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Search and Rescue Lincolnshire celebrates after receiving £20000 of National Lottery funding to improve Search and Rescue services in Lincolnshire.

Local charity Search and Rescue Lincolnshire is today celebrating after being awarded almost £20,000 in National Lottery funding to improve the capability and resilience of Lincolnshire's Search and Rescue resources. The group, based throughout Lincolnshire, will use the money to invest in Search and Rescue equipment to increase the team's flexibility and strength and provide essential life-saving equipment.

Search and Rescue Lincolnshire has been running for 18 months and already has a team of over 20 support volunteers. The Chief Executive Officer, Paul Woodman says, "Search and Rescue Lincolnshire is a relatively new charity, although we have started to make a big impact. Our team includes experienced Search and Rescue professionals and medical experts, and we have a great deal of experience with complex communications systems and advanced navigation skills. This grant has been awarded to help us grow our resources for the Lincolnshire community and beyond".

The group holds regular training sessions for existing and new volunteers. These include learning and improving search techniques, first aid, navigation, and radio communication sessions. The objective is to provide a professional volunteer Search and Rescue team that can work seamlessly with Lincolnshire emergency services.

The new funding from The National Lottery Community Fund, which distributes money raised by National Lottery players for good causes and is the largest community funder in the UK, will see the introduction of a new Search and Rescue trailer to improve logistical support during callouts and training, additional communications equipment and flood rescue and water safety equipment.

Paul Woodman, CEO of Search and Rescue Lincolnshire, says: "We're delighted that The National Lottery Community Fund has recognised our work in this way. Now, thanks to National Lottery players, we will be able to press on with our plans to improve our equipment and become an even more effective volunteer resource for the emergency services to call upon to strengthen Search and Rescue capability throughout the county. This

is important because it means that we can help more people with the darkest days to come through a dreadful ordeal and look forward to brighter times.”

The National Lottery Community Fund recently launched its new strategy, '[It starts with community](#)', which will underpin its efforts to distribute at least £4 billion of National Lottery funding by 2030.

As part of this, the funder has four key missions, which are to support communities to come together, be environmentally sustainable, help children and young people thrive and enable people to live healthier lives.

National Lottery players raise over £30 million a week for good causes across the UK. Thanks to them, last year The National Lottery Community Fund was able to distribute over half a billion pounds (£615.4 million) of life-changing funding to communities.

To find out more visit www.TNLCommunityFund.org.uk

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Notes to Editors:

About The National Lottery Community Fund

We are the largest non-statutory community funder in the UK - community is at the heart of our purpose, vision and name.

We support activities that create resilient communities that are more inclusive and environmentally sustainable and that will strengthen society and improve lives across the UK.

We're proud to award money raised by National Lottery players to communities across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, and to work closely with government to distribute vital grants and funding from key Government programmes and initiatives.

As well as responding to what communities tell us is important to them, our funding is focused on four key missions, supporting communities to:

1. Come together
2. Be environmentally sustainable
3. Help children and young people thrive
4. Enable people to live healthier lives.

Thanks to the support of National Lottery players, we distribute around £500 million a year through 10,000+ grants and plan to invest over £4 billion of funding into communities by 2030. We're

privileged to be able to work with the smallest of local groups right up to UK-wide charities, enabling people and communities to bring their ambitions to life.

National Lottery players raise over £30 million each week for good causes throughout the UK. Since The National Lottery began in 1994, £47 billion has been raised and more than 670,000 individual grants have been made across the UK - the equivalent of around 240 National Lottery grants in every UK postcode district.

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