

Media Release

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Donation from the UK's National Emergencies Trust will benefit local charities

Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man are to receive awards of £40,000 each from the UK National Emergencies Trust, which was set up in 2019 in the wake of the Manchester terrorist attack and the Grenfell Tower fire disaster.

In Jersey, the Association of Jersey Charities has been appointed to distribute the funds and is matching the NET award of £40,000 with the same amount from its own resources to create an £80,000 emergency funding pot.

This funding is available immediately for local charities and voluntary organisations to support those people in Jersey who are most likely to be disproportionately affected by the Covid-19 situation. This includes the elderly and those with pre-existing medical conditions, people with a disability, homeless people, those with addictions and anyone at risk of domestic violence.

AJC Chairman Liz Le Poidevin said: "The AJC is delighted to have been appointed to administer this money on behalf of NET, acknowledging our expertise in the distribution of public funds. We recently introduced a new online grant application process supported by a digital back office to help track the reach and impact of our grants. We will be distributing the NET funds in addition to our usual quarterly grant programme for local charities."

The maximum award for any one charity will be £10,000, and further details and criteria for charities wanting to apply can be found via the dedicated Covid-19 hub on the AJC website

www.jerseycharities.org.

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Notes for Editors

- The AJC is the representative body of charitable organisations operating in Jersey. Please visit www.jerseycharities.org, FB @ajcjersey or Twitter.

- Its 290 members represent a wide and diverse section of island life and range from large organisations providing essential services to smaller organisations representing the needs and concerns of particular groups within Jersey
- The Association's objectives are to encourage and facilitate charitable and community work in Jersey; to encourage co-operation and co-ordination of activities between members and prospective members; to administer the distribution of funds to members; to develop and administer a programme of education and information to benefit members and to assist and represent its members, both individually and as a whole.