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**Annual Report 2021-2022**

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## Introduction

The Community Solutions (CS) Programme is a North Lanarkshire partnership initiative involving:

* Health and Social Care North Lanarkshire’s (HSCNL) public sector partner organisations – North Lanarkshire Council (NLC) and NHS Lanarkshire
* Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire (VANL) - the programme’s host organisation
* Community and Voluntary Sector (CVS) funded organisations and projects

This report provides an overview of the work and achievements of Health and Social Care North Lanarkshire’s Community Solutions Programme and its funded projects during 2021-22, with a focus on activity, reach and, where possible, outcomes and learning.

This report is formally presented to HSCNL’s Integrated Joint Board (IJB) and also shared with all stakeholders to provide accountability for the programme and support understanding, learning, and improvement within the programme and more widely across health and social care and community planning.

This report is complemented by:

* progress reports and in-depth Impact and Learning Reports for each fund at appropriate intervals
* information on each funded project on the new, Community Solutions website (launched in spring 2023).

This Annual Report for 2021-22 was published late in March 2023 due to capacity issues within VANL caused by the rapid and significant increase in the amount of custodian funds being managed through the programme. The 2022-23 and future Annual Reports will be published in the autumn following the end of the financial year in March

**Many thanks to the funded projects which provided information and to the VANL staff who prepared this report.**

# 2. Background to Community Solutions

[Community Solutions](http://www.voluntaryactionnorthlanarkshire.org/article/about-community-solutions) is a successful, cross-sector health and social care investment and improvement programme for North Lanarkshire. The programme - which was established in 2012 - aims to improve people’s health, wellbeing, quality of life and equality by investing in community-led initiatives which build community, family and individual strengths and resources - with a focus on prevention and early intervention.

The programme invests strategically in the Community and Voluntary Sector (CVS) through several complementary strands of work.

* Local partnership-working between the CVS and public sector through six Community Solutions Locality Consortia, to identify and respond to local needs, including development of a Local Partnership Plan and management of a Local Activity Fund which makes small funding awards to CVS organisations.
* Development and delivery of direct support and services by CVS organisations on priority, thematic issues including anticipatory care; befriending; carers’ support; community transport; hospital discharge support and more.
* Capacity-building for carers and the CVS.

The programme is an innovative, effective, and respected partnership and collaborative initiative between statutory and community and voluntary organisations and the public, including:

* [Health and Social Care Partnership North Lanarkshire](https://www.hscnorthlan.scot/) which is responsible for planning, commissioning, and overseeing the delivery of community health and social care services across North Lanarkshire. HSCNL provides core and project funding for the Community Solutions Programme, as well as governance and delivery support for the programme.
* The [North Lanarkshire Children’s Services Partnership](https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/children-and-families/childrens-service-plan) which is responsible for planning, commissioning, and overseeing children and young people’s services across North Lanarkshire. The Children’s Services Partnership provides funding for the Community and Voluntary sector to support children and young people’s mental health and wellbeing, which is managed through the Community Solutions Programme.
* [Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire](http://www.voluntaryactionnorthlanarkshire.org/article/about-community-solutions), the local Third Sector Interface (TSI), which hosts and manages the programme on behalf of HSCNL and the Children’s Services Partnership.
* The diverse, large and vibrant Community and Voluntary Sector operating in North Lanarkshire, which receives funding through the programme and other sources to provide information, support, and care to individuals, families, and groups and work with local people to strengthen community capacity, resources, and resilience.
* Local people who support programme planning, delivery, and evaluation as service users, carers, volunteers and residents.

## ****2.1 Vision and Mission****

**2.1.1 Vision**

The Community Solutions vision is for a North Lanarkshire where:

* the community and voluntary sector have greater capacity to strengthen communities, improve lives, and advance equality and human rights
* priority groups are helped to “live their best life” with access to person-centered, timely, effective community-based preventative and early intervention support, provided by community and voluntary organisations, complemented by timely access to public sector services
* communities are stronger, more resilient and inclusive, with improved health, wellbeing and quality of life, with reduced inequality and protection of human rights

**2.1.2 Mission**

The Community Solutions mission is to provide strategic investment and support to the CVS, so the sector is able to work with local people and public sector colleagues to achieve its vision.

## 2.2 Approach and Values

Community Solution’s values and approach underpin our mission and provide the foundation upon which the Programme is built.

**2.2.1 Holistic and Integrated Approach**

The Community Solutions Programme takes a **holistic and integrated** **approach** to health, wellbeing, quality of life and equality encompassing:

* mental and physical health and wellbeing and their connection
* the social, economic, and environmental influences on health, wellbeing, and equality and the actions needed to tackle these.

**2.2.2 Strategic Investment Approach**

Community Solutions takes a **strategic investment approach** which prioritises the following in line with HSCNL’s ambitions:

* investment in health improvement, prevention, and early intervention activities, which reduce inequalities and protect human rights
* investment in crisis and ongoing support, with a focus on recovery and re-enablement, self-directed support, and self-management.
* cost-effective, community-based support and services provided by CVS organisations.
* capacity building within the CVS and wider community by supporting key CVS ‘anchor’ organisations and volunteering to build the community infrastructure and capacity to support provision of good community-based support over time

**2.2.3 Values**

Community Solutions also takes a **value-based approach**.The Community Solutions Programme values are:

**Person-centered** **and empowering,** placing the person at the centre of the service, helping them to live their best life and supporting their human rights by:

* actively listening and understanding their needs
* supporting people to develop their personal resources and capabilities
* helping them to develop and sustain supportive relationships and social connections

**Collaborative working and** [**co-production**](https://www.coproductionscotland.org.uk/what-is-copro)**,** to achieve goals and improvements where we develop equal relationships between people who use services and people who provide services – with support provided ‘**with** people’ rather than ‘to them’. This means involving local people - including those receiving support - and service providers in the CVS and statutory sectors to facilitate a positive and participatory cycle of planning, delivery, evaluation, learning and continuous improvement. This approach is informed by the [Ladder of Participation](https://organizingengagement.org/models/ladder-of-citizen-participation/) and [National Community Engagement Standards](https://www.scdc.org.uk/what/national-standards).

## 2.3 Programme Governance

Community Solutions is governed through a “triple-lock” approach and supported and managed locally and across North Lanarkshire.

* Six local CVS organisations receive funding to act as “locality hosts” for the Community Solutions Programme in their area and convene locality Community Solutions consortia meetings involving CVS funded organisations; HSCNL locality and VANL staff. These consortia review local needs and priorities; agree a Locality Development Plan and manage a Local Activity Fund (LAF) for their area. The six locality host organisations also meet regularly with key VANL staff to share information and discuss key issues to inform locality and North Lanarkshire-wide developments
* VANL convenes and supports the Community Solutions Governance Group, which meets at least quarterly with representatives from HSCNL, VANL and the CVS to support strategic planning, review, improvements and reporting
* HSCNL’s senior management and its Integrated Joint Board agree the programme’s strategy and funding and review progress reports.

**2.4 Programme Delivery and Evaluation Support**

VANL hosts and manages the Community Solutions programme on behalf of HSCNL and the Children’s Services Partnership and receives funding to cover the costs of this work, which includes the following:

* programme governance support
* facilitating collective planning and development of the programme overall and specific funds
* programme communications and liaison with key stakeholders
* management of funding awards
* evaluation, learning and improvement support for each custodian fund and funded projects
* overall co-ordination of programme performance management, evaluation and reporting.

In addition, VANL is commissioned by HSCNL and others to provide capacity- building support – currently on the following three, key issues:

* CVS support for children, young people and families
* CVS and localities
* Volunteering.

VANL staff also provide wider capacity-building support for the CVS and support links between the Community Solutions Programme, health and social care, children’s services and community planning. Much of this work is resourced by VANL’s complementary, core funding from the Scottish Government and North Lanarkshire Council (NLC).

VANL’s support for the Community Solutions Programme is monitored through the Programme’s “triple-lock” governance arrangements.

## 2.5 Programme Performance Management and Evaluation

## Preparation of this report was supported by information captured by funded projects and VANL, supported by the Programme’s Evaluation Framework. This information includes:

## reach - including number, type and location of funded projects; number of unique individuals supported

* activity – type of support and services provided

## personal outcomes for people receiving support through funded projects

## The Community Solutions Programme has a range of aspirational personal outcomes for people receiving support through funded projects as set out below. Funded projects invite services users to provide feedback on their views about whether the support provided has helped them achieve these outcomes.

## For adults

## People to have improved health and wellbeing

## People to feel more connected, included and safe

* + People to feel more informed and aware
* For unpaid carers
* Carers to feel more informed and aware
* Carers health and wellbeing to be improved
* Carers to be more able to have a life outside of caring
* For children, young people and families:
  + Improved health and wellbeing
  + Family relationships strengthened
  + Increased resilience

## As indicated in Section 4 below, VANL worked with partners to develop and strengthen the programme’s approach to performance management and evaluation during 2022. Our updated approach will improve performance management, evaluation, reporting for each funded project and fund and the programme overall from April 2023 and will be reflected in reports from autumn 2023 onwards.

## 3. Community Solutions Achievements 2021-22

## 3.1 Development of the New Programme Strategy and Investment Plan

During 2021-22 VANL staff facilitated consultation, drafting and agreement of a new Community Solutions Strategy and Investment Plan 2022-25. The plan, which was approved by HSCNL IJB in March 2022, sets out how the Community Solutions Programme will invest the funding it receives from its funders in the years ahead to contribute to:

“improved health, wellbeing, quality of life and equality of the people of North Lanarkshire by strengthening community capacity and resilience and delivering person-centered, community-based support and services to priority groups.’’

The Strategy and Investment Plan is published on the new Community Solutions website, launched in spring 2023.

## 3.2 Custodian Funds and Funding Management

3.2.1 During 2021-22, over **£3.6 million** of funding was managed through the Community Solutions Programme by VANL on behalf of several funders including:

* Health and Social Care North Lanarkshire
* Scottish Government
* North Lanarkshire Council (linked to Children’s Services Partnership)

**Funding awards were made to a total of 225 projects delivered by 95 community and voluntary sector (CVS) organisations.**

In addition, VANL received £168,000 in funding to support CVS capacity building as outlined above and, in the table, below and funding to support delivery and evaluation of the Community Solutions programme, as set out in section 2.4.

**The £3.6 million of funding managed by VANL through the Community Solutions programme during 2021-22 was a trebling of funding managed in previous years and required significant staffing development within VANL to increase our capacity.**

**Summary of Community Solutions Programme Funding 2021-22**

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| **Funding Source and Fund** | **Funding Amount (£)** |
| 1. **Health and Social Care North Lanarkshire** | |
| **1.1 Locality Funding** (6 HSCNL Localities) | |
| Locality Hosts Funding | 240,000 |
| Locality Activity Funding | 180,000 |
| **1.2 Thematic Funding** | |
| Anticipatory Care | 71,620 |
| Carer Breather | 100,000 |
| Carer Strategy Implementation Support (via North Lanarkshire Council) (Carers Together North Lanarkshire) | 40,000 |
| Community Food | 40,000 |
| Community Transport | 72,000 |
| Home Visiting and Befriending | 189,514 |
| **Funding Source and Fund** | **Funding Amount (£)** |
| Hospital Discharge | 77,500 |
| Physical Activities | 40,000 |
| ShopMobility | 32,058 |
| **1.3 CVS Capacity Building Support** | |
| Carers’ Network (Carers Together North Lanarkshire) | 40,000 |
| Children, Young People and Families (VANL) | 30,000 |
| CVS and locality support (VANL) | 60,000 |
| Volunteering (VANL) | 38,000 |
| **1.4 VANL Programme Delivery and Evaluation Support** | |
|  | 80,000 |
| **1.5 Unallocated funding c/f to 2022-23** | |
|  | 6,871 |
| **1.6 Sub-total: HSCNL Funding 2021-22** | **1,342,678** |
| 1. **Scottish Government Funding – direct to VANL or via third party** | |
| 2.1 Community Children and Young People Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund (phase Two) (via North Lanarkshire Council)  2.1.1 Custodian Funding managed by VANL with North Lanarkshire Council colleagues on behalf of Scottish Government and awarded to CVS organisations.  2.1.2 VANL Delivery Costs | 439,432  40,186 |
| **Funding Source and Fund** | **Funding Amount (£)** |
| 2.2 Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund (to support people over 18) (direct to VANL)  2.2.1 Custodian Fund managed by VANL on behalf of Scottish Government and awarded to CVS organisations.  2.2.2 VANL Delivery Costs | 1,671,372  71,358 |
| 2.3 Support in the Right Direction  (Custodian fund via Inspiring Scotland managed by VANL through Community Solutions programme with funding for two CVS organisations. No delivery costs for VANL.) | 88,241 |
| **2. 4 Sub-total: Scottish Government Funding 2021-22** | **2,310,589** |
| **3. TOTAL Programme Funding**  **2021-22** | **3,653,267** |

Please see the Appendices for a full break-down of the distribution of all Community Solutions funding for 2021-22.

## 3.3 Localities

The Community Solutions programme is rooted in our local communities to support effective partnership working between the CVS, public sector and engagement of service users and carers and wider public. This partnership working and engagement is supported through six Community Solutions:

* CVS locality host organisations
* Consortia
* Locality Activity Funds

**3.3.1 Locality Hosts**

The Community Solutions programme is supported at locality level by six CVS “anchor” organisations that as act as “locality hosts” for the programme. The locality hosts provide the following support:

* convene and support the six, Community Solutions Locality Consortia
* support the development and delivery of Locality Partnership Development Plans with members of the consortia, other CVS organisations, service users and unpaid carers
* work with the consortia and VANL to manage the Locality Activity Fund (LAF) for their locality
* work with VANL to support wider CVS and volunteer capacity building and links with community planning

The Community Solutions’ locality hosts for 2021-22 are listed below, each of which received £40,000 funding to deliver their role.



**3.3.2 Locality Consortia**

The Community Solutions Locality Consortia comprise representatives from the local CVS and health and social care staff from the council and NHS who meet at least quarterly to discuss key local issues and support development and delivery of their Local Development Plan and LAF.

**3.3.3 Locality Activity Fund**

There are six Community Solutions Locality Activity Funds (which provide small grants to CVS organisations in each locality to help them deliver a new or improved activity to support residents. Each consortia decides on how to allocate their LAF in line with their Locality Development Plan. LAF awards are then managed by locality hosts and VANL.

During 2021-22 each locality had a £30k LAF to allocate – a total of £180,000, which was distributed to a total of 82 projects. (See diagram below and Appendix B.)

Because each LAF award is relatively small, funded projects are not required to undertake a full evaluation, however, funded projects capture and share key data with Locality Hosts/VANL for reporting purposes. Also, checks are made by Locality Hosts and VANL to ensure funded work is delivered.

**LAF Awards 2021-2022 – Reach and Activities**

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## LAF Awards 2021-2022 – Impact



**3.4 Thematic Funding**

Community Solutions funding is awarded to a range of CVS organisations to provide services and support to residents on selected, priority “thematic” issues, which are outlined below, with details of funding, reach and outcomes for 2021-22.

**3.4.1 Anticipatory Care**

**Background**

The Community Solutions Anticipatory Care funding award is provided to the North Lanarkshire CVS organisation Equals Advocacy, which uses this funding to employ advocacy workers to support anticipatory care for older, frail adults in liaison with health and social care staff. This funding has been in place since 2012.

Anticipatory Care in North Lanarkshire aims to help connect older, frail adults to services and support at an early stage, supported by a Primary Care Frailty Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) and an independent advocacy worker employed by Equals Advocacy.

GPs support this service and approach by identifying an older person with increasing frailty. The person is then referred to Equals Advocacy which helps the person complete one or more assessments at home supported by an advocacy worker. This information is shared with the MDT which develops and agrees an Anticipatory Care Plan in liaison with the service user.

**During 2021-22, Equals Advocacy received a funding award of £71,312 through the Community Solutions Programme to support their role in this service.**

**Achievements 2021-22**

Equals Advocacy support evaluation of their advocacy service by asking service users to complete feedback questionnaires at the start and end of their engagement with advocacy support and provide VANL with summary, anonymous information to support reporting.

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**3.4.2 Befriending**

**Background**

Befriending provides support to people who are lonely and isolated to increase their social support and inclusion and improve their quality of life and wellbeing. Community Solutions provides funding to the following CVS organisations to recruit and support trained, befriending volunteers. This funding has been provided since 2012:

* Befriend Motherwell
* CACE
* Elim Christian Centre
* Getting Better Together
* Glenboig Development Trust
* HomeStart
* Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre
* Volunteering Matters
* YMCA Bellshill

**Funding Awards 2021-2022**

Total number of projects funded: 9

Total amount awarded: £189,514

**Achievements 2021-22**

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**3.4.3 Carers’ Breather**

**Background**

The Community Solutions Carers’ Breather fund was established in 2020, informed by review of previous Community Solutions funding for unpaid carers. The purpose of the Fund is as follows.

* To enable CVS organisations to enhance and extend regular and locally based support for unpaid carers, including carers who do not necessarily wish to identify as a carer and/or are unknown to formal services
* For carers to be supported to:
  + enjoy the benefits of regular and ongoing breaks in their neighbourhood
  + access support without having to formally link up with carers’ support organisation

**Funding Awards 2021-2022**

Total number of projects funded: 9

Total amount awarded: £89,981

**Achievements 2021-22**

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**3.4.4 Children and Young People’s Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund**

**Background**

The purpose of this fund is to improve the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people in North Lanarkshire by increasing support provided by local CVS organisations in liaison with schools.

The Fund was developed in 2020 with an initial pilot (Phase One) involving schools, staff in the council’s Education and Families team, VANL staff and CVS organisations.

Decisions regarding funding awards are led by schools, informed by local needs and priorities and learning from the previous phase.

The fund is managed and supported by School Cluster Improvement and Integration Leads (CILLs) and VANL staff, working closely together.

The Fund supports delivery of the [Scottish Government Children and Young People’s Mental Health and Wellbeing framework](https://www.gov.scot/publications/community-mental-health-wellbeing-supports-services-framework/), and the [North Lanarkshire Children’s Services Plan](https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/children-and-families/childrens-service-plan) and is part of a suite of mental health and wellbeing initiatives for children and young people in North Lanarkshire, managed through our Children’s Services Partnership.

Funding is provided by the Scottish Government through North Lanarkshire Council to VANL for distribution the North Lanarkshire CVS.

**Funding Awards 2021-2022**

Total number of CVS projects funded: 53

Total amount awarded: £434,700

**Achievements 2021-22**

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The outcomes for children and young people supported by the above funded projects are assessed using “The SHANARRI Wellbeing indicators for children and young people’’. Outcomes for 2021-22 are summarised below.



The Impact and Learning reports for Phase One and Two of the Children and Young People’s Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund are available on the new Community Solutions website launched in spring 2023.

**3.4.5 Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund**

**Background**

The Community Mental Health and Wellbeing (CMHWB) Fund is a national fund established by the Scottish government in late 2021 to help local CVS groups provide increased mental health and wellbeing support. The Scottish Government asked the 32 Third Sector Interfaces (TSIs) in Scotland – of which VANL is the interface for North Lanarkshire – to manage the funding on their behalf.

VANL was required to manage the fund in partnership with HSCNL and because we already have the Community Solutions programme, it made sense to manage this fund through the programme to supporting synergy with other programme funding.

In February of 2022, VANL was allocated an initial £955k from the Scottish government to distribute to organisations in North Lanarkshire’s CVS. VANL received 85 applications requesting a total of £2.1 million in funding. The initial funding allocation meant only the top 30 projects could be funded. VANL then secured an additional £720k of funding from the Scottish Government.

**Funding Awards 2021-22**

Number of Projects: 53 (see Appendix A for full list)

Total amount: £1.6 million

**Achievements 2021-22**

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**3.4.6 Community Transport**

**Background**

The Community Solutions funding to support Community Transport has been provided to the North Lanarkshire CVS organisation, Getting Better Together (GBT) since 2016.

Community Transport supports vulnerable residents to travel to essential appointments and key activities, supporting their health, wellbeing and inclusion. Community Transport services are demand-responsive and therefore determined by service users’ requirements. During 2021-22, GBT also supported NHS Lanarkshire and its staff with transport during the COVID pandemic.

Getting Better Together (GBT) receiveda Community Solutions funding award of £72,000 during 2021-22, which, combined with funding from other sources, helped GBT deliver the following community transport services.

* Transport for community groups, schools, CVS and non-profit organisations using bookable, fully wheelchair accessible minibus and multi-purpose vehicles.
* A volunteer driver service, where volunteers use their own car to transport people to essential NHS appointments and are reimbursed for their expenses.
* A Community Transport HUB pilot partnership with NHS Lanarkshire and Community Transport Glasgow providing transport support for patients, staff, samples and supplies during the COVID pandemic.

**Achievements 2021-22**

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The Community Transport Hub pilot began on 1st April 2019; due to the COVID pandemic, GBT adapted its existing services to pilot the Community Transport Hub with NHS Lanarkshire. Through this pilot, GBT supplied the NHS with two drivers and vehicles, five days a week providing 1,409 journeys covering 33,342 miles. GBT also adapted their volunteer driver service during Covid, with GBT staff replacing volunteers.

**3.4.7 Hospital Discharge**

**Background**

The Community Solutions funding for Hospital Discharge Support Service (HDSS) has been provided to the CVS organisation Getting Better Together (GBT) since 2013.

The aim of the HDSS is to help patients and carers to access additional community-based support following hospital discharge to:

* support rehabilitation and recovery, including physical activity
* support self-management
* reduce loneliness and isolation

The service is available to all North Lanarkshire residents aged over 16. The HDSS has a base in the University Hospitals in Monklands and Wishaw. HDSS staff also liaise with University Hospital Hairmyres and other rehabilitation settings throughout Lanarkshire to support the discharge of North Lanarkshire-based patients.

HDSS staff provide guidance and support to patients, carers and families through the discharge process. The service uses a person-centred approach - with staff discussing personal outcomes with patients, carers and families. Staff also signpost service users to sources of personal and community support – including support provided by CVS organisations - that they can access following discharge from hospital.

**The funding award to GBT to provide the HDSS during 2021-22 was £149,120.**

**Achievements 2021-22**

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The service refers patients to other local community supports. In 2021-22, the most common supports requested were for:

* carer support – 35 referrals
* social opportunities such as befriending and community groups – 22 referrals
* financial inclusion – 9 referrals
* ex-armed forces support – 9 referrals

In 2021-22, more referrals were made on behalf of patients/carers, than by patients/carers themselves.

**3.4.8 Physical Activities**

**Background**

During 2021-22, Community Solutions provided the then, North Lanarkshire Leisure Trust with £60,000 to support provision of physical activities for people across North Lanarkshire with a range health conditions to enhance their physical and mental wellbeing. Referrals to the service were received from a health and social care staff.

**Achievements 2021-22**

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**3.4.9 ShopMobility**

**Background**

During 2021-22[[1]](#footnote-2), Community Solutions provided a funding award of £32K to the Health and Wellness Hub (HWB) to support provision of a ShopMobility service in Motherwell and Coatbridge.

The service supported people with mobility difficulties to access shopping and other community facilities by providing a range of easy-to-use portable scooters, wheelchairs and power chairs. Staff and volunteers involved also provided useful information to service users and signposted them to other sources of support provided by CVS and public sector organisations.

**Achievements 2021-22**

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**3.4.10 Support in the Right Direction**

**Background**

The Scottish Government funds a national “Support in the Right Direction” ([SiRD](https://www.inspiringscotland.org.uk/funds/support-in-the-right-direction/)) programme which aims to empower people and carers receiving social care support and services to be equal partners in their care where they have real choice and control over their lives, including:

* decisions about where they live and the services they receive
* participation in fulfilling activities and their community
* employment if appropriate

This is usually referred to as “self-directed support”.

The national SIRD Fund is managed by [Inspiring Scotland](https://www.inspiringscotland.org.uk/) on behalf of the Scottish Government and VANL since 2017. VANL has distributed this funding through the Community Solutions Programme to two CVS organisations:

* Equals Advocacy
* North Lanarkshire Disability Forum

Their Community Solutions funding helps these two organisations provide the following services:

* general and focussed in-depth self-directed support including 1-to-1 case work, online and Zoom conversations, information sessions
* community connectors, who work directly with people to find suitable supports like groups and activities

**Funding Awards 2021-22**

Number of Projects: 2

Total amount: £88,241

**Achievements 2021-22**



**3.5 Capacity Building**

During 2021-22 Community Solutions invested in the following four areas of capacity-building.

* Carers
* Children, Young People and Families
* CVS (localities and North-Lanarkshire wide)
* Volunteering

**3.5.1 Carers’ Capacity Building**

**Background**

Community Solutions supports capacity building for Carers by funding North Lanarkshire Carers’ Together to support the Carers’ Network and a range of other carers’ support activities.

**Achievements 2021-22**

During 2021-22, North Lanarkshire Carers Together received a grant of £40,000 with which achieved the following.

* Supported the Carers Network, which brings carers together to share information; provide peer support; and develop collective views to inform improved policy and practice.
* Supported development and delivery of the Carers’ Breather Fund outlined above, including development of a successful “Referral Guide”.
* Led on further development of a Carers’ Pathway Toolkit, to ensure that Carers’ needs are considered and supported when planning services for the people they care for.
* Influencing carers’ policy and services through participation in the North Lanarkshire Carers’ Strategy Group and other forums

‘Today was my first time meeting with this amazing group. I had a back massage which I’ve never had before in my life. I feel relaxed and more able to complete my day. Meeting with other carers in my position has benefitted me greatly and I look forward to meeting again next week.’

* Carer

‘It’s imperative we listen to the carers to help shape how the service is delivered. We know service design and redesign should have people who receive the service at the heart of the process and our carers are very much the same’

* Service provider

**3.5.2 CVS Capacity-Building**

**Background**

VANL staff provide capacity building support to CVS organisations to help them strengthen their individual and collective ability to provide effective and sustainable support and services to residents.

VANL supports:

* CVS organisations receiving new or re-current funding through the Community Solutions programme, including organisational reviews
* CVS organisations that do not currently receive funding through Community Solutions but provide support and services to residents and which may apply for Community Solutions funding in future.

VANL staff support CVS capacity building in two ways.

* By providing organisational development support to CVS organisations on issues such as:
  + governance
  + income generation
  + finance, HR and ICT management
  + evaluation

By supporting the sector to come together in different ways to share information; support learning and facilitate partnership working and influencing. We do this in several ways including:

* by convening and supporting meetings of the North Lanarkshire CVS Partnership Group and several thematic networks
* by organising regular CVS locality events and an annual conference

**Achievements 2021-22**

VANL’s CVS capacity-building work was supported during 2021-22 with a £60,000 grant through Community Solutions, supplemented by core funding from the Scottish Government and North Lanarkshire Council. (Also see Children, Young People and Families section below.)

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**3.5.3 Children, Young People and Families**

VANL staff undertake capacity building with the CVS to strengthen the support they provide to local children, young people and families to improve their wellbeing. VANL does this in the following ways.

* Convene and support the North Lanarkshire CVS Children, Young People and Families Network to support information-sharing; peer support; and partnership working through the North Lanarkshire Children’s Services Partnership; HSCNL; North Lanarkshire (Community Planning) Partnership (NLP).
* Support the CVS to strengthen their contributions to:
  + helping mothers breastfeed successfully with bespoke training from the Infant Mental Health Team and links with community midwives.
  + child protection, through provision of training by VANL staff
  + tackling poverty, including supporting CVS organisations that support:
    - employment
    - money and welfare advice
    - community food support
  + Children and young people’s mental health, including:
    - a key role in developing arrangements for the Children and Young People’s Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund (see 3.4.4)
    - CVS support for improving infant mental health with access to Infant Mental Health Training and The Infant Mental Health toolkit.
* Young people’s volunteering, including support for the Saltire Awards.
* Support CVS participation in the Children’s Services Partnership and facilitating links between this, Community Solutions, HSCNL and community planning.

**Achievements 2021-22**

During 2021-2022, HSCNL provided VANL with a grant of£30,000 to support our children, young people and family's capacity-building work as outlined above. This funding was complemented by our core funding from the Scottish Government and North Lanarkshire Council.

VANL staff supported the following work with this funding during 2021-22.



**3.5.4 Volunteering**

**Background**

VANL staff support volunteer development across North Lanarkshire working with

* the CVS – which involves and relies on many thousands of volunteers to deliver their support and services
* public sector partners - including North Lanarkshire Council, NHS Lanarkshire, Police and Fire and Rescue - which also involve volunteers and support volunteering more widely
* the business sector, which assists through employer supported volunteering

VANL staff support volunteering strategically and operationally including:

* setting up and convening the North Lanarkshire Volunteering Partnership to facilitate improved cross-sector support for volunteering
* promoting volunteering opportunities to the public and supporting matching to roles and Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) checks
* supporting volunteer-involving organisations to improve their recruitment and support for volunteers, including accreditation through the Volunteer-Friendly award.

**Achievements 2021-22**

During 2021-2022 HSCNL provided VANL with a grant of£38,000 to support our volunteering development work, which was complemented by our core funding from the Scottish Government and North Lanarkshire Council.

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# 4. Community Solutions Priorities 2022-23

This section provides an overview of development priorities for the Community Solutions Programme during 2022-2023. Because this 2021-22 Annual Report was published later than usual in April 2023, this 2022-23 section provides progress updates for these priorities, with full reporting provided in the 2022-23 Annual Report, which will be published in Autumn 2023.

**4.1 Custodian Fund Developments**

**4.1.1 Carer Breather Fund Phase Two**

Funding for Phase Two of the Carer Breather Fund, covering the period April 2023 – March 2025, was approved by HSCNL in December 2022. Staff in VANL worked with North Lanarkshire Carers Together (NLCT) to promote the fund and support assessment and awards. Applications were assessed and award decisions made by a panel involving representatives from VANL, NCLT and carer representatives, with awards issued by end of March 2023.

Learning from Phase One will support delivery of Phase Two, which will be supported by the updated Carer Pathway Toolkit, use of which will be mandatory for projects receiving funding in Phase Two.

**4.1.2 Children and Young People’s Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund Phase Three**

Funding for Phase Three of this fund was agreed by North Lanarkshire Council and the Children’s Services Partnership in spring 2022 with a launch event in May 2022.

As for Phases One and Two, funding awards for Phase Three were made to local CVS organisations to provide support to children and young people to improve their mental health and wellbeing. Funding decisions were made in late 2022-early 2023, informed by a Learning and Improvement event in Autumn of 2022. Also, communication and support for schools and funded projects has strengthened for Phase Three, including support sessions for funded CVS organisations.

**4.1.3 Substance Misuse Fund**

Following discussions in 2022 between staff in VANL and the North Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership (NLADP) £100k funding was made available by NLADP to pilot improved community-based approaches by the CVS to support prevention of substance misuse and people affected by substance misuse.

Each Community Solutions Locality Consortia were allocated a proportion of the fund to manage, with applications open from December 2023. The funding will be awarded by spring 2023, with activities delivered thereafter. VANL staff will provided funded projects with evaluation support and prepare a report to support learning from the pilot with a view to securing further investment in effective approaches.

**4.1.4 Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Being Fund Phase Two**

Funding for Phase Two of the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund was announced by the Scottish Government in Autumn 2022 with a total of £955K available to fund CVS organisations in North Lanarkshire.

Learning from Phase One informed this second phase, including ring-fenced funding to support Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) and LGBTiA+ groups.

Applications were sought from CVS organisations during Nov/Dec 2022. A cross-sector Panel involving staff from VANL, NHS Lanarkshire and North Lanarkshire Council assessed all applications and made funding decisions by early March 2023. Awards were issued by the end of March 2023 for activity to be delivered from April.

**4.1.5 Improving Lives Initiative**

**Background**

**Social Prescribing**

Social Prescribing is an approach which assists people to access non-clinical support in their community instead of or in addition to clinical support. The focus is on promoting people’s wellbeing and helping them manage health and other challenges more effectively. Social prescribing approaches have been supported in North Lanarkshire for many years but have tended to develop in a fragmented way developed by different parts of our health and social care system.

Between 2019 and 2020, VANL undertook a scoping exercise on Social Prescribing in North Lanarkshire, commissioned by NHS Lanarkshire, with a report published in summer 2020. The intention was that this report would inform future development of a more co-ordinated, cross-sector approach to social prescribing across North Lanarkshire involving the CVS and public sectors.

During 2020-21, NHS Lanarkshire and VANL worked together on a joint proposal to develop this work and secured funding to do so from NHS Charities Together. However, due to staffing recruitment challenges, delivery of this work was deferred until late 2022/2023.

**Improving Cancer Journey**

Between 2021 to early 2023, HSCNL and VANL staff liaised with MacMillan Cancer Support to agree an approach to investing £800K funding over four years to improve community support for people affected by cancer in North Lanarkshire.

**Strengthening CVS Contribution to Prevention and Early Intervention Support in the Community**

In Feb. 2022, HSCNL approved an additional £1.2 million to be invested through the Community Solutions Programme over two years to strengthen the CVS contribution to prevention and early intervention. A major focus of this funding was to establish a team of “Community Connectors” who would use the [“Three Conversations”](http://partners4change.co.uk/the-three-conversations/) approach to support people to:

* Improve their health and wellbeing
* prevent problems arising and/or escalating and, where they arise, to respond and try to resolve these as quickly as possible
* support recovery and rehabilitation for people returning home from hospital or residential care
* help people remain independent in the community
* reduce the need for formal services.

**Improving Lives Initiative Plan**

Between May and December 2022, VANL staff worked closely with HSCNL staff to develop a plan to invest all the above additional funding strategically alongside recurrent Community Solutions Funding for locality hosts and the Locality Activity Fund (LAF) to maximise synergy and impact of these funding streams.

ILI will link direct provision of support to individuals by the Community Connectors with investment in the CVS and its ability to provide support by:

* increasing the size of the generic Locality Activity Fund from £30,000 a year to £50,000 for each locality. The additional supplementary funding may be allocated in a slightly different way to reflect differences in population and deprivation within each locality.
* continuing to provide general CVS capacity-building support through Locality Hosts and VANL staff
* basing the Community Connectors in two Locality Host organisations and the North Lanarkshire Disability Forum
* linking ILI to North Lanarkshire-wide projects funded through Community Solutions Thematic Funding (see below).

ILI will launch in April 2023.

**4.1.6 Locality Hosts Re-commissioning**

In May 2022, the Community Solutions Governance Group agreed to recommission the Community Solutions Locality Hosts. VANL staff liaised with Governance Group members to agree the approach and criteria with further consultation with Community Solutions.

Eligible organisations were able to apply from December 2022 for three year’s funding, commencing in April 2023. Award decisions were made by a cross-sector panel during Feb-March 2023. All but one of the previous Locality Hosts were re-commissioned based on the quality of their applications. Announcements regarding the new Locality Hosts will be made in April.

The Locality Hosts will be supported by VANL staff to strengthen their local consortia and links to Community Boards and other statutory partners in their locality.

**4.1.7 Review of Community Solutions Thematic Funding**

In autumn 2022, the Community Solutions Governance Group agreed that Community Solutions Thematic funding should be reviewed as the funding awards had remained the same for over twelve years.

VANL staff started to set up arrangements to support this review involving members of Community Solutions Locality Consortia and other HSCNL staff. Recommendations arising from this review will be considered by the Community Solutions Governance Group and senior HSCNL management with a view to reaching agreement on any changes by summer 2023 for implementation to a schedule also to be agreed.

**4.1.7 Proactive Support for People in the Community**

At the request of HSCNL, VANL staff developed a proposal during early 2023 to build on several community-based pilot initiatives in North Lanarkshire over the last few years to strengthen proactive support for frail and vulnerable people in the community. In addition to facilitating improved wellbeing through better community support, the project also aims to reduce attendance at A&E and admission and re-admission to hospital.

The proposed project learns from and seeks to build upon:

* a recent test of change project that assessed needs of frail patients referred by General Practitioners (GP) and facilitated access to improved support
* a pilot project that visited people with a Community Alarms in their homes to ensure that the information held on the Community Alarm System was accurate and also to review their support needs

The project would also link to and complement the Community Connectors to be employed as part of the roll out of ILI and existing health and social care link workers.

**4.2 Capacity Building**

**4.2.1 Carers**

North Lanarkshire Carers Together will continue to be commissioned to support the Carers’ Network; Carers’ Breather Fund; and other carers developments.

**4.2.2 Children, Young People and Families**

During 2022-23, VANL staff will continue to develop and deliver capacity-building support to the CVS as set out above in section 3.4, so CVS organisations so they are more able to contribute to improve the wellbeing of our children, young people and families.

**4.2.3 CVS Capacity Building**

During 2022-23, VANL staff will continue to develop and deliver capacity-building support to the CVS as set out above in section 3.4 so both Community Solutions funded organisations and the sector more widely is more able to contribute to improved wellbeing of residents and communities.

**4.2.4 Volunteering**

**Volunteering Support**

During 2022-2023, VANL staff continued to support volunteering across North Lanarkshire, working closely with public sector partners and the CVS in the ways set out in section 3.4.

**North Lanarkshire Volunteering Partnership and Strategy**

During 2022-23 VANL staff continued to convene and support The North Lanarkshire Volunteering Partnership with a focus on developing a new, North Lanarkshire Volunteering Strategy and Implementation Plan.

The Strategy was approved by the North Lanarkshire Partnership Strategic Leadership Board in February 2023 and has been referred to HSCNL’s Integrated Joint Board (IJB) and North Lanarkshire Council for consideration with a view to approval by April 2023.

Once the Strategy has been approved, VANL staff will work with partners to support implementation, evaluation and review. The Strategy will support delivery of commitments in the Plan for North Lanarkshire; HSCNL Commissioning Plan and the Community Solutions Strategy and Investment Plan with priorities to increase:

* the number and diversity of volunteers from all ages and backgrounds
* the range and type of volunteer roles
* employer-supported volunteering.

**4.3** **Programme Performance Management, Evaluation, Learning and Improvement**

**4.3.1 Development of Improved Approach**

During 2022-23 VANL staff reviewed the Community Solutions approach to performance management, evaluation, learning and improvement for funded projects; funds; and the programme as a whole.

The following resources were developed during 2022-23:

* A new Community Solutions Performance Management, Evaluation, Learning and Improvement (PMELI) Framework
* A new Evaluation Guide for funded projects and wider CVS.

The new Framework was approved by the Community Solutions Governance Group in November 2022. The Guide was launched in March 2023 for implementation from April 2023, supported by the Evaluation Guide, which will be published in April 2023 also.

**4.3.2 CVS Contribution to Mental Health and Wellbeing**

During 2022-23, VANL staff developed - in liaison with NHS and CVS colleagues - a pilot initiative to support more in-depth assessment of CVS organisations’ contributions to mental health and wellbeing outcomes for the people they support.

The pilot would support a small number of CVS organisations - including both Community Solution funded organisations – to use the [Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Health and Wellbeing Scale](https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/med/research/platform/wemwbs/) (WEMWBS) to capture more robust evidence on the difference their support has made to their service users’ mental health.

It is envisaged the pilot would commence during mid to late 2023, subject to some additional funding being secured. Learning from the pilot would deepen understanding of the CVS contributions to mental health and wellbeing with a view to informing future investment in community-based mental health support in North Lanarkshire. The approach may also be rolled out more widely across the CVS if the pilot demonstrates viability and usefulness.

**4.4 Programme Communications and Liaison**

During 2022-23 VANL staff will continue to:

* communicate and liaise with all programme stakeholders including funded projects; locality hosts and consortia; and HSCNL colleagues
* represent the Community Solutions Programme and CVS on HSCNL’s Strategic Leadership Team and IJB Board and Performance, Finance and Audit Committee
* share key information about the programme online through Community Solutions e-bulletins.

Development of a new Community Solutions website was planned for 2022 but due to staffing capacity issues has been deferred to spring-summer 2023.

**4.5 Programme Governance**

VANL staff will continue to convene and support the Community Solutions Governance Group during 2022-23 as outlined above in section 2.3

During 2022-23 membership of the Group was reviewed to strengthen representation and engagement of key stakeholders including:

* HSCNL staff
* Council staff from the Enterprise and Communities and Education and Families Departments
* Locality hosts and consortia (for implementation from spring 2023)

## Appendix A

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| **Community Solutions Locality Host Funding 2021-22:**  **Total Awards £240K** | | |
| **CVS Organisation** | **Project** | **Total Funding Amount (£)** |
| A.1 The Health and Wellness  Hub (Airdrie) | Locality Host | 40,000 |
| A.2 Orbiston Neighbourhood  Centre (Bellshill) | Locality Host | 40,000 |
| A.3 Glenboig Development  Trust (Coatbridge) | Locality Host | 40,000 |
| A.4 CACE (Cumbernauld) | Locality Host | 40,000 |
| A.5 North Lanarkshire Carers  Together (Motherwell) | Locality Host | 40,000 |
| A.6 Getting Better Together  (Wishaw and Shotts) | Locality Host | 40,000 |

## Appendix B

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| **Locality Activity Fund Distribution 2021-22** | | |
| **Total number of projects funded in the six Community Solutions localities: 82** | **Total income for 2021-22: £180,000**  **Plus, c/f underspend from 2020/21:**  **27,082** | **Total spend: £179,978** |

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| **Airdrie Locality** | | |
| **Organisation** | **Project** | **Total Funding Amount (£)** |
| B.1 Airdrie Citizen’s Advice Bureau | Airdrie Action Partnership | 3,874 |
| B.2 Bear Necessities | Local Support and Development Groups to Families | 3,836 |
| B.3 Calderbank Parish Church of Scotland | Airdrie Foodbank Post Covid Recovery | 2,620 |
| B.4 Diamonds in the Community | Community Christmas Dinner Community Noticeboard (noticeboard in main shopping centre)  Transport  Home Comforts | 1,500  1,533  4,000 |
| B.5 Hope for Autism | Cooking project | 5,048 |
| B.6 Health and Wellness Hub | Massage for people with cancer | 1,750 |
| B.7 Longriggend Village Association | Longriggend Peoples Project (community improvement scheme) | 2,230 |
| B.8 Make and Create Arts | Make and Create a Healthier Future (healthy food visual arts project) | 2,593 |
| B.9 Parkinson’s Self-Help Group | Promotion of plant-based diet | 1,216 |
| B.10 Plains Community Futures | Plains Outdoor Gym | 3,000 |
| B.11 Whinnhall Allotments | Beechbank Toddlers Outdoor Resilience Project | 300 |
| **No. of projects**  **13** | **Total** | **33,500**  (including c/f underspend from 2020/20 |

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| **Bellshill Locality** | | |
| **Organisation** | **Project** | **Total Funding Amount (£)** |
| B.12 Bazooka Arts | Covid-19 Response  Creative Connections | 3,000  4,715 |
| B.13 Bellshill & Mossend YMCA | FarmBot Urban Micro Garden (teaching about environmental issues through Agri-tech software) | 4,200 |
| B.14 Diamonds in the Community | Sporting Memories Group | 5,000 |
| B.15 Dollywood | Imagination Library | 1,000 |
| B.16 Fresh Start NL | Digital Befriending / Bellshill BAME Befriending | 2,550 |
| B.17 Jack & Jill | Relaxation Sessions | 1,494 |
| B.18 Lanarkshire Community Food and Health Partnership | Community Food & Health Project - Training  Family Barnardo's Health Cooking Course | 750  360 |
| B.19 Nurture Scotland | KIN-etc.! | 1,000 |
| B.20 Salvation Army | Community Café | 4,776 |
| B.21 Social Track | Urban Sports Project | 2,600 |
| B.22 Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre | Covid Recovery Support | 4,520 |
| B.23 Viewpark Conservation Group | Our Space | 615 |
| B.24 VIP Arts and Sports Academy | Insane Project  Outdoors Together  Pram to Primary | 5,130  3,500  3,350 |
| **Organisation** | **Project** | **Total Funding Amount (£)** |
| B.25 YMCA | Befriending | 1,600 |
| **No. of projects**  **18** | **Total** | **50,160**  (using c/f underspend from 2020/21) |

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| **Coatbridge Locality** | | |
| **Organisation** | **Project** | **Total Funding Amount (£)** |
| B.26 Autumn Village group | Rejuvenating Village (engagement with community through monthly events) | 1,485 |
| B.27 Bazooka Arts | All Stars  All Star recovery Bazooka Coatbridge | 2,440  2,440  4,810 |
| B.28 Cliftonville & Coatdyke Community Group | Cliftonville Bowling | 1,750 |
| B.29 Coatbridge Consortium Partnership Group  (group of Coatbridge consortia members) | Hello World | 2,309 |
| B.30 Coatbridge Toddlers | Coatbridge Toddlers | 2,320 |
| B.31 Glenboig Development Trust | Boys – Men’s Shed Glenboig Walking Football  Townhead Toddlers | 3,620  3,620  5,200 |
| B.32 Kirkshaws Neighbourhood House | Angels and Aeroplanes, Flying Higher  Jackie’s Craft Group  Media project | 1,060  940  1,000 |
| B.33 Lanarkshire Community Food and Health Partnership | Women’s Cook Club | 2,136 |
| B.34 Nurture Scotland | Kinect | 1,200 |
| B.35 Parents for Safe Play |  | 3,000 |
| **No. of projects**  **16** | **Total** | **23,845**  Balance c/f to  2022-23 |

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| **Cumbernauld and the North Locality** | | |
| **Organisation** | **Project** | **Total Funding Amount (£)** |
| B.36 CACE | Befriending Development Afternoon | 486 |
| B.37 Strathcarron Hospice | Community Loss and  Bereavement Resource Boxes | 1,610 |
| B.38 Croy Community Hub | Always Unique Club | 1,500 |
| Kids Enterprise Group | 1,750 |
| B.39 Fool On | Anybody Can Cook | 2,000 |
| Cumbernauld Workshop | 4,410 |
| B.40 Friends of Kilsyth | Saturday Gatherings | 1,750 |
| B.41 Gartcosh Activity Group | Lunch Club | 880 |
| B.42 Kilsyth Civic Week | Intergenerational Tea Dance | 1,190 |
| B.43 Kilsyth Storehouse Church | Church Cafe | 3,750 |
| B.44 Lanarkshire Community Food and Health Partnership | Big Chef, Little Chef Cumbernauld Academy | 1,380 |
| **No. of projects**  **11** | **Total** | **20,706**  Balance c/f to  2022-23 |

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| **Motherwell Locality** | | |
| **Organisation** | **Project** | **Total Funding Amount (£)** |
| B.45 Befriend Motherwell | Intergenerational Cookery Project | 1,060 |
| B.46 Fool On | Fool On Community Outreach Events | 4,200 |
| B.47 Forgewood Housing Co-operative | Food for Forgewood  Supporting Community Groups | 1,200  2,766 |
| B.48 Lanarkshire Community Food & Health Partnership | After School Club  Big Chef Little Chef | 1,080  840 |
| B.49 Lanarkshire Deaf Club | Café Project | 1,200 |
| B.50 Motherwell Maranatha Foodbank |  | 276 |
| B.51 Neighbourhood Networks | Airbles Blooms | 1,000 |
| B.52 NLC Community Partnership Team (South) | Craigneuk Health and Wellbeing Participatory Budgeting Project | 2,000 |
| B.53 North Lanarkshire Carers Together | BAME Carers Information and Advice Project | 5,000 |
| B.54 Nurture Scotland | KIN-ect | 1,600 |
| B.55 Senior Citizens Monday Club Muirhouse | Recovery Project | 1,200 |
| B.56 Volunteering Matters | Youth Befriending Project | 5,000 |
| B.57 YAMS (You Are My Sunshine) | Mental Health Hub - Motherwell Drop In | 5,000 |
| **No. of projects**  **15** | **Total** | **33,422**  (using c/f underspend from 2020/21) |

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| **Wishaw and Shotts Locality** | | |
| **Organisation** | **Project** | **Total Funding Amount (£)** |
| B.58 Baby Bears Toddler Group | Outdoor Play | 1,995 |
| B.59 Crochet and Chatter Group, Salsburgh | Spooktacular in Salsburgh | 600 |
| B.60 Getting Better Together | Christmas Light Switch on  Fitness Classes and Fruity Friday  Happy Smiles Project  Youth Inclusion Project | 1,000  1,545  940  4,900 |
| B.61 NLC Community Partnership Team | Participatory Budgeting Project | 2,000 |
| B.62 Overtown Parish Church | Community Lunch | 1,000 |
| B.63 Rivals Gym | Martial Arts Physical and Mental Fitness programme  Supporting mental health through martial arts, boxing, and fitness | 1,500  1,500 |
| B.64 Salsburgh Community Council | Salsburgh Christmas Event | 1,930 |
| B.65 Wishaw YMCA | Camera Club  YMCA Book Worms  Contact Boxercise  Souper Days | 2,900  2,575  2,070  2,820 |
| **No. of projects**  **15** | **Total** | **29,275** |

**Appendix C**

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| **Community Solutions Thematic Funding 2021-22:**  **Total Awards £862K** | |
| **C.1 Anticipatory Care: Total Awards £71K** | |
| **CVS Organisation/Project** | **Total Funding Amount (£)** |
| Equals Advocacy | 71,312 |
| **C.2 Carer’s Breather: Total Awards £135K** | |
| Bazooka Arts | 22,848 |
| Getting Better Together | 22,240 |
| Glenboig Development Trust | 21,160 |
| North Lanarkshire Carers  Together | 10,000 |
| Parkinson’s Self Help  Group North Lanarkshire | 16,390 |
| Parkinson’s Self Help  Group Motherwell | 30,000 |
| The Haven (Carer Breather) | 27,950 |
| The Haven (Carer Sitter pilot) | 7,069 |
| The Health and Wellness  Hub | 23,476 |
| Watch Us Grow | 29,000 |
| **C.3 Carers’ Support Network: Total Awards £40K** | |
| North Lanarkshire Carers  Together | 40,000 |

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| **CVS Organisation/Project** | | **Total Funding Amount (£)** |
| **C.4 Community Food: Total Awards £10K** | | |
| Lanarkshire Community  Food and Health  Partnership | 10,000 | |
| **C.5 Community Transport: Total Awards £72K** | | |
| Getting Better Together | 72,000 | |
| **C.6 Befriending: Total Awards £196K** | | |
| Befriend Motherwell | 8,000 | |
| CACE | 20,600 | |
| Elim Christian Centre | 14,228 | |
| Getting Better Together | 29,000 | |
| Glenboig Development Trust | 20,000 | |
| HomeStart | 33,000 | |
| Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre | 20,000 | |
| Volunteering Matters | 29,800 | |
| YMCA Bellshill | 20,000 | |
| **C.7 Hospital Discharge Support Programme: Total Award £149K** | | |
| Getting Better Together | 149,120 | |
| **C.8 Physical Activities: Total Award £60K** | | |
| North Lanarkshire  Leisure Trust | 60,000 | |
| **C.9 ShopMobility: Total Award £32K** | | |
| The Health and Wellness  Hub | 32,058 | |

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| **CVS Organisation/Project** | | **Total Funding Amount (£)** | |
| **C.10 Support in the Right Direction (Self Director Support) Fund 2021-22: Total Awards £88K** | | | |
| Equals Advocacy | Support in the Right Direction | | 14,054 |
| North Lanarkshire Disability Forum | Support in the Right Direction | | 74,187 |

**Appendix D**

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| **Community Solutions Children and Young People Fund 2021-22:**  **Total Awards: £331K for 52 projects across 20 CVS organisations**  (See main body of this report and also separate Learning and Impact Report  for this Fund) | | | |
| **CVS Organisation** | **Project** | **Schools’**  **Cluster** | **Total Funding**  **Amount (£)** |
| D.1 A-Jab Fitness & Emotional Support | A-jabs boxing for better mental health | Bellshill | 6,124 |
| D.2 Bazooka Arts | Therapeutic Transitions Project | Bellshill | 9,184 |
| Creative Wellbeing - A Therapeutic Arts Transitions Support Project | Chryston | 6,859 |
| D.3 Getting Better Together | Community Transport | Coltness | 2,613 |
| D.4 Glenboig Development Trust | Primary Transition | Airdrie Academy | 4,531 |
| Secondary Transitions | 4,511 |
| Seniors year 4 – 6 | 5,221 |
| With Out Walls -Braidhurst High School | Braidhurst | 4,897 |
| With Out Walls – Muir Street 1 | 2,290 |
| **CVS Organisation** | **Project** | **Schools’**  **Cluster** | **Total Funding**  **Amount (£)** |
| D.4 Glenboig Development Trust | With Out Walls – Muir Street 3 | Braidhurst | 2,290 |
| With Out Walls - Unpaid Carers Respite Motherwell | 4,897 |
| With Out Walls – Dalziel High School | Dalziel | 2,290 |
| With Out Walls - Glencairn PS Motherwell | 2,518 |
| Horizon Project | St Ambrose | 8,515 |
| Primary Transition | 4,531 |
| Secondary Transitions | 4,511 |
| Seniors year 4 – 6 | 5,221 |
| D.5 HomeStart | Practical Steps Towards Change | Bellshill | 4,344 |
| D.6 Hope for Autism | Support for school Transitions | Airdrie Academy | 4,570 |
| Supporting Parent Carers of Autistic Children and Young People Through a Peer Group Model | St Margaret’s | 3,406 |
| D.7 Lanarkshire Community Food & Health Partnership | Come Dine with Us | Airdrie Academy | 8,000 |
| Braidhurst | 9,560 |
| Dalziel | 9,536 |
| Dalziel Nutrition | 3,100 |
| Come Dine with Us | Greenfaulds | 7,185 |
| St Ambrose | 8,000 |
| **CVS Organisation** | **Project** | **Schools’**  **Cluster** | **Total Funding**  **Amount (£)** |
| D.7 Lanarkshire Community Food & Health Partnership | Big Chef Little Chef | St Margaret’s | 3,600 |
| D.8 Made4UinML2 | Paths to life | Coltness | 1,685 |
| D.9 Make and Create Arts | Positive Creations, Airdrie and St Ambrose Clusters | Airdrie Academy | 3,160 |
| Positive Creations at Portland High School | St Margaret’s | 3,000 |
| D.10 One Parent Families Scotland | Creating Connections: Forgewood Family Learning Centre | Braidhurst | 5,634 |
| Creating Connections: Ailsa Family Learning | Dalziel | 5,584 |
| Creating Connections: Ladywell | 5,880 |
| Creating Connections | Greenfaulds | 11,568 |
| Creating Connections - Peer Led Approach | St Margaret’s | 15,820 |
| D.11 Parent Action for Safe Play | Active Play / Play Champion  Programme | Braidhurst | 2,198 |
| Greenfaulds | 10,773 |
| St Maurice | 5,120 |
| D.12 Ponies Help Children | Mental Health and Wellbeing Support | Coltness | 898 |
| Greenfaulds | 1,632 |
| D.13 Reeltime Music | Portland Creative Video Project | St Margaret’s | 1,262 |
| D.14 Rivals School of Martial Arts | Reaching positive destinations through mental health and wellbeing sessions | Coltness | 1,500 |
| **CVS Organisation** | **Project** | **Schools’**  **Cluster** | **Total Funding**  **Amount (£)** |
| D.15 Social Track | Wheely Good Fun | Dalziel | 2,000 |
| D.16 The Health and Wellness Hub | Emotional Wellbeing in Schools | Airdrie Academy | 2,145 |
| Braidhurst | 2,738  571 |
| Dalziel | 1,867 |
| St Margaret’s | 6,830 |
| D.17 The Miracle Foundation | Secondary School Transition Support for Young People | Airdrie Academy | 3,600 |
| Supporting children and young people’s mental health | Braidhurst | 1,800 |
| Calderhead | 7,200 |
| Chryston | 29,800 |
| Dalziel | 4,650 |
| Bereavement and Trauma Support | Greenfaulds | 4,800 |
| D.18 VIP Arts and Sports Academy | Creative Transitions Project | Bellshill | 8,080 |
| Musical theatre sessions | Greenfaulds | 1,620 |
| D.19 Volunteering Matters | North Lanarkshire Youth Befriending Project | St Maurice | 5,958 |
| D.20 YMCA Bellshill & Mossend | Y-Empower – 1:1 Support | Airdrie Academy & St Ambrose | 14,400 |
| Digital Youth Programme | Bellshill | 5,990 |
| Digital Wellness | Coltness | 5,541 |
| **CVS Organisation** | **Project** | **Schools’**  **Cluster** | **Total Funding**  **Amount (£)** |
| D.20 YMCA Bellshill & Mossend | FarmBots (teaching about environmental issues through Agri-tech software) | Coltness | 3,468 |

**Appendix E**

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| **Community Solutions Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund 2021-22: Total Awards £1.6 million across 42 CVS organisations and 53 projects** | | |
| **CVS Organisation** | **Project** | **Total Funding Amount (£)** |
| E.1 Airdrie Citizen's Advice | Action Beyond Courage | 41,081 |
| E.2 Bazooka Arts | Connect Access | 38,276 |
| Connect Community | 48,653 |
| E.3 Bipolar Scotland | Enabling Groups | 10,106 |
| E.4 CACE | Groups | 50,000 |
| E.5 Cloudberry Communities | Natural Connections | 38,000 |
| E.6 Community Action Newarthill | Summer Programme | 11,034 |
| E.7 Conservation Volunteers | Natural Connections Legacy | 40,975 |
| E.8 Cruse Bereavement | Bereavement Support | 10,654 |
| E.9 Cumbernauld FM | Living History | 35,584 |
| E.10 Deaf Services Lanarkshire | Wellbeing Activities | 23,452 |
| E.11 Deafblind Scotland | Don't Worry Be Happy | 10,073 |
| E.12 Drumpellier Christian Fellowship | Townhead Community Hub | 37,060 |
| E.13 Fair Play Foundation | Active8 | 20,530 |
| E.14 FAMS | Moving Forward | 35,370 |
| E.15 Forgewood Housing Coop | Taking Steps | 44,484 |
| **CVS Organisation** | **Project** | **Total Funding Amount (£)** |
| E.16 Getting Better Together | The Parent Journey | 26,649 |
| Active Lifestyles | 15,000 |
| E.17 Glenboig Development Trust | Mentoring Futures | 47,675 |
| Garden Project | 49,584 |
| Stop the World | 47,117 |
| E.18 Health & Wellness Hub | Transforming Lives | 47,902 |
| E.19 Hope Community | Garden Project | 10,880 |
| E.20 Kirkshaws Neighbourhood Centre | Health & Wellbeing Project | 21,214 |
| E.21 Lanarkshire Association for Mental Health | Wishaw Wellbeing | 32,020 |
| E.22 LAMH Recycle | Personalised Community Supports with Peer Mentoring | 50,000 |
| E.23 MADE4UINML2 | Wellbeing in ML2: Adults and Older People | 48,834 |
| E.24 Maggie's Lanarkshire | Wellbeing Sessions | 18,848 |
| E.25 Motherwell FC | The Well Hub | 18,000 |
| E.26 Motherwell Foodbank | Motherwell Foodbank @ Maranatha | 31,304 |
| E.27 New Opportunities | New Opportunities Project | 31,239 |
| E.28 NL Recovery Communities | Peace of Mind Therapies | 10,300 |
| E.29 One Parent Families Scotland | Cumbernauld | 37,684 |
| Airdrie | 37,684 |
| **CVS Organisation** | **Project** | **Total Funding Amount (£)** |
| E.29 One Parent Families Scotland | Motherwell and Bellshill | 37,684 |
| E.30 PAMIS (people with profound and multiple learning disabilities) | Wellbeing Project | 12,037 |
| E.31 Parkinson’s Self-Help Group | Nurture, Develop and Grow | 11,045 |
| E.32 Rivals Martial Arts Gym | Food for thought | 30,000 |
| E.33 Scottish Huntington’s Association | National HD Specialist | 10,188 |
| E.34 Social Track | Active Travel for Mental Health | 50,000 |
| Free Your Inner Child | 49,000 |
| E.35 Street Soccer Scotland | Positive Change Through Football | 10,593 |
| E.36 The Haven (Carers’ Support) | Cumbernauld, Coatbridge, Airdrie | 39,700 |
| Wishaw & Shotts, Motherwell, Bellshill | 39,700 |
| E.37 The Miracle Foundation | Encouraging Growth & Resilience Mental Health Workshops | 46,835 |
| E.38 Venture Scotland | Challenge Yourself, Discover Yourself | 49,931 |
| E.39 Veterans Community Lanarkshire | Veterans Community | 17,500 |
| E.40 Viewpark Conservation Group | Mental Health and Greenspace Project | 46,100 |
| E.41 Windmills | connect@windmills | 10,000 |
| **CVS Organisation** | **Project** | **Total Funding Amount (£)** |
| E.41 Windmills  (Community Café  supporting training and employment of people with Learning Disabilities) | familycook-in@windmills 1 | 27,800 |
| skills@windmills 1 | 48,400 |
| E.42 YMCA Bellshill & Mossend | Virtual Wellbeing Space | 19,020 |

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1. The Community Solutions funding for this service was to provide interim support to the HWH while they endeavoured to secure longer term funding for the service. Unfortunately, HWH announced in September 2022 that they were closing their Mobility Hubs in both Motherwell and Coatbridge as they had not secured sufficient funding to sustain the service. VANL and others are exploring options regarding the future for a service of this kind. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)