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Oban Hospice Ltd (The Dove Centre) is delighted to receive £10,405 of National Lottery funding to create “Welcoming Spaces”

Local community group Oban Hospice Ltd (The Dove Centre) is today celebrating an early Christmas present after being awarded £10,405 in National Lottery funding to support its wellness and wellbeing work for residents of Oban, Lorn and the Islands who have been impacted by cancer and certain life limiting conditions.

With dedicated community support to fundraising, The Dove Centre in Oban has grown from operating as one day a week in the local hospital (2006) to a shared space in North Argyll Carers (2011) offering outreach; to a small unit delivering community outreach and group services (2017) to last year purchasing and progressing structural refurbishment of a Centre to open early 2025.

This award of money gives a helping hand as The Dove Centre prepares to move to larger premises by enabling the creation of additional furnishings to provide welcoming flexible spaces.

Our small staff and volunteer team have learnt that alongside the outreach support our services are enhanced with the activity within our building this funding enables us to support those with life limiting conditions to gain not just individual support but also gain peer support for others through participating in our group activities.

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 also enable us to investigate and pilot new collaborations, information sessions and new activity that meets the needs of our residents in Oban and Lorn.

A spokesperson from Oban Hospice 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 widen the range of opportunities to assist our clients to continue to gain support from our services in our new larger space ready to support multiple groups and activity.

The Dove Centre is fortunate to have volunteers who continue to commit time and energy to support our services. This funding will also enable us to offer additional training and new opportunities with the opening of the new premises. Anyone interested in volunteering with us please do get in touch”

The National Lottery Community Fund recently launched its 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 (2023/24) The National Lottery Community Fund awarded over half a billion pounds (£686.3 million) of life-changing funding to communities across the UK, supporting over 13,700 projects to turn their great ideas into reality.

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

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Pictures are available upon request.

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 over £600 million a year through 13,000+ 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, £49 billion has been raised and more than 690,000 individual grants have been made across the UK - the equivalent of around 240 National Lottery grants in every UK postcode district.