

The NDA group
Investing in our communities:
Socio-economic funding report
2025/26



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Foreword: Delivering permanent and sustainable change

The NDA has a unique legal duty to have regard for the impact of our activities on communities living near our sites as we progress our decommissioning mission safely, securely and cost effectively.

In April 2024, we published our updated Social Impact and Communities Strategy. This strategy explains how we work collaboratively to deliver the maximum positive social impact as we progress our mission. Over the last six years, we have invested over £75million of direct socio-economic funding across the UK, leveraging millions of pounds of further investment from partners, to support significant projects that enable permanent and sustainable change in our site communities.

In 2025/26, the NDA and our operating companies invested £14.46million of direct socio-economic grant funding towards projects being delivered in our communities including grants to external organisations. This report details how and where this money has been invested, including case studies reflecting how we work with our stakeholders and partners to use our funding to maximum effect.

Our Social Impact & Communities Strategy will be refreshed for 2027/28. All of the projects and case studies listed in this report are based upon the priorities identified in our current strategy, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and independently produced economic impact assessments that illustrate the economic value of our sites to their local communities.

The NDA believes that decommissioning activities should benefit local communities and that we must provide a positive legacy once our work is completed. We are immensely proud of our work with local communities to date and are very ambitious to make further progress.

Jamie Reed

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The NDA Social Impact and Communities Strategy

The NDA is the executive non-departmental government body charged with decommissioning the UK's earliest nuclear sites safely, securely and cost effectively. We do this work with care for our people, communities, and the environment, with safety, as always, our number one priority.

The NDA Social Impact and Communities Strategy (2024) flows from the Energy Act (2004) that provides the NDA with a unique legal duty to have regard for the impact of our activities on communities living near our sites, as well as the wider responsibilities all public bodies have under the Social Value Act (2012).

The strategy sets out how we go about delivering the maximum positive social impact from the significant public investment made in our mission each year. The NDA aims to carry out decommissioning in a way which generates maximum benefit for local communities, whilst developing the required capabilities for future mission delivery and providing a positive legacy during and upon completion of our work. This is primarily done through a programme of grant giving which is administered in collaboration with each of our operating companies and through which the NDA group invested over £14.46million into projects in communities near to our sites in 2025/26.

The Social Impact and Communities Strategy is being refreshed, with a new version expected to be published in Spring 2027.

[NDA Social Impact and Communities Strategy April 2024 - GOV.UK](#)



Strategic themes and objectives

The Social Impact and Communities Strategy aims to deliver against the following six strategic themes:

- Resilient economies – enabling and supporting the conditions for local economic output, improved productivity, and growth.
- Thriving communities – enabling and supporting the conditions for social cohesion, supporting disadvantaged groups and other social benefits.
- Sustainable incomes – improving aspirations and access to work through a programme of high impact education, skills, personal development and employability support activities.
- Sustainable growth – reflecting the importance of the climate agenda and working to achieve economic, social and competitive advantage for our nuclear communities by integrating sustainable growth into our socio-economic interventions.
- Social value chains – working closely with our suppliers to create social impacts with our supply chain.
- Collective impact – leveraging social impact and investment by working with our stakeholders, partners and communities to practice an integrated approach and culture of delivery.

Our intention is that through application of our strategy and through close working with our partner organisations and communities we can achieve the following:

- Optimum allocation of the NDA group socio economic budgets.
- A pipeline of high-quality projects of different types and values.
- Transparency of decision making supported by evidence.
- Demonstrable delivery progress and measurable social impact.
- Evidence of 'adding value' including maximising on 3rd party funding where possible.

Evidence and analysis

Our Social Impact and Communities Strategy, and the delivery of the socio-economic grant programme which it guides, are underpinned by research into the social and economic impact of our sites on the communities which live closest to them. This important evidence base is independently produced and has recently been updated.

- [Economic Impact Assessment of NDA Sites - GOV.UK](#)

This study allows us to estimate the importance of our sites in terms of employment and wider economic impact. It also gives insight into how strong each local economy is and how dependent the local community is on our sites.

The Social Impact and Communities Strategy, and the underpinning evidence, help us to make well informed decisions in relation to our grant programme.

We will continue to refresh this important evidence base at regular intervals aligned with the timetable for refreshing our strategy.

Case studies

A library of case studies is available which highlight the impact of some of our investments. These will be added to over time and can be found on the NDA [Working with our Communities](#) page on our website.

The NDA group socio-economic funding report 2025/26

The aim of this report is to provide details of NDA group socio-economic grant allocations for financial year 2025/26.

Site	Amount of funding
Sellafield	£9,593,357
Nuclear Restoration Services	£1,009,743
Nuclear Restoration Services – Dounreay	£969,978
Nuclear Waste Services (LLW Repository)	£84,672
Nuclear Decommissioning Authority	£2,804,848
Total 2025/26 NDA group grant funding	£14,462,598



Sellafield

[Sellafield Ltd Social Impact Strategy - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/674442/Sellafield-Ltd-Social-Impact-Strategy-2020-2025.pdf)



Notable Contributions in 2025/26

Project Name	Project Description	Total project cost	Total funding committed by Sellafield	2025/26 Sellafield Funding
Levels	<p>Opened in January 2026, this project has transformed a derelict Grade II-listed building into a cutting-edge hub for digital creativity, learning, and interactive experiences. Featuring immersive digital and gaming experiences, an esports arena, interactive learning spaces, and a café, LEVELS aims to engage young people, their families, and educators, inspiring the next generation to explore careers in digital and creative technology.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sellafield Ltd backs groundbreaking digital hub to inspire West Cumbria's next generation - GOV.UK • Levels: Everything you need to know about Whitehaven's new gaming hub – cumbriacrack.com • How is West Cumbria's new gaming hub Levels shaping up? – cumbriacrack.com 	£4,600,000	£3,300,000	£278,248
Western Excellence in Learning and Leadership (WELL) Project Phase 3	<p>The WELL Project supports 118 schools across West Cumbria, focused on improving educational outcomes, particularly for disadvantaged pupils, through evidence-informed practice, expert input, strengthened teaching practices and targeted interventions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WELL Education Western Excellence in Learning & Leadership WELL project Cumbria • WELL Education The 'WELL Project In Action' Magazine - School Case Study Videos WELL project Cumbria 	£4,240,000	£4,240,000	£1,472,517
Millom Town Deal	<p>The Millom Town Deal is a major regeneration programme designed to transform the town through four coordinated projects. Its overall aim is to</p>	£29,300,000	£3,370,000	£899,327

	<p>create a more vibrant, inclusive and better-connected place, supporting economic growth, improving wellbeing, and making the most of Millom's natural environment and heritage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>About Millom Town Deal - Millom Town Deal</u> 			
Great North Air Ambulance Service - A Lifeline for West Cumbria	<p>Sellafield funding is enabling the charity's critical care team to continue to provide life-saving advanced treatment to seriously ill and injured patients across the region and fly them quickly to major trauma centres.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Great North Air Ambulance Service Charity funded, world-class critical care</u> 	£589,000	£196,000	£195,990
Copeland Youth Network – Youth Development Fund	<p>The Copeland Youth Network is instrumental in supporting young people who are disengaged with mainstream education and living in disadvantaged areas, ensuring they have opportunities to develop key skills in settings within their community.</p>	£395,000	£395,000	£131,743

Total Sellafield Socio-Economic grant funding for 2025/26 = £9,593,357

Organisation	Project	25/26 Sellafield Funding
Cumberland Council	Social Impact Investment Fund (SIIF) 25/26	£1,776,250
Cumberland Council	Western Excellence in Learning and Leadership (WELL)	£1,472,517
Industrial Solutions Hub (iSH) Ltd	Industrial Solutions Hub Programme	£1,298,000
Cumberland Council	Millom Town Deal	£899,327
Cumbria Youth Alliance	The Benny Walker Centre	£299,668
BEC	Levels - Digital and Gaming Hub in former Whittles building, Whitehaven	£278,248
Cumberland Council	Beacon Contribution	£249,760

Organisation	Project	25/26 Sellafield Funding
The Freedom Project Cumbria	Freedom Project	£215,000
Rosehill Arts Trust Ltd	Enabling Rosehill's cultural, social & economic impacts 2023-26	£200,000
Cumbria Community Foundation	West Cumbria Mental Health Partnership 2025-2027	£199,272
Great North Air Ambulance Service	A Lifeline for West Cumbria	£195,990
Rosehill Arts Trust Ltd	Enabling Rosehill's Cultural, Social, and Economic Impact - Extension 2026-27	£195,000
Cumbria Community Foundation	West Cumbria Mental Health Partnership 2025-2027	£183,426
West Cumbria Rivers Trust Limited	People on the Keekle	£154,549
Hospice at Home West Cumbria	Palliative and end of life home nursing	£149,713
Copeland Youth Network Providers	Youth Development Fund & Skills Development Phase 2	£131,743
Carnegie Theatre Trust (Workington)	Carnegie Reimagined - Building a Creative Future	£127,500
Energy Coast West Cumbria t/a BEC	Social Inclusion and Community Impact	£114,470
Cumbria Community Foundation	BEDROCK - BUILDING ORGANISATIONAL RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY	£109,986
Cumbria Community Foundation	Family Wellbeing Programme - Extension to 31.03.27	£99,976
Howgill Family Centre	The PhunkyFoods Programme in West Cumbria Primary Schools	£97,630
Energy Coast West Cumbria Ltd	Eagle Labs Cumbria Extension	£93,970
Enterprising Cumbria	Foundations First Bootcamp Programme	£89,700
Centre for Leadership Performance	Primary Business Partnership STEAM core offer	£88,825
Egremont and Area Regeneration Partnership Ltd	Growing Opportunities and Widening Participation in STEAM at Florence	£67,985
Howgill Family Centre	Time To Be Me	£64,924
Centre for Leadership Performance	Leading Change Sustainability Campaign Programme	£61,597

Organisation	Project	25/26 Sellafield Funding
The Outdoor Partnership	Opening Doors to the Outdoors (West Cumbria)	£50,000
Cumbria Youth Alliance	Enrichment Fund	£50,000
Whitehaven Egremont and District Credit Union	West Cumbria Financial Inclusion project	£48,289
Time to Change (West Cumbria) Project CIC	Time to Change (West Cumbria) Project - Core Running Costs.	£40,000
Centre for Leadership Performance	Mentoring for Lasting Impact	£40,000
Cumbria Youth Alliance	Skills, Opportunities and Pathways - Education & Skills Mapping + Data Lead	£40,000
Millom Network Centre Ltd	Millom Network Centre Meals on Wheels Service	£30,240
Cumbria Community Foundation	Next Generation Trustees	£25,784
Warrington Youth Zone Limited	Warrington Youth Zone - Train Like a Pro	£25,000
Energy Coast West Cumbria Limited t/a BEC	Christmas 2025 Event Copeland & Allerdale	£24,915
Cumbria Community Foundation	Positive Enterprise Y4 - Y6	£22,256
Allerdale Disability Association	Emergency Funding Support to Continued Service Delivery	£21,654
Howgill Family Centre	West Cumbria Baby Bank	£21,628
The Whitehaven Foyer	Counselling & Wellbeing	£20,000
Whitehaven Harbour Commissioners	Whitehaven Lighthouses Maintenance Programme	£15,000
Maryport Horizons CIC	Maryport Events Calendar	£15,000
Cumbria Community Foundation	Community Opportunity and Challenges Reports - West Cumbria and Carlisle	£14,040
Chapter One (U.K.) Ltd	Chapter One online reading volunteers for Warrington primary schools	£13,500
Chapter One (U.K.) Ltd	Chapter One Online Reading Volunteers Programme for West Cumbria primary schools	£11,250
Cheshire Community Foundation	Warrington Fund Grant Programme 2025	£10,000

Organisation	Project	25/26 Sellafield Funding
Cumbria Community Foundation	Winter Warmth Appeal	£10,000
People First Independent Advocacy	Workington Self Advocacy & Peer Support Group: Sustain and Empower	£10,000
Sensory World Play Cumbria CIC	Sensory World Launch	£10,000
Harrington Youth Club	Harrington Youth Club - Renovation Project 2026	£10,000
Maryport Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society (MAODS)	Lighting Desk to support future productions	£10,000
Workington Town Community Trust	Wake and Shake	£10,000
Baton Of Hope Cumbria	Baton Of Hope Cumbria Tour 25	£7,352
Action Tutoring	Maths tutoring programmes supporting pupils in West Cumbria	£6,150
Whitehaven Town Council	Visit of the Santa Maria Tall Ship	£6,000
North West Ambulance Service Charity	Community Resuscitation	£5,600
Whitehaven Town Council	Community Science Show	£5,500
FAMILIES UNITED (WARRINGTON)	Specialist F.UN Sessions	£5,000
Fantastic Fox Wood PTA	Wheelchair accessible playground	£5,000
Egremont Crab Fair	Egremont Crab Fair 2025	£5,000
Workington Community Emergency Response Group	Xmas Food Bags 2025	£5,000
Warrington Open Door At Christmas	Warrington Open Door At Christmas	£5,000
Warrington Christmas Appeal	Warrington Christmas Appeal	£5,000
The Brainwave Centre Limited	Therapy Access Fund	£4,500
North West Ambulance Service Charity	Community Resuscitation	£3,500
Graduate Project	Sellafield Graduate community project in support of WELL ELSA programme	£3,000

Organisation	Project	25/26 Sellafield Funding
Proud and Diverse Cumbria	Colours Hub, Whitehaven	£2,400
Workington Heritage Group Ltd	The mining Heritage of Workington memorial and website	£2,300
Samaritans of West Cumbria	Samaritans Outreach in West Cumbria	£2,021
Room at the Inn	Big Give Christmas Campaign	£1,000
Workington Rotary Club	Senior School Technology Tournament	£450



Nuclear Restoration Services Ltd (Sites)

[NRS working with our communities - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)



Notable contributions in 2025/26

Site	Project Name	Project Description	Total project cost	Total funding committed by NRS	2025/26 NRS funding
Harwell	South Oxfordshire Food & Education Alliance (SOFEA)	<p>SOFEA supports vulnerable young people through education, training, employability and wellbeing programmes. It also tackles food insecurity whilst reducing food waste through its large-scale community food larder operation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>SOFEA: Enabling people to transform their lives</u> 	£992,398	£380,000	£100,000
Sizewell	East Suffolk Council, EYES	<p>The Youth Employment Service (YES) supports young people aged 16–24 in East Suffolk to move into education, employment or training, with a focus on achieving sustained outcomes. The enhanced programme will enable the service to expand its reach, strengthen support for mental health and SEND needs, extend delivery into rural areas, build employer partnerships, and adopt a more preventative and sustainable long-term approach.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>About us Inspire</u> 	£470,000	£190,000	£95,000
Hinkley	Wilstock Hub	<p>Wilstock Hub is a community-led project creating a vibrant multi-use hub and delivering much-needed facilities for health, learning and social connection in the area. The development includes childcare, community spaces, a café, gardens and sustainable transport features, alongside generating local jobs and skills opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>WILSTOCKHUB North Petherton</u> 	£2,268,494	£75,000	£75,000

Site	Project Name	Project Description	Total project cost	Total funding committed by NRS	2025/26 NRS funding
Trawsfynydd & Hunterston	The Outdoor Partnership (North Wales & North Ayrshire)	<p>Opening Doors to the Outdoors Project. The Outdoor Partnership (TOP), enhances lives through outdoor activity. TOP works with clubs, and organisations to deliver inclusive, affordable programmes, increase volunteering and employment, and improve physical and mental wellbeing. Its aim is to strengthen communities and ensure long-term access to the outdoors for all.</p> <p>Following the success of the 'Opening Doors to the Outdoors' project in North Wales, The Outdoor Partnership have successfully emulated this in North Ayrshire.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>The Outdoor Partnership - The Outdoor Partnership</u> <u>Ayrshire - The Outdoor Partnership</u> 	£420,000 across two regions	<p>£150,000 (North Wales)</p> <p>£150,000 (North Ayrshire)</p>	<p>£50,000 (North Wales)</p> <p>£50,000 North Ayrshire)</p>
Wylfa	MSParc – Egni Project	<p>The Egni project is a low carbon innovation and business support programme based at MSParc Science Park on Anglesey in North Wales. The Low Carbon Team (funded by NRS) are helping businesses develop and commercialise low carbon technologies through expert advice, funding and guidance, while driving investment, creating high value jobs, strengthening research and collaboration, and supporting skills development and STEM engagement for future energy careers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Egni - M-SParc</u> 	£10,842,000	£389,000	£129,667

Total NRS (Sites) Socio-Economic grant funding for 2025/26 = £1,009,743*

*Note: grants of up to £2,000 are facilitated through a 'good neighbour' fund and administered via local panels.

Berkeley

Organisation	Project	2025/26 NRS Funding
Berkeley Books, GL13 Community Hub	Funding towards build of new facility	£51,219
Sladewood Accessible Playground	New playground equipment	£10,000
Cotswold Men's Shed	New premises	£8,206
Wickwar Pump track	Pump track	£7,092
Good Neighbour Fund	5 Projects	£7,265
Total		£83,782

Bradwell

Organisation	Project	2025/26 NRS Funding
MDCVS	Gaming Initiative	£14,409
Good Neighbour Fund	2 Projects	£3,509
Total		£17,918

Chapelcross

Organisation	Project	2025/26 NRS Funding
Creation Mill CIC (year 2)	Creation of a Community Textiles Hub	£11,700
Canonbie CIC (year 2)	To take over the Post Office and convenience store as a community asset and run by the community	£3,000
Good Neighbour Fund	4 Projects	£5,999
Total		£20,699

Dungeness

Organisation	Project	2025/26 NRS Funding
Folkstone & Hythe District Council (RMP Officer)	Romney Marsh Partnership funding for officer (Year 2 of 4 years)	£33,000
Romney Marsh Community Hub	To set up a 'repair and repurpose' hub	£10,000
Rye Harbour Wheelyboat	Wheelyboat for sailability for people with disabilities	£3,000
Good Neighbour	4 Projects	£5,761
Total		£51,761

Harwell

Organisation	Project	2025/26 NRS Funding
SOFEA	SOFEA year 1 - community ladders	£100,000
Good Neighbour Fund	4 Projects	£4,772
Total		£104,772

Hinkley Point A

Organisation	Project	2025/26 NRS Funding
Wilstock Hub	New community hub build	£75,000
Knights Templar Pool Improvements	Improvements to community swimming pool	£10,000
CHOMP	Support innovative programme for 16-24 yr olds to explore self-employment or entrepreneurship	£6,000
EES Education & Support Services	Funding towards transport	£5,000
Good Neighbour	5 Projects	£6,000
Total		£102,000

Hunterston

Organisation	Project	2025/26 NRS Funding
The Outdoor Partnership	Opening doors to the outdoors – Year 2	£50,000
West Kilbride Community Initiative	Funding two new art studios	£37,000
Prestwick Tennis Club	Towards new padel court for club and community use	£10,000
North Ayrshire Tandem Cycling	Towards servicing tandem bikes for visually impaired people	£2,104
Good Neighbour Fund	5 Projects	£5,982
Total		£105,086

Oldbury

Organisation	Project	2025/26 NRS Funding
Gympanzees	Fund sensory room equipment as part of full build	£30,312
Envision	Envision programme – Year 2	£12,000
Tortworth Woodland Wellbeing Project	Materials & equipment for woodland wellbeing programme	£10,000
Oldbury on Severn Memorial Hall	Payment split over two financial years, £10,742 year 1 and £4,082 year 2	£4,082
Good Neighbour Fund	5 Projects	£6000
Total		£62,394

Sizewell

Organisation	Project	2025/26 NRS Funding
East Suffolk Council	Core Enhanced Youth Employment Service (EYES) - Year 2	£95,000
Leiston Longshop	Year 3 (of 3 years) Revenue Funding for Officer role and materials	£25,400
Good Neighbour Fund	2 Projects	£2,894
Total		£123,294

Trawsfynydd

Organisation	Project	2025/26 NRS Funding
The Outdoor Partnership	Opening doors to the outdoors – Year 2	£50,000
Bala Lake Railway	Discharge of planning conditions to progress	£43,000
Theatre Derek Williams	Community workshops and performances	£10,000
Llanfarchreth Village Hall	Village hall improvements	£9,006
Criw Eirlys	Initial set up costs for afterschool care club in Bala	£8,000
Good Neighbour Fund	6 Projects	£4,666
Total		£124,672

Winfrith

Organisation	Project	2025/26 NRS Funding
DWT Heathland Heritage Traineeships	Equip and train Heathland Trainees in conjunction with DWT – Year 3	£26,910
Winfrith Playground	Contribution to new playground equipment and installation	£8,000
Good Neighbour Fund	5 Projects	£6,388
Total		£41,298

Wylfa

Organisation	Project	2025/26 NRS Funding
MSParc	Low Carbon Team - Year 2	£129,667
Eisteddfod y Urdd	Workshops for local children in preparation for the eisteddfod in Anglesey in May 2026	£20,000
Llanbadrig Community Council	Funding towards new play area in Cemaes	£10,000
Llannerchymedd Community Council,	Accessibility improvements to community hub	£6,000
Good Neighbour Fund	6 Projects	£6,400
Total		£172,067



Nuclear Restoration Services Ltd (Dounreay)

[Communities near Dounreay socio economic support - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/nuclear-restoration-services-ltd)



Notable Contributions in 2025/26

Project Name	Project Description	Total project cost	Total funding committed	2025/26 funding
Caithness Business Fund (CBF) FutureSkills Apprenticeship Scheme	Scheme supporting apprenticeships, tackling skills shortages and driving investment in new opportunities for both SMEs, as well as young people in the region. Assists SMEs by mitigating the financial barriers associated with providing apprenticeship roles and helping with skill retention and attraction in the region.	£150,000	£100,000 (NRS Dounreay) £50,000 (NDA)	£100,000 (NRS Dounreay) £50,000 (NDA)
(CBF) Future Skills Training Scheme	Scheme offering flexible training and funding opportunities to support employees to reskill and upskill. Therefore, enhancing workforce resilience, adaptability and addressing skills gaps in the regional labour market.	£200,000	£150,000 (NRS Dounreay) £50,000 (NDA)	£75,000 (NRS Dounreay) £50,000 (NDA)
North Highland Initiative (NHI) Community Infrastructure	<p>The NHI Community Infrastructure Programme supports projects that improve local facilities, services and community assets across the North Highlands; helping to maximise community benefit, improving visitor and tourism experiences and therefore contributing to the wider economic development of the region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CISP - North Highland Initiative 	£300,000	£150,000 (NRS Dounreay) £50,000 (NDA)	£16,667 £50,000 (NDA)

Project Name	Project Description	Total project cost	Total funding committed	2025/26 funding
Venture North/Live North	<p>Venture North is a destination management and tourism organisation working in partnership with local businesses and organisations to market the region; supporting tourism and promoting opportunities for visitors and investment.</p> <p>Live North focuses on attracting people to live and work in the North Highlands through highlighting career opportunities, community life and benefits of areas like Caithness and North Sutherland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home - Venture North 	£493,100	£342,000	121,084
Science Skills Academy (SSA)Thurso Newton Room	The Thurso Newton Room, the SSA's longest running Newton Room, is hosted at the UHI North, West, and Hebrides Thurso Campus. It is one of 5 Newton Rooms covering the whole Highland Council area which delivers full day, hands-on, exciting STEM activities for every 10 – 14-year-old in the local area. It contains state of the art facilities which offers unrivalled hands-on learning approaches.	£286,000	£128,000	£20,000

Total Socio-Economic grant funding for 2025/26 = £969,978 (+NDA 252k)

Organisation	Project	25/26 NRS (Dounreay) Funding
Venture North / Live North	Destiny Strategy	£121,084
Caithness Business Fund	FutureSkills Apprenticeship Scheme	£100,000
North Coast Visitor Centre	Visitor Attraction	£75,000
Caithness Business Fund	FutureSkills Training Scheme	£75,000
Thurso Community Development Trust	Thurso Community Development Trust Operations	£66,667
Caithness CAB Outreach	Community Outreach	£58,147
John O Groats Development Trust	John O Groats Play Park	£50,000
Focus North	Programme Manager	£37,050

Organisation	Project	25/26 NRS (Dounreay) Funding
Wick Community Hub	Sustaining Community Services	£30,000
North Coast Trail	Operations	£26,250
Dunbeath and District	Dunbeath and District Operations	£24,938
Wick Harbour Authority	Wick Harbour Masterplan	£23,888
Taste North	Taste North Festival	£20,903
Caithness Transport Forum	Support for Caithness Transport Forum	£20,000
Ormlie Community Association	Ormlie Community Association Operations	£20,000
Caithness Science Festival	Support for Science Festival	£20,000
Science Skills Academy (SSA)	Thurso Newton Room	£20,000
North Highland Initiative (NHI)	NHI Community Infrastructure Support Programme	£16,667
Up North Development Trust	Up North Development Trust Operations	£16,374
HomeStart Caithness	Volunteer Support	£16,000
Scottish Surfing	Championships competition	£15,000
STEM Provision	Support for Dounreay STEM outreach	£14,125
North Highland Chamber of Commerce	NHCC Apprentice	£13,500
Sidh Chailleann Art	Caithness Art and Stone Festival	£11,970
North Highland Chamber of Commerce	NHCC Membership	£10,500
Latheron Agricultural Show	100 th Anniversary	£10,000
Thurso Youth Club	Summer Trips	£5,951
Hearing and Sight Care Caithness and NS	Lip Reading	£5,000
Flowing Forward	Flow Country Conference	£4,599
Melness Crofters Estate	Melness Church Purchase	£520

NRS – Dounreay Communities Fund – total funding £40,845

Organisation	Project	25/26 NRS (Dounreay) Funding
Highland Youth Service	Summer London Trip	£5,321
Keiss Football Club	Pre Session preparation	£3,750
Sinclair Bay Trust	Social Spaces	£3,715
Lybster Community Hall	Creating storage Space new Container	£3,600
Join in More Caithness	Provide a safe and welcoming space for men to gather and support mental health	£3,500
Caithness Ladies FC	Operating/running/core costs	£2,817
Caithness and North Sutherland Local Mod 2025	Tournament Orkney	£2,300
Home-Start Caithness	Summer Holiday Trip	£1,960
Bettyhill Gala Committee	Bettyhill Gala	£1,727
Caithness Riding Club	Riding Club Camp	£1,615
HNS Highland - Branching out	Nature and woodland activities	£1,500
Messy Nessy	Ceramic Painting workshop	£1,500
Dunnet Forestry Trust	Safety Training	£1,404
Wick Players	Rehearsal Studio Refurbishment	£1,310
Thurso Hockey Club	Tournament Orkney	£1,151
Wick Swim Club	Training Camp	£1,050
Thurso in Colour	Flower Displays	£600
North Coast Flying Club	Purchase of IT equipment	£600
Brough Bay Association	Brough Bay Pier Committee 50th Anniversary	£500
Melvich Football Club	Kitchen Appliance Installation	£475
Thurso Rainbows	Wild Woodland Sleepover	£450



Nuclear Waste Services (LLW Repository)

[LLWR's Socio-economic Fund - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/low-level-waste-repository)



Notable Contributions in 2025/26

Project Name	Project Description	Total project cost	Total funding committed by NWS (LLWR)	2025/26 NWS (LLWR) funding
Drigg License to Grow	License to Grow will develop part of the old disused council yard in Drigg into a community growing space that will enable residents to grow vegetables and salad crops for shared community use delivered by a local volunteer group. The project supports the health and wellbeing of the rural community by promoting outdoor activity, social connection, and access to fresh, locally grown produce, while fostering pride and ownership in a sustainable community asset.	£1223	£1,209	£1,209
Centre for Leadership Performance: Dream Placement Widening Participation Y2 of 3	A targeted, widening participation pilot to increase access to Dream Placements for young people who face barriers to engaging in development and leadership opportunities – Year 2	£79,509	£79,509	£26,113
Whitehaven Unit 362 of the Sea Cadets	Support for the final stage of Whitehaven Sea Cadets' move into their new permanent base in the former Colliery Mission in Whitehaven town centre, also preserving it as a valuable community asset.	£11,413	£3,100	£3,100
Goodlives at Westlakes Zen Garden	Creation of a permanent Garden of Reflection, which formed a lasting legacy of the Baton of Hope 2025 Tour visit to Cumbria. This space provides a respectful environment for remembrance, reflection, and community healing, particularly for those affected by suicide and mental health challenges.	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000
Beckermat C of E School - Transforming the Reception outdoor area	Transformation of an unused covered outdoor area into a fully equipped, inclusive, and age-appropriate outdoor learning environment for Reception pupils and wider school use. The project created a safe, engaging space that supports curriculum enrichment, hands-on learning, and improved outcomes for children, particularly those with special educational needs.	£1,500	£1,375	£1,375

Total Socio-Economic grant funding for 2025/26 = £84,672.22

Organisation	Project	25/26 NWS (LLWR) Funding
Centre for Leadership Performance	Dream Placement 2025- widening participation	£26,113
Cumbria Community Foundation	Winter Warmth Appeal 2025	£10,000
Parton Parish Council	Feasibility Study	£9,078
Drigg & Carleton PC	Drigg Beach Information Boards	£7,947
Muncaster Parish Council	Muncaster War Memorial	£5,000
Goodlives	Goodlives at Westlakes zen garden	£5,000
Egremont Amenity Committee	Egremont Winter Wonderland	£3,500
Calderwood House/ TTC	Calderfest	£3,172
Whitehaven Unit 362 of the Sea Cadets	Kitchen install for cadet training and income generation	£3,100
Drigg Charity	Drigg & Carleton Bursary Fund- 2026	£2,500
Beckermot C of E School	Transforming our Reception outdoor area into an inspiring learning space.	£1,375
Drigg & Carleton PC	Drigg license to grow	£1,209
MAODS	Once Upon A Stage	£1,200
St Josephs-	KS2 Residential to Manchester	£1,175
TTC West Cumbria	Warm Welcome Hub	£1,150
Cleator Cricket Club	Ladies and Girls Changing Facilities	£1,000
Drigg & Carleton Gala Committee	Drigg and Carleton Gala Day 2025	£950
Gosforth C of E Primary School	Anaphylaxis Kit for School	£390
A Skye Full Of Stars	Keswick/Coniston 2 Barrow walk 2026	£376
St Bees & District Garden Society	Annual St Bees & District Garden Society Annual Show	£243
Drigg Events	Tablet & Card Reader	£194



Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA)

[NDA: working with our communities - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/nuclear-decommissioning-authority)



NDA Notable Spend

Site	Project Name	Project Description	Total project cost	Total funding committed	2025/26 funding
Sellafield	BEC - Pioneer Park Masterplan	<p>The Pioneer Park Masterplan will investigate the potential for land adjacent to Sellafield to be developed as a strategic clean energy, AI technology and innovation site with the potential to unlock significant private investment in West Cumbria.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BEC Pioneer Park, Moorside 	£1,075,000	£1,075,000	£400,000 (NDA) £300,000 (Sellafield)
Sellafield / LLWR	Cumberland Council - Energy Coast Rail Upgrade	The Energy Coast Rail Upgrade proposes a transformative series of enhancements along the Cumbrian Coast Railway Line to make the line capable of playing a future role in the economic growth of the area. This business case development will be delivered in partnership with Cumberland Council, Network Rail and Department for Transport.	£5,000,000	£500,000	£500,000
Dounreay	Caithness & North Sutherland Fund	<p>Caithness & North Sutherland Fund to support local projects in the Caithness area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caithness & North Sutherland Fund - Live – Work – Invest 	£1,000,000	£1,000,000	£333,334
Wylfa	Isle of Anglesey County Council, North Anglesey	<p>The project focuses on regenerating North Anglesey by improving key sites and infrastructure, particularly through the Sites and Premises Programme.</p> <p>Overall, it aims to revitalise community assets, strengthen local places, and create more opportunities for businesses</p>	£351,000.00	£351,000.00	£87,750

Site	Project Name	Project Description	Total project cost	Total funding committed	2025/26 funding
	Strategic Regeneration	<p>and residents - helping build a more sustainable, vibrant, and resilient local economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>NDA funding for North Wales regeneration projects - GOV.UK</u> • <u>North Anglesey Economic Regeneration Plan</u> • <u>Ambition North Wales Gogledd Môn Sites and Premises</u> 			
Trawsfynydd	Gwynedd Council - Gwynedd Economy Programme	<p>Gwynedd Council's three-year programme aims to strengthen the local economy by helping people and businesses benefit from emerging high-value sectors such as nuclear, aerospace and innovation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Funding boost for Gwynedd as NDA awards nearly £600,000 - GOV.UK</u> 	£1,830,735.00	£597,764.00	£97,865

Total Socio-Economic grant funding for 2025/26 = £2,804,848

Projects directly funded by the NDA

Site	Organisation	Project	2025/26 NDA Funding
Sellafield / LLWR	Cumberland Council	Energy Coast Rail Upgrade (ECRU)	£500,000
Sellafield / LLWR	Cumberland Council	Responsible Authority Fund	£499,000
Sellafield / LLWR	BEC	BEC Pioneer Park Masterplan	£400,000
Dounreay	Caithness & North Sutherland Fund	CNSFund	£333,334
Sellafield / LLWR	Advice & Guidance	Phoenix Enterprise Centre	£30,000
Dungeness	Folkestone & Hythe	Romney Marsh Employment Hub (Final Payment)	£50,500
Dounreay	Mey Highland Games	Mey Highland Games	£15,000

Funding transferred from the NDA to our Operating Companies to support the following projects.

Operating Company	Site	Project Name	2025/26 NDA Funding
NRS Sites	Wylfa	Morlais Marine Characterisation Research Project	£300,000
NRS Sites	Trawsfynydd	Gwynedd Economy Programme	£97,865
NRS Sites	Wylfa	North Anglesey Strategic Regeneration	£87,750
NRS Dounreay	Dounreay	Focus North Comms & Marketing Support	£87,000
NRS sites	Trawsfynydd	Gwynedd Council Covid Response Programme Year 4 Final payment)	£77,399
NRS sites	Trawsfynydd & Wylfa	Mentor Mon Llwyddo'n Lleol (Succeeding Locally)	£64,000
NRS Dounreay	Dounreay	Recruit North Highlands	£63,000
NWS (LLWR)	LLWR	Better Tomorrows Programme	£50,000

Operating Company	Site	Project Name	2025/26 NDA Funding
NRS Dounreay	Dounreay	Chamber of Commerce Apprenticeship Programme	£50,000
NRS Dounreay	Dounreay	Caithness Business Fund - FutureSkills Flexible Training Scheme	£50,000
NRS Dounreay	Dounreay	NHI Community Infrastructure Support Programme (CISP)	£50,000