

**Community Solutions Impact and Learning Report 2022-23**



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## **Introduction**

The Community Solutions 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
* The 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 2022-23, 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 is also being shared with all stakeholders to provide accountability for the programme and to 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.

**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 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 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 prioritised thematic issues including anticipatory care; befriending; carers’ support; community transport; hospital discharge support, and more. In order to ensure best fit with current and emerging needs, a review of these themes by a cross-sector panel is currently underway and will report in early 2024
* 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:

* [HSCNL](https://hscnl.org.uk/) 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) (NLCSP) which is responsible for planning, commissioning, and overseeing children and young people’s services across North Lanarkshire. The partnership provides funding for the CVS to support children and young people’s mental health and wellbeing, which is managed through the Community Solutions Programme
* [VANL](https://www.voluntaryactionnorthlanarkshire.org/), 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 CVS operating in North Lanarkshire, which receives funding through the programme and other sources to provide information, support, and care to individuals, families, and groups, working 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 CVS has 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 can 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 connections
* 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, 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 over time of good community-based support

**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 to convene Community Solutions Locality 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 NLCSP 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 NLC.

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

# **3. Community Solutions Achievements 2022/23**

**3.1 Custodian Funds and Funding Management**

During 2022-23, over **£3.1m** 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
* NLC (linked to NLCSP)

**Funding awards were made to a total of 233 projects, delivered by 98 CVS organisations.**

In addition, VANL received £208,000 in funding to support CVS capacity building as outlined above. The funding to support delivery and evaluation of the Community Solutions programme has been allocated as follows:

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| **Funding Item** | **Funding Amount (£)** |
| **1. Health and Social Care North Lanarkshire (2022-23)** | |
| **1.1 Locality Funding** | |
| Locality Hosts funding (six localities) | 240,000 |
| Locality Activity Funding (six localities) | 180,000 |
| Subtotal: Locality Funding | 420,000 |
| **1.2 Thematic Funding** | |
| Anticipatory Care | 40,000 |
| Carer Breather | 248,000 |
| Community Food | 40,000 |
| Community Transport | 72,000 |
| Home Visiting and Befriending | 195,000 |
| Hospital Discharge | 77,500 |
| Positive Smoke Free Role Models  (six localities) - Funding from 2019, delayed due to COVID-19 | 18,000 |
| Physical Activities | 40,000 |
| **Funding Item** | **Funding Amount (£)** |
| Substance Misuse Fund | 50,000 |
| Subtotal: Thematic Funding | 780,500 |
| **1.4 CVS Capacity Building Support** | |
| Carers’ Network (HSCNL) | 40,000 |
| Carer Strategy Implementation  Support (NLC) | 40,000 |
| Children, Young People, and Families (VANL) | 30,000 |
| CVS and locality support (VANL)  (Locality Partnership Development Plan) | 60,000 |
| Volunteering (VANL) | 38,000 |
| Subtotal: CVS Capacity Building Support | 208,000 |
| **1.5 VANL Programme Delivery and Evaluation Support** | |
| Community Solutions Hosting and Management | 80,000 |
| **1.6 Unallocated funding carried forward to 2023-24** | |
|  | 14,747 |
| **Sub-total: HSCNL Funding 2022-23** | 1,503,247 |
| **2. Scottish Government Funding – direct to VANL or via third party** | |
| **2.1 Children and Young People’s Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund** **(Phase Three) (via NLC to VANL)**    2.1.1 Phase Three Custodian Fund managed by VANL, with NLC colleagues on behalf of Scottish Government and awarded to CVS organisations | 465,000 |
| 2.1.2 VANL Delivery Costs | 51,000 |
| **Funding Item** | **Funding Amount (£)** |
| Subtotal: Children and Young People’s Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund | 516,000 |
| **2.3 Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund (direct to VANL)**    2.3.1 Custodian Fund managed by VANL on behalf of Scottish Government and awarded to CVS organisations.  (Paid in March 2023, however, spend is for projects delivered in 2023-24. Therefore, reporting on outcomes and activities will be covered in the 2023-24 report    2.3.2 VANL Delivery Costs | 955,000      71,000 |
| Subtotal: Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund | 1,026,000 |
| **2.4 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) | 99,952 |
| Subtotal: Support in the Right Direction | 99,952 |
| **Sub-total: Scottish Government Funding 2022-23** | 1,641,952 |
| **TOTAL Programme Funding 2022-23** | **3,145,199** |

Please see the Appendices for a full break-down of the distribution of all Community Solutions funding for 2022-23.

## **3.2 Localities**

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

* 6 CVS locality host organisations
* 6 Local Consortia
* 6 LAFs

**3.2.1 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 are responsible for:

* Convening and supporting the six Community Solutions Locality Consortia
* Developing and delivering Locality Partnership Development Plans (LPDP) with members of the consortia, other CVS organisations, service users and unpaid carers
* Managing, in collaboration with local consortia and VANL, the LAF for their locality
* Working with VANL to support wider CVS and volunteer capacity building and links with community planning

The Community Solutions’ locality hosts for 2022-23 are listed below, each of which received £40,000 of funding to support them in delivering these activities.

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**3.2.2 Locality Consortia**

The Community Solutions Locality Consortia comprise representatives from the local CVS and health and social care staff from the council and NHS. They meet at least quarterly to discuss key local issues, and support development and delivery of their Local Development Plan and LAF. Revised and updated consortia Terms of Reference are being developed in partnership with Locality Hosts and will be published in Autumn 2023.

**3.2.3 Locality Activity Fund (LAF)**

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

During 2022-23 each locality had a £30k LAF to allocate – a total of £180k, which was distributed to a total of 66 projects. (See diagram below and Appendix B.)

**LAF Awards 2022-2023 – Reach and Activities**

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## **LAF Awards 2022-2023 – Impact**



**3.3 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 2022-23.

**3.3.1 Anticipatory Care**

**Background**

Community Solutions funds local CVS organisation Equals Advocacy 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 helps 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 who help the person complete one or more assessments at home, supported by an advocacy worker. This information is shared with the MDT which then develops and agrees an Anticipatory Care Plan in liaison with the service user.

**During 2022-23, Equals Advocacy received a funding award of £40,000 through the Community Solutions Programme to support their role in this service.**

**Achievements 2022-23**

Equals Advocacy support evaluation of their advocacy service through feedback questionnaires at the start and end of their engagement with advocacy support, and provide VANL with an anonymised summary of information to support reporting.



**3.3.2 Befriending**

**Background**

Befriending provides support to people who are lonely and isolated to increase their social support and connections, thus improving their quality of life and wellbeing. Since 2012, Community Solutions has provided funding to the following nine CVS organisations to recruit, and support trained, volunteer befrienders:

* Befriend Motherwell
* CACE (Cumbernauld Action for Care of the Elderly)
* Elim Befriending
* Getting Better Together
* Glenboig Development Trust
* Home-Start
* Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre
* Volunteering Matters
* YMCA Bellshill and Mossend

Total amount awarded: £194,688

**Achievements 2022-23**



**3.3.3 Carer Breather Phase One (Year Two)**

**Background**

The Community Solutions Carer Breather Fund was established in 2020, informed by a cross-sector 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 a carers’ support organisation

Community Solutions provided Carer Breather funding to the following nine CVS organisations in Phase One:

* Bazooka Arts
* Getting Better Together
* Glenboig Development Trust
* Parkinson’s Self-Help Group Airdrie
* Parkinson’s Self-Help Group Motherwell
* The Haven
* The Health and Wellness Hub
* Watch US Grow

Total amount awarded: £248,000

**Achievements 2022-23**

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The Impact and Learning report for Phase One of the Carer Breather Fund is available on the new Community Solutions website.

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

**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, and informed by local needs and learning from the previous phase.

The fund is managed and supported by School Cluster Improvement and Integration Leads (CILLs) and VANL staff, who work 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 via NLC to VANL for distribution to the North Lanarkshire CVS.

The Impact and Learning reports for Phases One, Two, and Three of the Children and Young People’s Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund is available on the new Community Solutions website.

**Funding Awards 2022-2023**

Total number of CVS projects funded: 75

Total amount awarded: £465,000

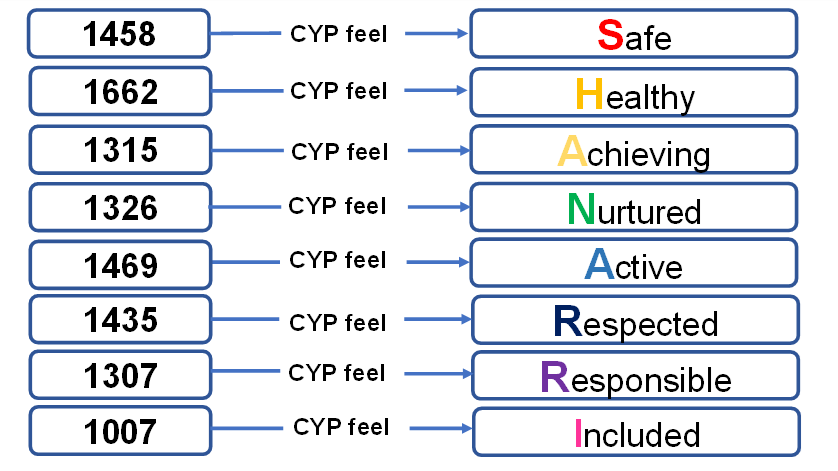
**Achievements 2022-23**

**3.3.4.1 Children and Young People’s – Reach and Activities**

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**3.3.4.2 Children and Young People’s - Impact**

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’](https://www.gov.scot/policies/girfec/wellbeing-indicators-shanarri/). Outcomes for 2022-23 for children and young people (CYP) are summarised below:



**3.3.5 Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund Phase One**

**Background**

The Community Mental Health and Wellbeing 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, including VANL as North Lanarkshire’s TSI, to manage this funding on their behalf.

VANL was required to manage the fund in partnership with HSCNL and, given the existence of the successful Community Solutions programme, it made sense to incorporate this new fund into the programme, thus supporting synergy with other programme funding.

In February of 2022, VANL was allocated an initial £995k 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, bringing the total distributed in 2022/23 to £1.6 million.

The Impact and Learning report for Phase One of the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund is available on the new Community Solutions website.

**Funding Awards 2022-23**

Number of Projects: 53 (See Appendix E for full list)

Total amount: £1.6 million

**Achievements 2022-23**

**3.3.5.1 Community Mental Health and Wellbeing – Reach and Activities**

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**3.3.5.2 Community Mental Health and Wellbeing – Impact**

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**3.3.6 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.

GBT receiveda Community Solutions funding award of £72,000 during 2022-23, 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

**Achievements 2022-23**

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The Community Transport Hub pilot began on 1st April 2019. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, GBT adapted its existing services in 2021-22 to pilot the Community Transport Hub with NHS Lanarkshire. GBT continued with this work in 2022-23, supplying the NHS five days a week with two drivers and vehicles, providing **1512** journeys covering **28,000** miles.

**3.3.7 Hospital Discharge**

**Background**

The Community Solutions funding for the 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 2022-23 was £77,500.

**Achievements 2022-23**

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**3.3.8 Improving Lives Initiative**

**3.3.8.1 Introduction to Initiative**

The proposal for the Community Solutions Improving Lives Initiative (ILI) was developed collaboratively during 2022-23 with the Community Solutions Governance Group, HSCNL Core Management team, NHS Lanarkshire Health Improvement senior staff, and Macmillan Cancer Support.

This development was informed by wider learning and engagement through the Community Solutions programme in recent years.

Agreement was supported through development and discussion of a SBAR (Situation, Background, Action, Recommendation) summary, which was agreed by the Community Solutions Governance Group in September 2022 and approved in December 2022 by HSCNL Core Management Team.

**3.3.8.2 Improving Lives Initiative Aim**

The aim is to help improve people’s physical, mental, and social wellbeing through a locally co-ordinated approach to providing community-based support for vulnerable and equality groups, as set out in the Community Solutions Strategy and investment Plan 2022-25 and summarised below.

* **People with health challenges and/or wellbeing crisis** will be supported by “three conversations” and “social prescribing” approaches to aid recovery and/or to improve their wellbeing by helping them:
* Express their support needs and priorities (self-directed support)
* Strengthen their capacity for adopting and sustaining suitable self-management approaches
* Access urgent and longer-term healthy living and social support (which may include access to community-based healthy living activities and/or referral to more formal services)
* **Vulnerable and equality groups** will be helped to access community-based healthy living support and activities including:
* Active travel
* Harm minimisation from alcohol, drugs, and tobacco, including promoting smoke-free homes and communities
* Healthy diets for all ages, including breastfeeding
* Good sleep
* Nature connectedness
* Physical activity
* Supportive relationships and social connections, including befriending

**3.3.8.3 Locality Hosts, Consortia, and LAF including new Locality Development Planning**

The ILI provides increased funding for 24 months for our six Community Solutions locality hosts – complementing their existing recurrent funding – to enable them to do the following work in addition to their existing locality support work:

* Improve engagement with the CVS within their localities
* Supporting the adoption of the ALISS (A Local Information System for Scotland) service directory
* Supporting the work of the Community Connectors (see below)
* Strengthening links between Community Solutions and Community Planning at locality level

It will also provide increased funding for the Community Solutions LAF for 24 months (complementing existing recurrent funding) to increase small grant funding for local CVS organisations to improve support for local people. This will mean the LAF budget will increase from £180,000 a year across the six localities to £300,000 a year for 24 months.

**3.3.8.4 Social Prescribing**

With additional funding from NHS Charities Together, the existing Community Solutions programme will be strengthened by improving processes and networks to make social prescribing more efficient in North Lanarkshire.

This work will bring social prescribing partners together and form the interface between statutory and third sector provision, establishing a more holistic approach to care, consistent language and direction, and increasing knowledge of access pathways among all partners.

**3.3.8.5 Improving Cancer Journey**

With additional funding from Macmillan Cancer Support and the Scottish Government for the roll-out of the Improving Cancer Journey across North Lanarkshire, the ILI will improve outcomes for people living with, and beyond, cancer through the introduction of Community Connectors posts across North Lanarkshire, offering Holistic Needs Assessments at the point of diagnosis.

These new posts will ensure everyone in North Lanarkshire diagnosed with cancer can easily access nonclinical support when needed, to enable them to live as well and as independently as possible.

**3.3.8.6 Community Connectors**

The ILI will also see the appointment of a team of 10 Community Connectors to support vulnerable people in the community by using the “three conversations” model. This will include people referred through the Improving Cancer Journey project, connecting them to non-clinical support provided by CVS organisations.

Due to the complex nature of the partnership, discussion is still ongoing to finalise the funding to increase the number of Community Connectors from six to 10, using funding from the Improving Cancer Journey project. The deployment of the Community Connectors is also subject to an allocation process that is still to take place.

**3.3.9 Physical Activities**

**Background**

During 2022-23, Community Solutions provided the then North Lanarkshire Leisure Trust with £40,000 to support provision of physical activities for people across North Lanarkshire with a range of health conditions to enhance their physical and mental wellbeing. Referrals to the service were received from a health and social care staff.

**Achievements 2022-23**

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**3.3.9 Positive Smoke-Free Role Models**

**Background**

In partnership with NHS Lanarkshire’s ‘Quit Your Way’ Tobacco Control Team and Community Links, VANL managed funding for the Positive Smoke-Free Role Models Project. The project provided funding for CVS organisations across the six North Lanarkshire localities to develop and deliver:

* Work across the North Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership area which developed and promoted the concept of positive smoke-free role models
* Engagement with individuals, communities, and organisations to understand, sign up, and pledge action to become Positive Smoke-Free Role Models

NHS Lanarkshire’s Positive Smoke-Free Role Models project has a particular focus on children, and works towards:

* Preventing children and young people becoming the next generation of people who smoke
* Protecting children, adults, and pets from the harmful effects of second-hand smoke

The Project was originally launched in 2019, but work was postponed in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Project was re-launched in April 2023.

NHSL allocated £36k of custodian funding for VANL to manage. (Split between the six localities, providing £6K to each.)

Funding decisions are made by locality consortia, allocation of funding will follow the LAF model (see section 3.2.3).

**Achievements**

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**3.3.10 Substance Misuse Fund**

**Background**

North Lanarkshire has some of the highest levels of alcohol- and drug-related deaths in Scotland. To tackle this, VANL manage the Substance Misuse Fund on behalf of the North Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership (NLADP). The fund aims to support individuals and families to overcome some of the challenges they face in their life, while living with the impact of substance misuse in our communities. The fund’s objectives are to:

* Work with people who experience challenges as a result of problematic alcohol and/or drug use with new needs which are not currently being met by existing services
* Provide vital wellbeing support on issues such as: personal finances, employment; housing; food; digital inclusion; physical health; and improving home and community life
* Help people to access immediate and emerging forms of support within our growing community recovery activities

The NLADP allocated £50,000 of funding for VANL to manage in 2022-23. Two projects were awarded £1600 each. To date, funding decisions have been made by locality consortia, with allocation of funding following the LAF model (see section 3.2.3). However, as result of key early learning, this approach is now being reviewed and the fund will be re-launched once that review in complete.

**3.3.11 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 has been 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, and information sessions
* Community connectors, who work directly with people to find suitable supports such as groups and activities

**Funding Awards 2022-23**

Number of Projects: 2

Total amount: £99,952

**Achievements 2022-23**

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**3.4 Review of Community Solutions Thematic Funding**

In line with the Community Solutions Strategy and Investment Plan 2022-25, the Community Solutions Governance Sub-Group on Wednesday 16th November 2022 approved the decision to undertake a review of the NL-Wide Thematic Funded Programme in 2023-24. Currently, HSCNL funds the following thematic projects through Community Solutions:

* Anticipatory Care
* Carer Strategy
* Community Food
* Community Transport
* Physical Activities
* Hospital Discharge
* Home Visiting and Befriending

The review will identify:

* If investment should be continued on the basis of the current and/or any new themes
* How future investment should be made and any other changes/improvements to the approach, for example the balance of the funding awarded within local HSCNL sectors and NL-Wide levels; and/or if a theme should be a separate strategic thread
* Whether and how additional investment could be secured and provided for some key strategic initiatives in the future

A cross-sector Thematic Review Group has been established to identify any gaps in the current NL-wide funded themes and decide if a revised focus or reframing of the current themes is appropriate. The group will report its findings in late 2023, with any changes being implemented in 2023-24.

**3.5 Capacity Building**

VANL receives recurrent funding through HSCNL to support capacity building in the following areas:

* Carers
* CVS capacity building for the sector generally and for CVS organisations to support Children, Young People and Families (CYPF)
* Volunteering

**3.5.1 Carers’ Capacity Building**

**Background**

Community Solutions supports capacity building for carers by funding [North Lanarkshire Carers Together](http://www.carerstogether.org/) to support the [North Lanarkshire Carer Forum](http://www.carerstogether.org/carer-forum/) and a range of other carers’ support activities.

**Achievements 2022-23**

During 2022-23, North Lanarkshire Carers Together received a grant of £40,000, allowing them to:

* Support the North Lanarkshire Carer Forum, which brings carers together to share information, provide peer support, and develop collective views to inform improved policy and practice
* Support development and delivery of the Carer Breather Fund (see Section 3.3.3), including supporting network organisations with general guidance around Carer Breather Fund applications for Phase Two
* Influence carers’ policy and services through participation in the North Lanarkshire Carers’ Strategy Group and other forums
* Hold a ‘Conversation Café’ co-production event at the February 2023 network meeting which invited carers to share their experiences of services in North Lanarkshire with the network. This led to a carer representative being invited on to the CSN

**3.5.2 Community and Voluntary Sector Capacity-Building**

**Background**

VANL receives funding through the Community Solutions programme to support our provision of capacity-building support to the CVS [so the sector is able to effectively contribute to improved health and wellbeing of residents and local communities](https://www.voluntaryactionnorthlanarkshire.org/index.php/cvs-services-and-support/) through:

* Provision of support and services to improve physical and mental health
* Community wealth-building to support social and economic inclusion
* Protection and improvements to our natural environment, including climate action

The capacity-building [support and services](https://www.voluntaryactionnorthlanarkshire.org/index.php/services-and-support/) provided by VANL includes the following:

* Information provision through our [‘Working Together for a Better North Lanarkshire’ website,](https://www.voluntaryactionnorthlanarkshire.org/index.php/services-and-support/) [digital bulletins](https://voluntaryactionnorthlanarkshire.us3.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=94c77b3d6f7ed18735f59fe03&id=f1088388a0) and social media
* Organisational development guidance on issues such as:
  + Set up and governance
  + Strategic planning
  + Income generation
  + Finance
  + HR
  + Performance management and evaluation
* Peer support and learning opportunities by:
* Providing or facilitating access to structured training and informal learning
* Convening and supporting the [CVS Strategic Partnership Group](https://www.voluntaryactionnorthlanarkshire.org/index.php/north-lanarkshire-community-and-voluntary-sector-partnership-group/) and linked [thematic networks](https://www.voluntaryactionnorthlanarkshire.org/index.php/cvs-collaboration-and-partnership-working/) on key issues such as befriending; mental health and wellbeing; employability
* Organising regular [events](https://www.voluntaryactionnorthlanarkshire.org/index.php/newsandevents/) for the CVS, including locality meetings and an annual conference
* Supporting CVS to participate in our local partnerships and contribute to delivery of associated plans including:
* Our North Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership, [North Lanarkshire Partnership](https://www.voluntaryactionnorthlanarkshire.org/index.php/north-lanarkshire-partnership-2/) and its [Plan for North Lanarkshire](https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/your-council/council-strategies-and-plans/council-strategies/plan-north-lanarkshire), associated North Lanarkshire- wide strategies such as the Tackling Poverty Strategy and nine linked Local Outcome Improvement Plans. (See partnership section in the diagram below)
* [Health and Social Care North Lanarkshire partnership](https://www.voluntaryactionnorthlanarkshire.org/index.php/health-and-social-care-north-lanarkshire/) and its Commissioning Plan and linked strategies on mental health and wellbeing, alcohol and drugs, and the [Community Solutions Strategy and Investment Plan](https://www.voluntaryactionnorthlanarkshire.org/index.php/community-solutions-programme/). (See partnership section in the diagram below)
* [The Children’s Services Partnership and Plan](https://www.voluntaryactionnorthlanarkshire.org/index.php/childrens-services-partnership/) – see the Children, Young People, and Families section below

VANL staff also undertake organisational reviews of CVS organisations receiving funding through Community Solutions to provide appropriate due diligence checks and identify areas where they may require support on above issues.

**Achievements 2022-23**

VANL’s CVS capacity-building work was supported during 2022-23 with a £60,000 grant provided through Community Solutions, and supplemented by core funding from the Scottish Government and North Lanarkshire Council. (Also see the 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 health, wellbeing, and inclusion. VANL does this by:

* Convening and supporting the [North Lanarkshire CVS Children, Young People and Families Network](https://www.voluntaryactionnorthlanarkshire.org/index.php/cvs-collaboration-and-partnership-working/) to provide information-sharing; peer support; and to support CVS partnership working with the public sector through the [North Lanarkshire Children’s Services Partnership;](https://www.voluntaryactionnorthlanarkshire.org/index.php/childrens-services-partnership/) [HSCNL](https://www.voluntaryactionnorthlanarkshire.org/index.php/health-and-social-care-north-lanarkshire/); [North Lanarkshire Partnership (NLP](https://www.voluntaryactionnorthlanarkshire.org/index.php/north-lanarkshire-partnership-2/))
* Supporting 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
* Encouraging [young people to volunteer](https://www.voluntaryactionnorthlanarkshire.org/index.php/youth-volunteering/) to support development of their skills and confidence, and community engagement and contribution
* Supporting CVS participation in the Children’s Services Partnership (CSP) and facilitating links between the CSP, Community Solutions, HSCNL and community planning

**Achievements 2022-23**

During 2022-2023, HSCNL provided VANL with a grant of£30,000 to support the CVS to strengthen their support for children, young people, and families as outlined above. This funding was complemented by VANL’s core funding from the Scottish Government and North Lanarkshire Council which also supports VANL ability to provide capacity-building support to the CVS for children, young people, and families.



**3.5.4 Volunteering**

VANL staff support [volunteering developments](https://www.voluntaryactionnorthlanarkshire.org/index.php/volunteering/) 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
* Employers in all sectors, including the business sector, which contributes through [employer-supported volunteering](https://www.voluntaryactionnorthlanarkshire.org/index.php/employer-supported-volunteering/)

VANL staff support volunteering strategically and operationally including:

* Setting up and convening the [North Lanarkshire Volunteering Partnership](https://www.voluntaryactionnorthlanarkshire.org/index.php/volunteering-partnership/) to facilitate improved cross-sector support for volunteering
* [Promoting volunteering opportunities](https://www.voluntaryactionnorthlanarkshire.org/index.php/volunteering-opportunities/) to the public and supporting matching to roles
* [Supporting volunteer-involving organisations](https://www.voluntaryactionnorthlanarkshire.org/index.php/support-for-volunteering-involving-organisations/) to improve their recruitment and support for volunteers, including accreditation through the Volunteer-Friendly award

**Achievements 2022-23**

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**4. Community Solutions Priorities 2023-24**

This section provides an overview of development priorities for the Community Solutions Programme during 2023-24.

**4.1 Custodian Fund Developments**

**4.1.1 Cancer Screening Inequalities Fund**

The Cancer Screening Inequalities Fund was approved by HSCNL in early 2023 for the delivery period from summer 2023 to March 2024, to support increased take-up of cervical and breast screening in Airdrie and Bellshill localities due to their particularly low uptake rates:

* Cervical screening uptake is falling in Lanarkshire and across Scotland. Evidence demonstrates that uptake is around 20% lower in those from the lowest socio-economic areas in comparison to those in living in the highest
* There is also growing concern over the youngest 25-34-year-old group and their participation in screening
* There is less available data on uptake in Black and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities, those that experience physical or learning disability, and LGBT communities, but indications are that screening uptake is generally lower compared to the white UK population

A total of £15k was made available (£7.5k for each locality) to CVS organisations for delivery in either or both locality areas. A cross-sector funding panel met in May 2023 and awarded funding to two projects:

* Bear Necessities (Airdrie) - £7.5k
* Culture Junction (Bellshill) - £7.4k

These projects will be delivered over the course of summer 2023 to March 2024, and reported on in Summer 2024.

**4.1.2 Carer Breather Fund Phase Two**

Funding for Phase Two of the Carer Breather Fund – for £543k covering the period from April 2023 to 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 cross-sector panel including representatives from VANL, NCLT and carer representatives, with awards issued by the end of March 2023. Funding was awarded to 11 organisations:

* Bazooka Arts
* Getting Better Together
* Glenboig Development Trust
* North Lanarkshire Disability Forum
* One Parent Families Scotland
* PAMIS (Promoting a More Inclusive Society)
* Parkinson’s Self-Help Group Airdrie
* Play Peace
* The Haven
* The Health and Wellness Hub
* Watch Us Grow

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

**4.1.3 Children and Young People’s Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund Phase Four**

Funding for Phase Four of this fund was agreed by NLC and the Children’s Services Partnership in spring 2023, with a launch event in June 2023.

As with previous phases, funding awards for Phase Four were made to local CVS organisations to provide support to children and young people to improve their mental health and wellbeing. The approach to awarding funding decisions has been revised for Phase Four, with funding decisions now being be made throughout the school year from August 2023 until April 2024, using ongoing needs assessment by Cluster Improvement Integration Leads (CIILs) and local head teachers. From February 2023, the online platform GLOW has been introduced as a directory of available services and supports, to support CIILS to allocate funding based on pupils’ need.

**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 ringfenced funding to support BAME and LGBTIA+ groups.

Applications were sought from CVS organisations during November/December 2022. A cross-sector panel involving staff from VANL, NHS Lanarkshire, and North Lanarkshire Council assessed all applications and made funding decisions in early March 2023. Awards were issued by the end of March 2023 for activity to be delivered from April. Funding was awarded to 33 funded projects.

**4.1.5 Improving Lives Initiative**

With the recommissioning of the Locality Hosts completed, the priority for the Improving Lives Initiative is to re-establish the joint meetings of the Locality Hosts as a platform for sharing best practice and to build a consistent approach for the locality consortiums to work across all six localities in North Lanarkshire. Some key documents are being reviewed/introduced which include:

* An updated Terms of Reference
* A Role Descriptor for the Locality Hosts
* A Code of Conduct for Consortium Members
* Guidance on Developing a Locality Development Plan
* Guidance on the Use of the Locality Fund

The other focus will be to complete the alignment of the six planned Community Connectors with the funding from Macmillan Cancer Support and the Scottish Government to recruit key workers as part of the Improving Cancer Journey. This will create an integrated holistic team of 10 Community Connectors that will support people with cancer and those affected by cancer, such as family and close friends. The Community Connectors will also provide support to people with other health conditions and people requiring other forms of health and social care support.

The role of the Community Connectors is to provide non-clinical support to improve the lives of people going through difficult times, by connecting them into natural supports in their community provided by the CVS and statutory supports when appropriate. The Community Connectors will be co-located and work closely with the six Locality Hosts, who will be allocated a proportion of an additional £141,000 to enhance their role as Locality Hosts; along with a proportion of an additional £120,000 to distribute through the Locality Activity Fund.

Another priority for the coming year will be to establish referral pathways for the team of 10 Community Connectors, the focus will be on three main areas:

* **Referrals from cancer clinics for people affected by cancer as part of the Improving Cancer Journey initiative.** This is being led by the Improving Cancer Journey Programme Manager and will be routed through an Administrative Hub housed within NHS Lanarkshire
* **Referrals from HSCNL services in the community.** Links are being established with Service Managers responsible for Adult Social Work Services, Home Assessment Teams, Integrated Rehab Teams and other HSCNL Teams based in each of the localities
* **Patients from the two acute hospitals in North Lanarkshire who are frequently readmitted to hospital.** As part of the work undertaken through the [Discharge without Delay](https://www.nhsgoldenjubilee.co.uk/application/files/6216/3489/4272/Discharge_without_Delay_Discussion_Paper_Final.pdf) programme, there is a cohort of people who are frequently readmitted to hospital following a discharge as no further clinical support can be provided, typically at 7 and 28 days. Work is being undertaken to develop a process where such people can be identified and referred on to get non-clinical support from the Community Connectors

The final main priority is to introduce and promote two key approaches: the use of Care Opinion as an on-line independent, anonymised and moderated feedback system that gathers the experiences of people that get support from Community; and voluntary sector organisations funded through the Community Solutions Programme. The approach that will be promoted is the use of the ALISS service database. Developed and supported by the alliance with funding from the Scottish Government, the service database feeds into other service directories used by NHS Inform and other statutory services.

**4.1.6 Review of Community Solutions Thematic Funding**

The focus for the coming year is to complete the Thematic Funding Review, to more appropriately align it to the priorities contained in the Community Solutions Strategy and Investment Plan (2022-25) and the new HSCNL Strategic Commissioning Plan (2023-26). The aim is also to ensure that the thematic funding, which is currently £510,000 per year from the recurring funding provided by HSCNL, is invested to build the capacity of the CVS and to inform service change to provide a more sustainable model of service as appropriate.

The review will identify where current thematic funding can be more sustainably funded through other routes, if there are any new themes that should be funded, and it there are any of the existing themes that should be refocused to provide a more effective service.

**4.2 Capacity Building**

**4.2.1 Carers**

North Lanarkshire Carers Together have been re-commissioned to support the Carers Network; Carer Breather Fund; and other carers developments.

**4.2.2 Children, Young People and Families**

During 2023-24, VANL staff will continue to develop and deliver capacity-building support to the CVS as set out above in section 3.5.3, so these organisations are more able to contribute to improve the wellbeing of our children, young people, and families.

**4.2.3 CVS Capacity Building**

During 2023-24, VANL staff will continue to develop and deliver capacity-building support to the CVS, as set out above in section 3.5.2, so both Community Solutions funded organisations and the wider sector are better able to contribute to improved wellbeing of residents and communities.

**4.2.4 Volunteering**

**Volunteering Support**

During 2023-2024, 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 3.5.4.

**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
* New resources complimenting the PMELI Framework including a feedback survey for funded projects, guidance on preparing case studies, and personal stories

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 was also available from April. A briefing event was held in April 2023 with the following organisations to introduce the new framework:

* Locality hosts and consortia members
* CS governance group
* HSCNL staff

**4.3.2 Review of Software and Revised Approach**

Over the past two years, the Community Solutions Programme has seen a significant increase in the number of managed funds. This has led to a significant increase in the evaluation returns received from funded projects. Therefore, in line with the new framework, the reporting requirements for projects funded through the Community Solutions Programme were reviewed in April 2023. Also, to manage this increased workload, a review of available software was conducted in June/July 2023.

The new reporting requirements using the [JotForm](https://eu.jotform.com/myforms/?path=%2Fmyforms) platform have been designed to more appropriately demonstrate the impact that the CVS has on improving the health and wellbeing of people and communities in North Lanarkshire. This learning will feed into improvements on three levels:

* For individual projects
* For the Community Solutions Programme
* For the sector as a whole

**4.3.3 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 supports a small number of CVS organisations - including Community Solution-funded organisations – to use the [Warwick-Edinburgh Mental 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.

The pilot commenced in May 2023 and will run until June 2024. A recruitment event was held in May 2023 to recruit participating organisations.

Learning from the pilot will deepen understanding of the CVS contribution to mental health and wellbeing, with a view to influencing 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 2023-24 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, 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 early 2024.

**4.5 Programme Governance**

VANL staff will continue to convene and support the Community Solutions Governance Group during 2023-24 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 2022-23:**  **Total Awards £240k** | | |
| **CVS Organisation** | **Project** | **Total Funding Amount (£)** |
| A.1 Diamonds in the  Community (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 The Health and Wellness  Hub (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 2022-23** | | |
| **Total number of projects funded in the six Community Solutions localities: 66** | **Total income for 2022-23: £180,000**  **Plus, underspend carried forward (c/f) from 2021-22:**  **£16,174** | **Total spend:**  **£166,275** |

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| **Airdrie Locality** | | |
| **Organisation** | **Project** | **Total Funding Amount (£)** |
| B.1 Airdrie Action Partnership (hosted by Bear Necessities) | Christmas Appeal | 3,350 |
| B.2 Airdrie Helping Hands | Christmas Food Parcels | 1,000 |
| B.3 Equal Futures | Strengthening Social Relationships | 3,000 |
| B.4 Friends of Airdrie and Coatbridge Islamic Centre (FACIC) | Cricket for Health and Family | 3,867 |
| B.5 Nurture Scotland | KIN-ect! | 1,945 |
| B.6 Parkinson’s Self-Help Group Airdrie | Time for Me | 5,040 |
| B.7 The Health and Wellness Hub | Wraparound Wellbeing Support | 5,100 |
| B.8 Upperton Residents Committee | Upperton Allotment Community Shed | 420 |
| B.9 Voice of Experience Forum | Voice of Experience Forum Calendar 22/23 | 2,440 |
| B.10 Whinhall Allotments | Muddy Boots Sensory Project | 504 |
| **No. of projects: 10** | **Total** | **26,666**  Balance c/f to  2022-23 |

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| **Bellshill Locality** | | |
| **Organisation** | **Project** | **Total Funding Amount (£)** |
| B.11 A-Jabs Amateur Boxing Club | Summer Project and Drop In | 5,354 |
| B.12 Lanarkshire Community Food and Health Partnership | Cooking on a Budget (Slow Cooker) | 2,875 |
| Cooking Towards Addiction Recovery | 2,265 |
| Summer Family Cooking Project | 2,180 |
| B.13 Nurture Scotland | KIN-etc! | 2,500 |
| B.14 Salvation Army | Youth Club | 1,595 |
| B.15 Thorniewood Community Café | Caring Cuppa Community Café | 3,200 |
| B.16 VIP | Muddy Feet | 5,150 |
| B.17 YMCA Bellshill and Mossend | Y Hang Out | 2,880 |
| YMCA Farmbots | 4,200 |
| YMCA Women’s Health Project | 2,220 |
| **No. of projects: 11** | **Total** | **34,419**  (Using c/f underspend from 2020/21) |

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| **Coatbridge Locality** | | |
| **Organisation** | **Project** | **Total Funding Amount (£)** |
| B.18 Glenboig Development Trust | Coatbridge Health and Wellbeing PB | 10,000 |
| B.19 Men’s Shed | Men’s Shed | 1,853 |
| **No. of projects: 2** | **Total** | **11,853**  Balance c/f to  2022-23 |

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| **Cumbernauld and the North Locality** | | |
| **Organisation** | **Project** | **Total Funding Amount (£)** |
| B.20 Cardowan Community Meadow | Cardowan Health and Wellbeing Project | 3,000 |
| B.21 Gartcosh Tenants and Residents Association | Gartcosh Social Inclusion Project | 1,850 |
| B.22 Landed Peer Education | Positive Smoke Free Role Models | 1,850 |
| B.23 Moodie Blues 50+ Discovery Award Group | Community Christmas Fun Day | 550 |
| B.24 Moodiesburn Youth Club | Health Project for Young People | 3,000 |
| B.25 Never Alone | Depression Peer Support Group March | 2,000 |
| Depression Peer Support Group July | 1,400 |
| B.26 New Adventures Community Group | Marketing for Our Future | 1,550 |
| B.27 Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Scotland | Sowing Community Seeds | 5,000 |
| B.28 Strathcarron Hospice | Bereavement Support Group | 1,110 |
| Community Loss and Bereavement Resource Boxes | 2,000 |
| B.29 TRASH Music | Drumbernauld/Jambernauld – Musical Youth Club for Cumbernauld | 4,713 |
| **No. of projects:**  **12** | **Total** | **28,023**  Balance c/f to  2022-23 |

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| **Motherwell Locality** | | |
| **Organisation** | **Project** | **Total Funding Amount (£)** |
| B.30 Befriend Motherwell | Intergenerational Cookery Project | 1,060 |
| B.31 Craigneuk Lifelong Learning Association | Craigneuk Christmas Community Celebration Project | 2,000 |
| B.32 Dalziel St. Andrew’s Church | Carpet Bowls | 1,000 |
| B.33 Economic Forum for Women Empowerment | Community Meals | 2,000 |
| B.34 Elim Befriending | Pantomime Outing | 500 |
| B.35 Forgewood Housing Co-operative | Food for Forgewood | 1,200 |
| B.36 Fresh Start NL | Widening the Welcome in North Lanarkshire | 1,000 |
| B.37 Lanarkshire Community Food and Health Partnership | Big Chef Little Chef | 3,018 |
| Cooking with ESOL Learners | 2,705 |
| Men’s Cooking Club | 2,705 |
| B.38 Motherwell Citizens Advice Bureau | Community Engagement Project | 4,539 |
| B.39 Motherwell Salvation Army | Motherwell SCRAN Youth Club | 2,725 |
| B.40 North Lanarkshire Disability Forum (NLDF) | NLDF Connect | 5,190 |
| B.41 The Miracle Foundation | Wall of Hope | 1,750 |
| **No. of projects:**  **14** | **Total** | **31,392**  (Using c/f underspend from 2020/21) |

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| **Wishaw and Shotts Locality** | | |
| **Organisation** | **Project** | **Total Funding Amount (£)** |
| B.42 The Brave Jnr | Esports: For the Players: SCQF Level 6 | 1,950 |
| Esports Livestream Project | 2,120 |
| B.43 Elements Netball Club | Netball Club | 2,109 |
| B.44 Garrion People's Housing Co-operative | Winter Wonders @ Law View | 1,500 |
| B.45 Getting Better Together | Walking Football | 2,300 |
| Breakfast Club and Walking Bus Project | 2,730 |
| B.46 Lanarkshire Community Food and Health Partnership | Big Chef, Little Chef | 2,814 |
| Big Chef, Little Chef 2 | 2,082 |
| Men’s Cooking Club | 2,407 |
| Men’s Cooking Club 2 | 2,226 |
| B.47 Nurture Scotland | KIN-ect! | 2,245 |
| B.48 People at Leisure Scotland (PALS) | People at Leisure Scotland (PALS) | 1,476 |
| B.49 Salsburgh Mother and Toddler Group | Pre-School Play for Learning | 2,383 |
| B.50 Shotts Bon Accord Football Academy | Shotts Bonny! Play and Spray Project | 1,650 |
| B.51 Shotts Golf Club | Sunday Sweep | 400 |
| **Organisation** | **Project** | **Total Funding Amount (£)** |
| B.52 Wishaw YMCA | Crafting Club | 2,880 |
| Jam Sessions | 650 |
| **No. of projects:**  17 | **Total** | **33,922**  (Using c/f underspend from 2021/22) |

**Appendix C**

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| **Community Solutions Thematic Funding 2022-23:**  **Total Awards £890.5k** | |
| **C.1 Anticipatory Care: Total Awards £40k** | |
| **CVS Organisation/Project** | **Total Funding Amount (£)** |
| Equals Advocacy | 40,000 |
| **C.2 Carer Breather: Total Awards £248k** | |
| Bazooka Arts | 22,848 |
| Getting Better Together | 22,240 |
| 24,000 |
| Glenboig Development Trust | 21,160 |
| 22,736 |
| Parkinson’s Self Help  Group Airdrie | 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 |
| **CVS Organisation/Project** | **Total Funding Amount (£)** |
| Watch Us Grow | 29,000 |
| **C.3 Carers’ Support Network: Total Awards £40k** | |
| North Lanarkshire Carers  Together | 40,000 |
| **C.4 Community Transport: Total Awards 72k** | |
| Getting Better Together | 72,000 |
| **C.5 Befriending: Total Awards £195k** | |
| 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.6 Hospital Discharge Support Programme: Total Award £77.5k** | |
| Getting Better Together | 77,500 |
| **C.7 Positive Smoke-Free Role Models: Total Award £36k** | |
| Airdrie | 6,000 |
| Bellshill | 6,000 |
| Coatbridge | 6,000 |
| Cumbernauld | 6,000 |
| Motherwell | 3,000 |
| **CVS Organisation/Project** | **Total Funding Amount (£)** |
| Wishaw and Shotts | 6,000 |
| **C.8 Physical Activities: Total Award £60K** | |
| North Lanarkshire  Leisure Trust | 60,000 |
| **C.9 Support in the Right Direction (Self Director Support) Fund 2022-23: Total Awards £100k** | |
| Equals Advocacy | 16,838 |
| North Lanarkshire Disability Forum | 89,133 |

**Appendix D**

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| **Community Solutions Children and Young People Fund 2022-23:**  **Total Awards: £465k (plus £57k 21-22 underspend) for 75 projects**  **across 16 CVS organisations**  (See main body of this report – and also the separate Learning and Impact Report –  for this Fund) | | | |
| **CVS Organisation** | **Project** | **Total Funding**  **Amount (£)** | **Schools’**  **Cluster** |
| D.1 Lanarkshire Community Food and Health Partnership (LCFHP) | Come Dine with Me | 2,972 | Airdrie Academy |
| D.2 Hope for Autism | Support for School Transitions | 2,920 | Airdrie Academy |
| Support for School Transitions – Additional Funds | 1,620 | Airdrie Academy |
| D.3 Make and Create Arts | Creative Families at Airdrie | 3,000 | Airdrie Academy |
| **CVS Organisation** | **Project** | **Total Funding**  **Amount (£)** | **Schools’**  **Cluster** |
| D.4 Reeltime Music | Creative Project using Music & Media | 3,600 | Airdrie Academy |
| D.5 The Health and Wellness Hub | Emotional Wellbeing in Schools | 1,504 | Airdrie Academy |
| D.6 The Miracle Foundation | Supporting Children and Young Peoples Mental Health | 3,600 | Airdrie Academy |
| D.7 Action for Children | Young Carers - Primary School Awareness Programme | 5,724 | Bellshill |
| D.8 Home Start | Practical Steps Towards Change | 11,032 | Bellshill |
| D.9 VIP Arts and Sports Academy | Creative Me! Wellbeing Programme | 6,105 | Bellshill |
| Creative Me! Wellbeing Programme | 16,330 | Bellshill/Cardinal Newman |
| D.10 LCFHP | Cooking Club | 5,154 | Braidhurst |
| D.11 One Parent Families Scotland | OPFS Lanarkshire Creating Connections: Braidhurst: Ailsa Family Learning Centre | 2,302 | Braidhurst |
| OPFS Lanarkshire Creating Connections: Braidhurst: Logan’s Nursery | 2,302 | Braidhurst |
| OPFS Lanarkshire Creating Connections: Braidhurst: Forgewood Family Learning Centre | 3,198 | Braidhurst |
|  | OPFS Lanarkshire Creating Connections: Braidhurst: Ladywell Primary | 3,198 | Braidhurst |
| **CVS Organisation** | **Project** | **Total Funding**  **Amount (£)** | **Schools’**  **Cluster** |
| D.12 The Health and Wellness Hub | Emotional Wellbeing in Schools | 1,005 | Braidhurst and Dalziel |
| 8,935 | Braidhurst and Dalziel |
| D.13 Outlet Play | Wild Passport | 4,307 | Brannock and Taylor |
| Individual Support – SOARing Outdoors | 3,556 | Brannock and Taylor |
| Small Group – SOARing Outdoors | 2,413 | Brannock and Taylor |
| Individual Support – SOARing Outdoors (evening) | 1,648 | Brannock and Taylor |
| D.14 VIP Arts and Sports Academy | Creative Transitions Project | 28,274 | Brannock and Taylor |
| D.15 Bazooka Arts | Group Therapeutic Arts Programme | 14,000 | Calderhead |
| D.16 Social Track | Empowering young people through action sports | 6,000 | Calderhead |
| D.17 LCFHP | Come Dine with Me | 4,757 | Caldervale |
| D.18 Make and Create Arts | Positive Creations | 5,000 | Caldervale |
| D.19 Reeltime Music | Creative Project using Music & Media | 1,600 | Caldervale |
| D.20 The Health and Wellness Hub | Emotional Wellbeing in Schools | 1,882 | Caldervale |
| D.21 The Miracle Foundation | Supporting Children and Young People’s Mental Health | 3,600 | Caldervale |
| D.22 Hope for Autism | Autism informed support through a group drop-in opportunity | 3,180 | Chryston |
| **CVS Organisation** | **Project** | **Total Funding**  **Amount (£)** | **Schools’**  **Cluster** |
| D.23 LCFHP | Cooking Club | 6,280 | Chryston |
| D.24 The Health and Wellness Hub | Emotional Wellbeing in Schools | 4,515 | Chryston |
| D.25 The Miracle Foundation | Supporting Children and Young People’s Mental Health | 9,360 | Chryston/ Kilsyth/ Cumbernauld |
| D.26 Outlet Play | SOARing Outdoors | 8,645 | Clyde Valley |
| D.27 Social Track | Empowering Young People through Action Sports | 10,000 | Clyde Valley |
| D.28 LCFHP | Big Chef Little Chef | 7,307 | Coatbridge |
| D.29 The Miracle  Foundation | Supporting Children and Young People’s Mental Health | 5,400 | Coatbridge |
| 6,600 | Coltness |
| D.30 Bazooka Arts | Group Therapeutic Arts Programme | 30,417 | Coltness and St Aidan’s |
| D.31 OPFS | OPFS Lanarkshire Creating Connections | 5,000 | Cumbernauld Academy |
| D.32 Outlet Play | Individual Support | 3,840 | Cumbernauld Academy |
| Group Support | 5,543 | Cumbernauld Academy |
| D.33 Parent Action for Safe Play (PASP) | PASP Play Champion Programme | 5,280 | Cumbernauld Academy |
| D.34 Outlet Play | Individual Support – SOARing Outdoors | 1,778 | Dalziel |
| Group Support – SOARing Outdoors | 2,353 | Dalziel |
| Small Group – SOARing Outdoors | 1,832 | Dalziel |
| **CVS Organisation** | **Project** | **Total Funding**  **Amount (£)** | **Schools’**  **Cluster** |
|  | SOARing Outdoors | 5,399 | Dalziel |
| D.35 OPFS | OPFS Lanarkshire Creating Connections | 5,000 | Greenfaulds |
| D.36 Outlet Play | SOARing Outdoors | 3,719 | Greenfaulds |
| D.37 PASP | PASP Play Champion Programme | 7,392 | Greenfaulds |
| D.38 The Miracle  Foundation | Supporting Children  and Young People’s  Mental Health | 3,000 | Greenfaulds |
| D.39 Hope for Autism | Lunch Time Club | 1,858 | Kilsyth |
| D.40 LCFHP | Cooking Club | 3,140 | Kilsyth |
| D.41 Outlet Play | Individual Support – SOARing Outdoors | 2,656 | Kilsyth |
| Small Group – SOARing Outdoors | 1,603 | Kilsyth |
| 2,298 | Kilsyth |
| D.42 Reeltime Music | Creative Project using Music & Media | 4,200 | Kilsyth |
| D.43 OPFS | OPFS Lanarkshire  Creating Connections | 5,000 | Our Lady’s  High School  Cumbernauld |
| D.44 Outlet Play | Small Group –  SOARing Outdoors | 2,189 | Our Lady’s  High School  Cumbernauld |
| D.45 Reeltime Music | Creative Project using  Music & Media | 6,400 | Our Lady’s  High School  Cumbernauld |
| D.46 Circle | Whole Family Support Service | 17,361 | Our Lady’s High School Motherwell |
| D.47 Reeltime Music | Creative Project using Music & Media | 2,400 | Our Lady’s High School Motherwell |
| **CVS Organisation** | **Project** | **Total Funding**  **Amount (£)** | **Schools’**  **Cluster** |
| D.48 The Miracle Foundation | Supporting Children  and Young People’s  Mental Health | 1,800 | St Aidan’s |
| D.49 LCFHP | The Nurture Project | 4,000 | St Ambrose |
| Big Chef Little Chef | 6,576 | St Ambrose |
| D.50 Make and Create Arts | Positive Creations | 7,000 | St Ambrose |
| D.51 The Health and Wellness Hub | Emotional Wellbeing in Schools | 280 | St Ambrose |
| D.52 Bazooka Arts | Group Therapeutic Arts Programme | 1,472 | St Ambrose/St Andrew’s |
| D.53 LCFHP | Big Chef Little Chef | 11,691 | St Andrew’s |
| D.54 Make and Create Arts | Positive Creations | 9,000 | St Andrew’s |
| D.55 Bazooka Arts | Group Therapeutic Arts Programme | 6,465 | St Margaret’s |
| D.56 LCFHP | The Nurture Project | 1,600 | St Margaret’s |
| D.57 The Health and Wellness Hub | Emotional Wellbeing in Schools | 7,785 | St Margaret’s |
| D.58 Volunteering  Matters | North Lanarkshire  Youth Befriending  Project | 4,502 | St Margaret’s |
| D.59 LCFHP | Big Chef Little Chef | 6,576 | St Maurice |
| D.60 The Miracle Foundation | Supporting Children  and Young People’s  Mental Health | 7,200 | St Maurice |
| D.61 PASP | PASP Play Champion Programme | 6,228 | St Maurice |

**Appendix E**

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| **Community Solutions Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund 2022-23: Total Awards £1.6 million across 42 CVS organisations and 53 projects**  (See main body of this report – and also the separate Learning and Impact Report –  for this Fund) | | |
| **CVS Organisation** | **Project** | **Total Funding Amount (£)** |
| E.1 Airdrie Citizens Advice Bureau | 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 The 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 |
| **CVS Organisation** | **Project** | **Total Funding Amount (£)** |
| E.14 FAMS Charity | Moving Forward | 35,370 |
| E.15 Forgewood Housing Coop | Taking Steps | 44,484 |
| 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 (LAMH) | Wishaw Wellbeing | 32,020 |
| E.22 LAMH Recycle | Personalised Community Supports with Peer Mentoring | 50,000 |
| E.23 MADE4U IN ML2 | 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 |
| **CVS Organisation** | **Project** | **Total Funding Amount (£)** |
| E.28 North Lanarkshire Recovery Communities | Peace of Mind Therapies | 10,300 |
| E.29 One Parent Families Scotland | Cumbernauld | 37,684 |
| Airdrie | 37,684 |
| 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 School of Martial Arts | 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 | 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 |
| **CVS Organisation** | **Project** | **Total Funding Amount (£)** |
| 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 |
| 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 Health and Wellness Hub acted as interim Locality Host for Airdrie from April-September 2022 as no organisation could be secured to act as Host, until Diamonds in the Community were instated in October 2022. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)