

# Thematic Fund Interim Report 2025-26



**COMMUNITY  
SOLUTIONS**  
Building Community Capacity  
and Carer Support





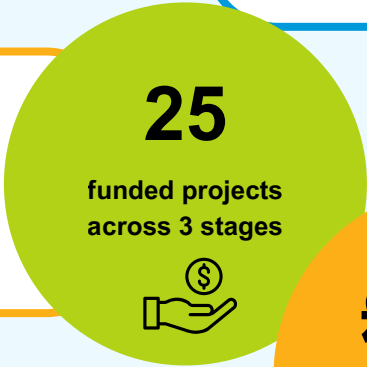
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### Background

Community Solutions Thematic Funding is awarded to community and voluntary sector organisations, to provide local services and supports to North Lanarkshire residents on selected, priority 'thematic' issues. This funding is provided by the University Health and Social Care Partnership North Lanarkshire. This report covers April-December 2025



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



### New Thematic Model

In late 2024-25, a review of the Community Solutions Thematic Funding was undertaken and a new funding model was agreed for 2025-26. The new model is comprised of two stages:

- Stage 1 - £196k was set aside for strategically important projects
- Stage 2 - £316k was available for CVS organisations to apply for, split into 3 strands:
  - Innovation
  - Volunteering
  - North Lanarkshire-wide projects

Top slice for strategically important projects - 3 projects			
STAGE 1	Community Weight Management	Hospital Discharge Support	Active Health & Associated Programmes
STAGE 2	Innovation £126,400 9 projects	Volunteering £126,400 7 projects	North Lanarkshire-wide £62,000 6 projects



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### Stage 1 Projects

Three projects were funded through stage one. Below is a summary of activity from the first six months of their delivery (April-Sept 2025)

Reported **22,288** Community Solutions outcomes



**\*Please note, at this stage, not all service users will have reported on outcomes**

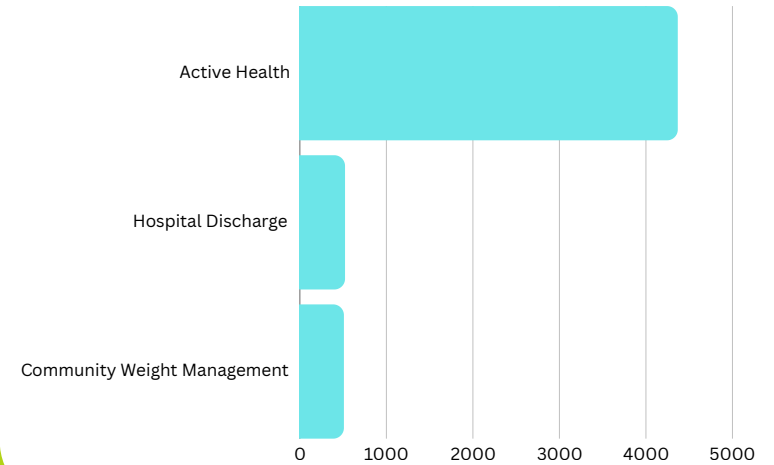
Including:

- 4480 people feel more connected, included and safe
- 4480 people have improved health and wellbeing
- 4480 people feel more informed and aware
- 4368 carers have improved health and wellbeing
- 4480 children and young people have improved health and wellbeing

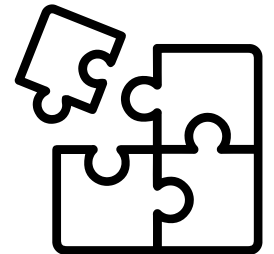


Been supported by **222** volunteers for **5904** hours

So far, stage one projects have supported **5,399** individuals



Delivered **1794** sessions of **9** activities





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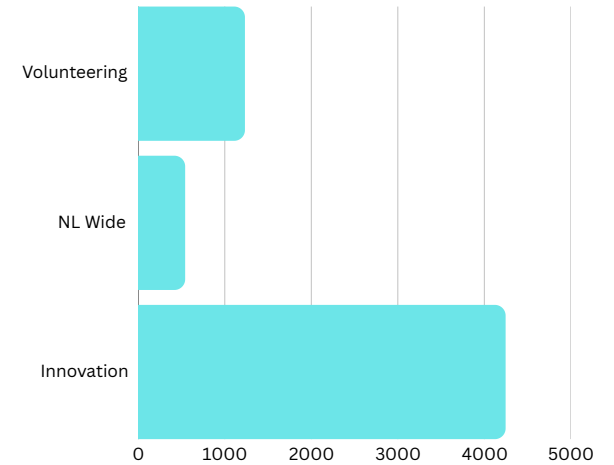
### Stage 2 Projects

Stage 2 was split into two funding rounds:

- Round 1 funded 19 projects delivering from July 2025-June 2026, covering Innovation, Volunteering and half of the North Lanarkshire wide projects
- The second half of the North Lanarkshire wide pot was reserved for Round 2, for projects delivering from January-June 2026. Three projects were funded through this stage, which are not included in this report due to reporting timelines

Four projects have delayed delivery. Below is a summary of activity from the first six months of delivery for Round 1 (July-Dec 2025).

So far, stage two projects have supported **6,021** individuals



Reported **1561** Community Solutions outcomes

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Including:

- 344 people feel more connected, included and safe
- 238 people have improved health and wellbeing
- 241 people feel more informed and aware
- 117 children and young people’s health and wellbeing improved
- 182 children, young people, and families became more resilient

Delivered **6073** sessions of **45** activities



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### Appendix - Round One Funded Projects

#### Stage 1

- Getting Better Together - Community Weight Management
- Getting Better Together - Hospital Discharge
- North Lanarkshire Council - Active Health & Associated Programmes

#### Innovation

- Befriend Motherwell - Hospital Befriending
- Clyde Valley Community Church - Motherwell Foodbank @ Maranatha
- Deafblind Scotland - The Way Forward
- Moira Anderson Foundation - Hands On Health Self-Management Project
- One Parent Families Scotland - Single Parents Research and Release
- SAMH - Building Mental Health Literacy through Sport in Motherwell
- The Well Foundation - WF Sports for All
- VIP Pass - Strive and Thrive Together
- YMCA Bellshill and Mossend - Y-Victory Esports Academy

#### Volunteering

- Glenboig Development Trust - Glenboig Befriending Service
- CACE - CACE Befriending Services
- Cornerstone House Centre - Cumbernauld and Wheels for Wellbeing
- COVEY - Young Ambassadors
- Lanarkshire Cancer Care Trust - Lanarkshire Cancer Care Trust Volunteer Drivers
- More Than Fibro - More Than Fibro
- The Haven - Be Included, Be Involved

#### NL-wide Round 1

- Maggie's Lanarkshire - Support for unpaid carers and families at Maggie's Lanarkshire
- Action for Children - North Lanarkshire Young Carers: Who We Are & What We Do
- HOPE for Autism - Family Fun Sessions, Family Workshops and Outdoor Activity Sessions

#### NL-wide Round 2

- ADHD Network - Neurobrilliance: ADHD Network Scotland Community Outreach
- HOPE for Autism - Family Fun Sessions: Trampoline Session
- Socialtrack - Shredability: Amped