



The National Lottery Community Fund Strengthening Communities programme

Northern Ireland

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Grants awarded (as of February 2026)

Number of grants: 35

Total funding awarded: £14,156,157

Grants sorted by location

Awards made in Antrim and Newtownabbey

Organisation	Location	Project summary	Amount awarded	Date awarded
Muckamore Parish Development Association	Antrim and Newtownabbey	Muckamore Parish Development Association is using a £185,391 grant over three years to deliver community wellbeing and family support programmes in Antrim. The MPDA Community Wellbeing Project will provide community drop-in mental health support, family wellbeing sessions and community health initiatives supporting adults, children and families experiencing crisis, trauma and disadvantage. The project aims to reduce isolation, improve mental health and wellbeing, strengthen family relationships, and help people develop resilience, coping skills and positive social and emotional development.	£185,391	23/10/2025
Reading Force	Antrim and Newtownabbey	Reading Force Northern Ireland is using a £135,288 grant over three years to deliver a Northern Ireland-wide shared reading programme supporting the wellbeing of UK Forces personnel, veterans and their families. The project will provide family reading groups, community book clubs, author events and reflective journalling. The project aims to reduce isolation, strengthen relationships and improve emotional wellbeing, helping UK Forces families and veterans build resilience and social connections.	£135,288	28/01/2026

Awards made in Ards and North Down

Organisation	Location	Project summary	Amount awarded	Date awarded
AGE North Down & Ards	Ards and North Down	AGE North Down and Ards is using a £128,872 grant over two years to deliver the AGEnda Carers Support Project for unpaid carers aged over 65 across Ards and North Down. The project will provide personalised support including home visits, weekly check-ins, peer support groups and wellbeing workshops. The project aims to improve carers' physical and mental wellbeing, reduce isolation and provide practical and emotional support to help carers manage their caring roles and maintain their own health and quality of life.	£128,872	28/01/2026

Awards made in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon

Organisation	Location	Project summary	Amount awarded	Date awarded
Craigavon Travellers Support Committee	Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	Craigavon Travellers Support Committee is using a £448,850 grant over five years to deliver the Irish Travellers Counselling Project, providing dedicated, culturally sensitive mental health support for Irish Travellers aged 16 and over across Northern Ireland. The project will offer one-to-one counselling, outreach and awareness workshops focused on early intervention and suicide prevention. It aims to reduce health inequalities, improve mental wellbeing, tackle isolation and ensure timely, accessible support for a community facing significant disadvantage and discrimination.	£448,850	01/10/2025

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Laurencetown, Lenaderg & Tullylish Community Association	Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	Laurencetown Lenaderg and Tullylish Community Association is using a £452,253 grant over five years to deliver the Connect 65+ project supporting older people across rural parts of Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon. The project will provide volunteer-led befriending, digital support and carer respite, alongside help to access services and community connections. The project aims to reduce health inequalities, tackle loneliness and isolation, improve wellbeing and help older people and unpaid carers maintain independence, dignity and positive relationships within their communities.	£452,253	25/06/2025
Migrant Support Service	Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	Migrant Support Service is using a £500,000 grant over four years to deliver the Empowering Our Community project supporting migrant families in the Portadown area. The project will provide practical guidance, skills training, one-to-one support, wellbeing activities and community events. The project aims to improve physical and mental wellbeing, reduce isolation and discrimination, and help migrants build positive relationships, confidence and a sense of belonging within their local communities.	£500,000	25/06/2025

Awards made in Belfast

Organisation	Location	Project summary	Amount awarded	Date awarded
Adoption UK Charity	Belfast	Adoption UK is using a £392,333 grant over five years to deliver the Banter project supporting adopted young people aged 14-25 across Northern Ireland. The project will provide social activities, peer support, life skills development and opportunities to explore education, training and employment pathways. The project aims to improve confidence, social and emotional skills and independence, helping adopted young people build relationships, reduce isolation and develop the skills needed to thrive into adulthood.	£392,333	25/06/2025
Arts Ekta	Belfast	ArtsEkta is using a £311,721 grant over five years to deliver the Together We Thrive project supporting refugees, people seeking asylum and new migrants from culturally diverse backgrounds across Northern Ireland. The project will provide participatory arts activities, employability training, civic engagement opportunities and community leadership support. The project aims to improve physical and mental wellbeing, reduce isolation, strengthen social connections and support community integration.	£311,721	01/10/2025

Organisation	Location	Project summary	Amount awarded	Date awarded
Ashton Community Trust	Belfast	Ashton Community Trust's New Lodge Youth Centre is using a £492,403 grant over three years to deliver the Peer Champions project supporting young people aged 10-18 in North Belfast. The project will provide peer mentoring, leadership training, group work and volunteering opportunities, alongside safe spaces for personal development. The project aims to improve confidence, relationships and social and emotional skills, helping young people raise aspirations, reduce isolation and develop the skills needed to thrive into adulthood.	£492,403	16/12/2025
BCT N.I. C.I.C.	Belfast	BCT NI CIC is using a £191,995 grant over three years to deliver the Resilient Futures: Empowering Communities project supporting migrant, refugee and immigrant young people aged 15-25 in North and West Belfast. The project will provide mentoring, skills training, employability support, wellbeing workshops and leadership opportunities. The project aims to improve social and emotional skills, strengthen relationships and support young people to build confidence, access education and employment pathways, and thrive within their communities.	£191,995	23/10/2025

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Belfast City of Sanctuary	Belfast	Belfast City of Sanctuary is using a £499,976 grant over five years to deliver the Strengthening the Bonds between People and Communities project supporting people seeking asylum and refugees in Belfast. The project will empower people seeking asylum and refugees to lead activities that build skills, confidence and community connections, while working with schools, health services, libraries and institutions to become more welcoming and inclusive. The project aims to reduce health inequalities, improve physical and mental wellbeing, and strengthen positive relationships between refugees, communities and public services.	£499,976	25/06/2025
Community Sports Network Ltd	Belfast	Community Sports Network is using a £498,864 grant over five years to deliver the Munch Club Belfast project supporting families facing poverty, food insecurity and barriers to healthy living. The project will combine nutritional education, practical cooking support, family-friendly physical activity and social connection. Families will receive food resources, cooking guidance and opportunities to be active together. The project aims to improve physical and mental wellbeing, reduce isolation and help families build healthier habits, confidence and positive relationships.	£498,864	16/12/2025

Organisation	Location	Project summary	Amount awarded	Date awarded
Forthspring Inter Community Group	Belfast	Forthspring Inter Community Group is using a £390,604 grant over three years to deliver the Youth Empowerment Project in West Belfast. The project will provide early years, after-school and youth programmes for children and young people affected by disadvantage, trauma and exclusion. Through mentoring, arts, sports, wellbeing activities and youth leadership opportunities, the project aims to strengthen social and emotional skills, build positive relationships and support young people to develop confidence, resilience and the skills needed to thrive into adulthood.	£390,604	01/10/2025
Friends of Africa	Belfast	Friends of Africa is using a £117,986 grant over two years to deliver Warm Welcome Plus, supporting young people seeking asylum and refugees aged 18-25 in Belfast. The project will provide personal development, mentoring and accredited training through residential, OCN courses, social mentoring, anti-racism education and community activities. It aims to reduce isolation, improve mental wellbeing, strengthen social connections, and help young people build skills, confidence and understanding of education, employment and life systems as they settle in Northern Ireland.	£117,986	28/01/2026

Organisation	Location	Project summary	Amount awarded	Date awarded
Glór na Móna Teo	Belfast	Glór na Móna is using a £499,655 grant over four years to deliver the Sólás na nÓg- 'Comhbhá, Cothú, Cumasú - Compassion, Nurture, Development project, supporting young people aged 8-24 with special educational needs and disabilities across Greater Belfast through Irish medium youth provision. The project will provide structured youth sessions, life skills and progression pathways, and family support. It aims to improve social and emotional skills, confidence and independence, helping young people build relationships and reach their potential as they transition into adulthood.	£499,655	17/12/2025
Grow-NI	Belfast	Grow-NI is using a £200,000 grant over three years to deliver the Growing Stronger project across six community gardens in Belfast. The project will use gardening, cooking and nature-based activities to create safe, trauma-informed spaces for people facing isolation, poor mental health, poverty and displacement. The project aims to reduce health inequalities, improve physical and mental wellbeing, and help people build confidence, skills and positive relationships, creating long-term community connections and resilience beyond the life of the funding.	£200,000	23/10/2025

Organisation	Location	Project summary	Amount awarded	Date awarded
Harmoni 2019	Belfast	Harmoni 2019 is using a £489,738 grant over five years to deliver the 'Moving On' project to support single homeless men in Belfast to move from hostel accommodation into independent living. The project will provide personalised support, life skills and tenancy preparation, mental and physical health programmes, and aftercare support. It will also develop pathways to long-term housing. The project aims to improve physical and mental health, reduce health inequalities, and help men build the skills, confidence and relationships needed to sustain independent tenancies.	£489,738	16/12/2025
Lagan Village Youth and Community Group	Belfast	Lagan Village Youth and Community Group is using a £80,987 grant over three years to deliver Together We Are One, a weekly performing arts programme for young adults with special educational needs in Belfast. Through structured three-hour sessions, participants will develop communication, social and creative skills. The project aims to improve physical and mental wellbeing, build confidence, reduce isolation, strengthen relationships, and support participants to showcase their talents within their families and wider community.	£80,987.00	28/01/2026

Organisation	Location	Project summary	Amount awarded	Date awarded
New Lodge Duncairn Community Health Partnership	Belfast	New Lodge Duncairn Community Health Partnership is using a £448,531 grant over five years to deliver the Holistic Health Hub in North Belfast. The project will bring together community-based health and wellbeing services for children, families, carers and older people, providing early intervention, family support and healthy living programmes. The project aims to reduce health inequalities, improve physical and mental wellbeing, and help people build resilience, skills and connections to better manage health challenges within their communities.	£448,531	01/10/2025
Phoenix Education Centre CIC	Belfast	Phoenix Education Centre CIC is using a £498,716 grant over three years to deliver S.P.A.R.C - Supporting People And Resilient Communities in East Belfast. The project will provide early intervention and wraparound support for marginalised young people and families through detached youth work, resilience and life-skills programmes, access to counselling, and practical support such as a school uniform hub. Working in partnership with three local organisations, the project aims to improve mental wellbeing, strengthen relationships, and help young people develop the skills and confidence needed to thrive into adulthood.	£498,716	25/06/2025

Organisation	Location	Project summary	Amount awarded	Date awarded
The Welcome Organisation	Belfast	The Welcome Organisation is using a £500,000 grant over four years to deliver the RISE project, providing dedicated, trauma-informed mental health support for homeless women with complex needs. Based within a new women-only accommodation service in Belfast, the project will offer daily on-site one-to-one and group support, case management, referrals, and life-skills workshops. The project aims to reduce health inequalities, improve mental wellbeing, and help women move towards stability, recovery, and longer-term independent living.	£500,000	25/06/2025
Threshold Services NI	Belfast	Threshold Services NI is using a £498,900 grant over five years to deliver Rebuilding Lives, community support for people living with Alcohol-Related Brain Injury (ARBI) across Northern Ireland. The project will support people transitioning from long-term rehabilitation through personalised support, service coordination and community integration. It will also provide training for carers and services to improve understanding of ARBI. The project aims to reduce relapse, improve physical and mental wellbeing, strengthen social connections and support people to live independently in the community.	£498,900	16/12/2025

Awards made in Derry City and Strabane

Organisation	Location	Project summary	Amount awarded	Date awarded
ARC Fitness Ltd	Derry City and Strabane	ARC Fitness is using a £499,924 grant over three years to deliver The Recovery Aloud Project, an addiction recovery support programme across Derry/Londonderry and Strabane. The project will support people and families affected by addiction, through exercise-based recovery programmes, family support groups, outreach, education and peer-led activities. The project aims to reduce health inequalities, improve physical and mental wellbeing, and strengthen social connections, supporting people at all stages of addiction and recovery.	£499,924	16/12/2025
Koram Centre Counselling Psychotherapy & Psycho Social Support Ltd	Derry City and Strabane	The Koram Centre is using a £499,950 grant over five years to deliver the Empowering Change project in Strabane and surrounding areas. The project will provide counselling, complementary therapies, peer support and social support programmes for adults, children and young people experiencing emotional and mental health difficulties. The project aims to improve physical and mental wellbeing, build resilience and social and emotional skills, and help people develop positive relationships while accessing the wider support they need to live healthier lives.	£499,950	01/10/2025

Awards made in Fermanagh and Omagh

Organisation	Location	Project summary	Amount awarded	Date awarded
Cancer Focus Northern Fermanagh and Omagh Ireland	Fermanagh and Omagh	Cancer Focus NI is using a £500,000 grant over five years to deliver cancer support services from its Therapeutic Cancer Support Centre in Enniskillen. The project will provide nurse-led support, counselling, peer groups, family support and practical help for people affected by cancer across Enniskillen and surrounding rural areas. The project aims to improve physical and mental wellbeing, reduce isolation and health inequalities, and help people build supportive relationships while navigating cancer diagnosis, treatment and recovery.	£500,000	16/12/2025

Awards made in Lisburn and Castlereagh

Organisation	Location	Project summary	Amount awarded	Date awarded
Autism NI (PAPA)	Lisburn and Castlereagh	Autism NI is using a £496,959 grant over five years to deliver the Promoting Autistic Community Engagement (PACE) project across Northern Ireland. The project will provide post-diagnostic support for newly diagnosed autistic adults through one-to-one sessions and group programmes. The project aims to improve mental wellbeing, reduce isolation and health inequalities, and help autistic adults build positive relationships, access entitlements and connect with supportive community opportunities.	£496,959	01/10/25
L'Arche Belfast	Lisburn and Castlereagh	L'Arche Belfast is using a £500,000 grant over four years to deliver Growing Together Harvesting Hope at L'Arche Village in the Castlereagh Hills. The project will provide supported day opportunities for people with learning disabilities, alongside others experiencing isolation, through horticulture, cooking, woodwork, arts, peer support and vocational training. It aims to improve physical and mental wellbeing, build life skills and confidence, strengthen social connections, and promote inclusion by bringing people with and without disabilities together in a shared, sustainable community setting.	£500,000	16/12/2025

Awards made in Mid and East Antrim

Organisation	Location	Project summary	Amount awarded	Date awarded
Access Employment Limited (AEL)	Mid and East Antrim	Access Employment Limited (AEL) is using a £497,283 grant over three years to deliver training, mentoring and work experience for people aged 15-60 with learning disabilities and neurodiversity in Ballymena. The project will support participants to build life and employability skills, supporting progression into employment, volunteering or further education, while improving mental health, wellbeing and independence.	£497,283	16/12/2025
Mae Murray Foundation	Mid and East Antrim	The Mae Murray Foundation is using a £499,454 grant over four years to deliver an all-ability participation programme supporting disabled people and their families across Northern Ireland. The project will remove barriers to leisure and physical activity through an inclusive beach equipment loan scheme and a year-round programme of accessible sports and recreation. The project aims to reduce health inequalities, improve physical and mental wellbeing, and enable people of all ages and abilities to participate fully in community life.	£499,454	01/10/2025
Turning Point NI	Mid and East Antrim	Turning Point NI is using a £500,000 grant over four years to deliver the Youmatter project, providing early access mental health support for people aged 11 and over. Focusing on those experiencing disadvantage, trauma or isolation, the project will deliver person-centred counselling and peer support to improve emotional wellbeing, build resilience, and prevent the escalation of mental health difficulties.	£500,000	16/12/2025
Victim Support Northern Ireland	Mid and East Antrim	Victim Support Northern Ireland is using a £500,000 grant over three years to deliver Phoenix Youth Creative Arts Therapy (PYCAT),	£500,000	01/10/2025

		providing trauma-informed therapeutic support for children and young people aged 8-20 who have experienced abuse and aggression-related trauma resulting in mental health challenges and social isolation. The project will deliver long-term, child-centred therapeutic interventions, helping young people improve mental wellbeing, build coping skills, strengthen relationships, and reduce social isolation.		
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Awards made in Mid Ulster

Organisation	Location	Project summary	Amount awarded	Date awarded
Mid Ulster Victims Empowerment Project	Mid Ulster	Mid Ulster Victims Empowerment Project is using a £199,920 grant over three years to deliver the MUVE to Thrive Together project supporting people affected by conflict across Mid Ulster. The project will provide health and wellbeing activities, peer and one-to-one support, befriending, education and social programmes. The project aims to improve physical and mental wellbeing, reduce isolation and loneliness, and help people build positive relationships, resilience and a stronger sense of connection within their communities.	£199,920	23/10/2025
Rural Support	Mid Ulster	Rural Support is using a £499,685 grant over five years to expand the Life Beyond Programme, providing tailored emotional and practical support to farming families across Northern Ireland who have experienced bereavement, suicide, farm accidents or terminal illness. The project combines home-based counselling, peer support, farm business and financial mentoring, and resilience-building initiatives to improve mental wellbeing, reduce isolation and help families rebuild their lives and livelihoods during and after periods of loss.	£499,685	01/10/2025

South Tyrone Empowerment Programme	Mid Ulster	South Tyrone Empowerment Programme (STEP) is using a £500,000 grant over three years to deliver the InterACT project supporting families from ethnically minoritised communities across Mid Ulster. The project will provide one-to-one support, community activities and advocacy for migrants, Irish Travellers, Roma, refugees and resettled communities, particularly those facing poverty, discrimination and isolation. The project aims to improve physical and mental wellbeing, strengthen social connections and help families access support, build confidence and feel included in their local communities.	£500,000	16/12/2025
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Awards made in Newry, Mourne and Down

Organisation	Location	Project summary	Amount awarded	Date awarded
Rural Health Partnership	Newry, Mourne and Down	Rural Health Partnership (RHP) is using a £499,919 grant over five years to deliver the Rooted Together project supporting rural farming families across South Armagh. The project will provide whole-family resilience programmes, peer support groups, wellbeing activities, drop-in support and one-to-one support. The project aims to reduce health inequalities, improve physical and mental wellbeing, and strengthen social connections, helping farming families experiencing isolation, financial strain and poor mental health to build resilience and access support.	£499,919	16/12/2025

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