**PRESS RELEASE**

**DATE:**

**[INSERT GROUP NAME] AWARDED A GRANT FROM COMIC RELIEF COVID-19 COMMUNITY FUND (ENGLAND)**

[Insert group name] have been awarded a £xx grant from the Comic Relief COVID-19 Community Fund (England).

[Insert description of your project]

The aim of the Comic Relief COVID-19 Community Fund (England) is to support local grassroots organisations to respond to the needs of vulnerable individuals, families and communities during the COVID-19 crisis and recover from the impact COVID-19 has had on their services.

The new fund has been made available with funds raised by the British public through The Big Night In appeal and match funding from Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS).

The fund is for organisations who deliver activities against at least one of Comic Relief’s themes: Children Survive & Thrive; Fighting for Gender Justice; A Safe Place to Be; and Mental Health Matters.

Grants of £4,000 are available to local grassroots organisations with ‘lived experience’ to respond to the current local need as a response to the COVID-19 emergency, and it may assist charities through short term organisational recovery.

[Insert quote from your organisation]

The Comic Relief COVID-19 Community Fund (England) is administered by the national community charity, Groundwork UK.

**Graham Duxbury, national chief executive of Groundwork UK, said:**

"We are pleased that the Comic Relief COVID-19 Community Fund (England) is making a difference to those in need and helping to support vulnerable communities at this uncertain time."

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**NOTES TO EDITORS**

* To find out more, please contact: [Insert contact information]
* To find out more, please visit: <https://www.groundwork.org.uk/comic-relief-apply-for-a-covid-19-community-grant/>