

Big Lottery Fund to Change Name in Early 2019

The Big Lottery Fund, which distributes 40% of the good cause money raised by National Lottery players, has announced that from 30 January 2019 it will be called The National Lottery Community Fund. Last year alone the Big Lottery Fund gave out over half a billion pounds of National Lottery funding to community projects across the UK, benefitting more than 11,000 projects.

The Chief Executive of the Big Lottery Fund, Dawn Austwick, explained that changing the name to The National Lottery Community Fund would make it clearer what the organisation is and does and will support the long-term health of The National Lottery. Aligning the Fund's name will help players understand the difference they make when they buy a ticket, underlining ambitions to see returns to good causes grow.

Commenting, Dawn Austwick said:

“Groups and charities use our funding, be it £500 or £500,000, to bring people together, make good things happen and help their communities to thrive. We want to make sure that as many people as possible understand who we are, what we do, and how National Lottery funding could help them make a difference in their community.

“That’s why we’re looking forward to starting 2019 – when we will also be celebrating The National Lottery’s 25th Birthday – as The National Lottery Community Fund.”