

Community Empowerment NL

Micro Fund (2026)

Information Sheet

Our Micro Fund is designed to provide financial support to Community and Voluntary Sector (CVS) organisations operating in North Lanarkshire. Who are planning to deliver events / activities and projects from period January – 31 March 2026.

Organisations can apply for up to £1,000 to help pay for costs relevant to the delivery of the events / activities and projects.

Who Can Apply?

- Voluntary or community organisations
- Registered charities

All applicants must be known to the Council or community planning partners and must have a valid bank account and be CVS registered.

What Can Be Funded?

- Projects that address a clearly identified local need
- Activities that promote inclusion, wellbeing, safety or community engagement
- Small pieces of equipment (maximum cost £100 per item), materials or small-scale events

Funds must be used for costs directly linked to delivery, not for core salaries, debt repayment, food or ongoing running costs. Costs for light refreshments only will be considered. Capital costs are not permitted.

How to Complete the Form

Answer all questions clearly and concisely. Use plain English and avoid jargon. Include only the most relevant details. The online application should take no more than 20 minutes to complete.

If you require assistance with the application form, please contact us on -

CommunityEmpowermentNL@northlan.gov.uk

Assessment Criteria

Applications will be scored on:

- Clarity and relevance of project
- Evidence of community need
- Feasibility of delivery and use of funding
- Positive impact and alignment with Local Outcome Improvement Plan priorities

After You Apply

- You will receive an automatic notification on receipt of your application.
- Confirmation of the funding outcome will be issued within 10 working days from the closing date of Sunday 11 January 2026.
- If your application is successful, funding will be issued following completion of a funding acceptance form.
- A short monitoring and financial return will be required after your project is complete. Please retain all receipts and invoices.