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LOTTERY FUNDING HELPS GENESIS TRUST EXPANSION

Residents in the Bath will soon be able to benefit from an expanded service at the Genesis Trust thanks to a Big Lottery Fund grant of **£56,864** from the Community Recycling and Economic Development (CRED) Programme.

The Genesis Trust is a Christian charity that runs a range of services for the homeless and those on low incomes. It will use the funding to expand its furniture scheme which collects unwanted furniture and household goods and provides them at low prices to those in need.

On receiving the grant Sarah Thorn, Fundraising Manager for the Genesis Trust, said *"CRED funding will mean that we can successfully grow as we seek to help the community by providing low cost furniture at the same time as diverting bulky waste from landfill"*.

If you have items that you would like to donate or would like to know more about the Genesis Trust please call 01225 463549.

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Community Recycling
and Economic
Development (CRED)
Programme

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The Partners:

- Community Composting Network
- Community Recycling Network UK
- CREATE UK
- Environment Agency
- Furniture Reuse Network
- London Community Recycling Network

Also involved in the strategic direction of the programme are:

- Local Authority Recycling Advisory Committee
- Waste Watch
- Defra

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The Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts (RSWT) and nine consortium partners manage the £36.5 million CRED Programme on behalf of the Big Lottery Fund's Transforming Waste initiative. CRED is the second multi-million pound National Lottery initiative managed by RSWT on behalf of the Fund.

So far the CRED Programme has awarded over £5 million to community recycling, reuse and composting projects in the South West region.

Mark Cotton, Big Lottery Fund's Head of Region for the South West, said *'The Genesis Trust's existing furniture reuse service is a valued one. It is great that through this new expansion programme, more households will benefit from both collections and deliveries'*.

The CRED Programme aims to improve the quality of life of communities in England through establishing new waste recycling, reuse or composting projects in areas where they do not currently exist, and to expand existing schemes.

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Notes to editors follow...

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1. The **Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts (RSWT)** is working in partnership with the **Big Lottery Fund** in England through the Transforming Waste initiative. RSWT is leading a consortium of specialist organisations including the Community Composting Network; Community Recycling Network UK; CREATE UK; Environment Agency; Furniture Reuse Network; London Community Recycling Network; Local Authority Recycling Advisory Committee and Waste Watch.
2. The consortium, who have wide experience in developing and implementing community waste projects and regulating waste, developed the **Community Recycling and Economic Development (CRED) Programme** in 2003. The Programme will give away £36.5 million of Big Lottery Fund money in grants of between £50,000 to £300,000 before the end of 2007. CRED closed to new applicants on 1 August 2005.
3. The Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts (RSWT) is a registered charity, incorporated by Royal Charter, to promote conservation and manage environmental programmes throughout the whole of the UK. It has established management systems for holding and distributing funds totalling more than £20 million annually to environmental projects across the UK.

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4. In October 2002 the **Big Lottery Fund**, a National Lottery good cause distributor appointed the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts (RSWT) as an Award Partner under its Transforming Waste funding programme. RSWT will use its £36.5 million award to distribute grants through its Community Recycling and Economic Development (CRED) Programme. The Fund has appointed four Award Partners across the UK to distribute funding through schemes designed to expand community sector waste reuse, recycling or composting.

The Transforming Waste programme has been funded by the Big Lottery Fund, the joint operating name of the New Opportunities Fund and the National Lottery Charities Board (which made grants under the name of the Community Fund). The Big Lottery Fund, launched on 1 June 2004, is distributing half of all National Lottery good cause funding across the UK.

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