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Strategic grants table

Date: 6 January 2025 Number of awards: 7

Total Awarded: £1,682,233

Detail of all awards sorted by organisation name.

Organisation	Location	Project summary	Amount awarded	Date Announced
Arts and Business Northern Ireland	Across Northern Ireland	Arts and Business Northern Ireland is using a £500,000 grant to support small to medium artistic and cultural companies from across Northern Ireland to strengthen their long-term financial sustainability. The five-year project will support and develop thirty organisations through a capacity building programme and a grants and investment programme.	£500,000	16/09/2021
CO3 Chief Officers Third Sector	Across Northern Ireland	CO3 is using a £67,850 development grant to carry out research and develop a model for a platform which will support VCSE organisations working in health and social care. Over one year the project will map out actions needed to create the platform and the model for governance, membership and resources. Once funding for the platform is in place it will support third sector organisations to collaborate and	£67,850	23/08/2023

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		engage in future developments of Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland.		
CO3 Chief Officers Third Sector	Across Northern Ireland	Chief Officers Third Sector (CO3) is using a £470,863 grant to provide resources and build the capacity of the VCSE sector to work collaboratively with the Department of Health to improve healthcare in Northern Ireland. Over five years, the project will bring together health forums, social care forums, community wellbeing forums, and umbrella organisations to create a strong and resilient network, called the Northern Ireland Health Collective. The Forum will provide a strategic voice on health, social and community care issues, influence health policies and infrastructure, and engage effectively with the Department of Health.	£470,863	06/01/2025
Community Transport Association UK	Across Northern Ireland	The Community Transport Association UK is using a £54,867 development grant to provide resources to carry out a mapping exercise of community transport in Northern Ireland. Over one year the project will work with community transport providers and the Department for Infrastructure to gather data and create a database to increase collaboration and to better understand the sector and determine where investment is needed to help its long-term sustainability.	£54,867	23/08/2023
Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful	Across Northern Ireland	Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful, in partnership with Northern Ireland Environment Link, is using a grant of £488,557 to create myEARTH (Environmental Action for Resilience, Transformation and Health), a unique online platform for environmental organisations to collaborate and make resources, education and support centrally available to all sectors.	£488,557	04/07/2023
The Community Foundation for Northern Ireland	Across Northern Ireland	The Community Foundation for Northern Ireland is using £50,000 to conduct a scoping exercise which will share learning and best practice across the UK and identify gaps and needs for digital support across the	£50,000	11/01/2024

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		VCSE sector in Northern Ireland. This scoping exercise will inform the development of a business plan for the delivery of a digital support hub for the VCSE sector to increase the resilience and capacity of the sector and help prepare them for the future.		
Youth Action Northern Ireland Limited	Across Northern Ireland	Youth Action NI in Belfast is using a £50,096 development grant to develop plans to secure future investment in the youth work sector in Northern Ireland. Over one year the project will bring youth and statutory organisations together to build effective relationships, carry out research and collaborate on strategies to develop the sector. The project will produce a report and demonstrate the economic impact that investing in youth work brings.	£50,096	23/08/2023