**Rural Micro Capital Grant Scheme 2017**

This Scheme is funded under the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Tackling Rural Poverty and Social Isolation Programme.

Micro Capital grants of between £200 and £1,500 are available to rural community-led, voluntary organisations for projects tackling issues of local poverty and / or social isolation.

The total project cost must not exceed £3,000

Projects must clearly address an issue of rural poverty and / or social isolation and applicants must provide a minimum of 15% match funding.

The scheme is being delivered by the Rural Support Networks on behalf of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs. Application forms, guidance notes and further advice and information is available from the **Rural Support Network in your council area**, **details overleaf**.

**Key objectives**

The Rural Micro Capital Grant Scheme 2017 (RMCGS 2017) has been designed to:

* Help rural community-led, voluntary groups to address local issues of **access poverty, financial poverty** and **social isolation**; and
* Improve the lives of rural communities, and in particular the wellbeing of isolated individuals.

Projects must focus on one of the following three themes:

* Modernisation (of premises / assets)
* Information Communication Technology (ICT)
* Health and Wellbeing

The RMCGS 2017 will be open for applications from

**Monday 4th September** until **4PM on Friday 29th September 2017.**

For further information about the Scheme, please contact the Rural Support Network for your council area, details overleaf.

Guidance Notes and Application Forms for the RMCGS 2017 can be downloaded from **your** local Rural Support Network websites.

If you are unable to download the Guidance Notes and Application Form, hard copies are available by e-mailing or phoning your Rural Support Network.

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| Council Area | Rural Support Network |
| Antrim & Newtownabbey and  Mid & East Antrim | South Antrim Community Network (SACN)<https://www.facebook.com/South-Antrim-Community-Network-120614424769642/> Tel: 028 9447 8645 e-mail: wendy@southantrimcommunitynetwork.org North Antrim Community Network (NACN)www.nacn.org Tel: 028 2177 2100 e-mail: grants@nacn.org |
| Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon | The Armagh, Down and Antrim Network (TADA)[www.tadarsn.com](http://www.tadarsn.com) Tel: 028 3839 8888 e-mail: info@tadarsn.com  |
| Causeway Coast and Glens | North Antrim Community Network (NACN)www.nacn.org Tel: 028 2177 2100 e-mail: grants@nacn.org |
| Derry and Strabane | Rural Area Partnership in Derry (RAPID)www.rapidni.com Tel: 028 7133 7149 e-mail: philip@rapidni.com Dennett InterchangeTel: (028) 71 397990 e-mail: dennettinterchange@gmail.com  |
| Fermanagh and Omagh | Fermanagh Rural Community Network (FRCN)www.fermanaghrcn.org Tel: 028 6632 7006 e-mail: info@fermanaghrcn.comOmagh Forum for Rural Associations (OFRA) [www.omaghforum.org](http://www.omaghforum.org) Tel: 028 8825 1559 e-mail: info@omaghforum.org  |
| Mid Ulster | Cookstown and Western Shores Area Network (CWSAN)[www.cwsan.org](http://www.cwsan.org)Tel: 028 8773 8845 e-mail: microgrants@cwsan.orgCommunity Organisation of South Tyrone and Area (COSTA)[www.](http://www.)costaruralsupportnetwork.orgTel: 028 8555 6880 e-mail: info.costa@btconnect.com  |
| Newry, Mourne & Down;North Down & Ards and Lisburn & Castlereagh | County Down Rural Community Network (CDRCN)www.countydownruralcommunitynetwork.com Tel: 028 4461 2311 e-mail: info@countydownrcn.com |

**The Closing Date for Applications is 4PM on Friday 29th September2017**

Information on the scheme is also available on the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs website.