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# Media Release

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## **Charities are encouraged to apply for a grant from Christmas Lottery**

Charities can now begin applying to receive a grant from the 2017 Christmas Lottery. Each year, the draw raises thousands of pounds for local good causes.

Tickets for this year's lottery are already selling fast, and the climbing first prize is currently £845,000. It will continue to rise as more tickets are sold. Over recent years the jackpot has been more than £1 million.

Only the proceeds from tickets purchased in Guernsey are given to the AGC to distribute. Malcolm Woodhams, Chairman, said "we try to remind everyone, especially the many company syndicates, to buy their tickets from Guernsey shops and agents. It's so important that the Lottery raises as much as possible for charity as we've seen an increase in local organisations urgently needing funding for their work. The Christmas Lottery is an easy and effective way to fund a tremendously wide range of worthy projects throughout the islands."

This year the Association of Guernsey Charities distributed more than £212,000 to 34 organisations, with grants ranging from £400 to £26,827.

Lottery grants can only be given to Guernsey Registered Charities, and organisations have to be a member of the Association of Guernsey Charities. Projects have to be within the island, or for the benefit of islanders.

Malcolm Woodhams explained "We keep the process straightforward as we want to encourage applications from any organisation that needs some funding. Over the years, the Christmas Lottery has been a useful source of funding for many small charities, which have sometimes found it hard to obtain grants to assist their projects."

"Charities can be reassured that this is a fair and impartial application process and all applications are read and discussed by the AGC Council. However, organisations need to ensure that their applications are clear, and provide as much information as possible concerning their project, setting out why they require the funding, and what the benefits would be".

To apply for a lottery grant, or for further information, charities should visit [www.charity.org.gg](http://www.charity.org.gg) and download the application form. Applications need to be accompanied by a full set of accounts, plus any relevant quotes and background detail. The application deadline is Wednesday 31 January 2018. Charities can expect to hear in Spring 2018 whether or not they have been successful.

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Information about local charitable and voluntary organisations can be found on the  
Association of Guernsey Charities website: [www.charity.org.gg](http://www.charity.org.gg)

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**Note to editors:**

**The Association of Guernsey Charities (AGC)** is the umbrella organisation for charitable organisations in the Bailiwick of Guernsey. It currently has over 300 member organisations. Charities can apply to join by paying a one-off fee of £10. Details of all members are on the AGC website ([www.charity.org.gg](http://www.charity.org.gg)) where charities can also list their forthcoming events and volunteer requirements.

**The Channel Islands Christmas Lottery** is run jointly by the States of Guernsey and States of Jersey. In Guernsey the States Culture and Leisure Department is responsible for the planning and operation of the lottery. Each year the proceeds from the Channel Island Christmas Lottery are given to charity. The money is split between Guernsey and Jersey (based upon ticket sales). In Guernsey the money is given to The Association of Guernsey Charities to distribute to charities for use in local projects.

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