**Building a stronger community: <Insert name> in <Insert location> celebrates Aviva funding**

[**INSERT DATE**] [Insert description of your project e.g. *XXX, a local youth group providing much needed space for young people* ] has won [insert amount] following an announcement yesterday by the Aviva Community Fund. [Insert name of organisation] which is based in [insert location] [include a summary paragraph of work and background].

The funds awarded to [insert name of project] from the Aviva Community Fund will be used to [insert paragraph on how the funds will be spent and the things that it will allow your organisation /project to achieve – this should be no more than 100 words].

[Insert name of project] competed with over 3,000 community projects around the UK to receive funding as part of the Aviva Community Fund 2018.

The nationwide initiative, now in its forth year, called upon local supporters to champion a project in their area to be in with a chance of securing funding ranging from £1,000 up to £25,000.

Each organisation had to galvanise the support of their local community to vote for their entry in one of three categories: Health and Wellbeing, Skills for Life & Environment. Over 4 million votes were placed this year, with over 2,000 local projects benefitting from the funding since the Aviva Community Fund was established. [Insert any specific information about how you secured votes if relevant e.g. enlisted help of local celebrity, set-up of Facebook and Twitter channels, rallied local parents etc.]

[Insert your name and job title] from [insert organisation name] says: “[insert quote from yourself about how delighted you are to have won the funding, what you plan to do with the funding and what difference it will make to your organisation and to building a stronger community. You might also like to thank everyone in the local community who voted for you. This is your opportunity to embellish and add some personality to the press release. If you want, you could also include a second quote from a participant or beneficiary that offers another point of view.]”

For more information [insert name of organisation], visit [insert website if relevant].

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**Notes to editors:**

**About [insert name of your organisation]**

[Insert any standard information about your group, as well as your project’s website, Facebook and/or Twitter handle if you have one]

**About the Aviva Community Fund**

The Aviva Community Fund is an initiative that helps to strengthen local communities by offering practical support and funding for inspirational local causes. Projects could receive funding from £1,000 up to £25,000. To see the full list of 2018 winners, visit avivacommunityfund.co.uk