill Browning, one of the founding trustees at Windmill Farm, said: ‘This grant will help us transform the lives of local kids who need as much support as we can give them. Not only does it mean we can upgrade some of the existing facilities we use, but it means we can spend more time turning a profit and reinvesting that cash into doing even more good for the community. We are really excited about the future’.*
4. 30-40-word quote from a Power to Change representative [ask us for this and we will be delighted to provide one]
For example: *David Chater, Head of the Community Business Fund at Power to Change, said: ‘We believe putting business in community hands transforms places. This grant will help Windmill Farm do even more for local kids, and put them in a sustainable position long into the future’*
5. A short final paragraph about next steps
For example:
*Construction work at Windmill Farm will start in April, and will hopefully be completed by the end of September. The first new groups will use the space before the new year, with a photo opportunity planned when that happens.*

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**[Notes to editors]**

1. For more information about [your community business], contact [email address, phone number]
2. For more information about Power to Change, please contact: Lisa Mangan on 02038577273 or lisam@powertochange.org.uk

Power to Change is an independent trust, whose funding is used to strengthen community businesses across England. At a time when many parts of the UK face cuts, neglect and social problems, we are helping local people come together to take control, and make sure their local areas survive and stay vibrant. <http://www.powertochange.org.uk/>
3. Power to Change received its endowment from the Big Lottery Fund in 2015.

**About the Big Lottery Fund:**

* The Big Lottery Fund is the largest funder of community activity in the UK. It puts people in the lead to improve their lives and communities, often through small, local projects.
* It is responsible for giving out 40% of the money raised by National Lottery players for good causes. Every year it invests over £650 million and awards around 12,000 grants across the UK for health, education, environment and charitable purposes.
* Since June 2004 it has awarded over £9 billion to projects that change the lives of millions of people. Since the National Lottery began in 1994, £34 billion has been raised and more than 450,000 grants awarded.