

Rural Micro Capital Grant Scheme 2018

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 below**.

Key objectives

The Rural Micro Capital Grant Scheme 2018 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 Rural Micro Capital Grant Scheme 2018 will be open for applications from **Monday 10 September until 4pm on Friday 5 October 2018**.

For further information about the Rural Micro Capital Grant Scheme 2018, please contact the Rural Support Network for your council area.

Guidance Notes and Application Forms for the Rural Micro Capital Grant Scheme 2018 can be downloaded from your local Rural Support Network websites.

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

Council Area	Rural Support Network
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council Mid & East Antrim Borough Council Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council	North Antrim Community Network (NACN) www.nacn.org Tel: 028 2177 2100 e-mail: info@nacn.org

Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon Council	<p>The Armagh, Down and Antrim Network (TADA) www.tadasupportnetwork.com Tel: 028 3839 8888 e-mail: brendan@tadarsn.com</p>
Derry & Strabane Council	<p>Rural Area Partnership in Derry (RAPID) www.rapidni.com Tel: 028 7133 7149 e-mail: philip@rapidni.com</p> <p>Dennett Interchange Tel: (028) 71 397990 e-mail: dennettinterchange@gmail.com</p>
Fermanagh & Omagh Council	<p>Omagh Forum for Rural Associations (OFRA) www.omaghforum.org Tel: 028 8825 1559 e-mail: maryt.conway@omaghforum.org</p>
Mid Ulster Council	<p>Cookstown and Western Shores Area Network (CWSAN) www.cwsan.org Tel: 028 8773 8845 e-mail: cwsan@aol.com</p> <p>Community Organisations of South Tyrone and Area (COSTA) www.costaruralsupportnetwork.org Tel: 028 8555 6880 e-mail: info.costa@btconnect.com</p>
Newry, Mourne & Down Council; North Down & Ards Council Lisburn & Castlereagh Council	<p>County Down Rural Community Network (CDRCN) www.countydownruralcommunitynetwork.com Tel: 028 4461 2311 e-mail: nicholas@countydownrcn.com</p>

The Closing Date for Applications is 4PM on Friday 5 October 2018

Information on the scheme is also available on the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs website <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/topics/rural-development>