

## Rural Micro Capital Grant Scheme 2024/2025

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

Micro Capital grants of **between £500 and £2000** are available to rural community-led, voluntary organisations for projects tackling issues of local poverty and / or social isolation. The total project cost **must not exceed £4,000**.

Projects must clearly address an issue of rural poverty and / or social isolation and applicants **must provide a minimum of 50% match funding**.

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

### Key objectives

The Rural Micro Capital Grant Scheme 2024/2025 has been designed to:

- Help rural community-led, voluntary groups to address local issues of **access poverty, financial poverty and social isolation**; and
- Improve the lives of rural communities, and in particular the wellbeing of isolated individuals; and
- In line with the draft Green Growth Strategy, provide opportunity to implement energy efficiency measures/environmental improvements.

Projects must focus on one of the following themes:

- Modernisation (of premises / assets)
- Information Communication Technology (ICT)
- Health and Wellbeing
- Energy Efficiency / Environmental Improvements

### Application to RMCGS 2024/2025

The Rural Micro Capital Grant Scheme 2024/2025 will be open for applications from 14 June 2024

**\*Please note, DAERA will only accept online applications to the Rural Micro Capital Grant Scheme 2024/2025, application will not be accepted in any other format;**

- Apply online: <https://digitalapps2.daera-ni.gov.uk/RMCGS/StartPage>

### Further information

For further information about the Rural Micro Capital Grant Scheme 2024/2025, please contact the Rural Support Network for your council area who will provide you with more information on the Rural Micro Capital Grant Scheme 2024/2025

[Rural Support Network contact details.](#)